
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 12, 2017

HOSTESS BRANDS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-37540
(Commission
File Number)

47-4168492
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1 East Armour Boulevard
Kansas City, MO
(Address of principal executive offices)

64111
(Zip Code)

(816) 701-4600
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by checkmark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Emerging growth company.

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On April 12, 2017, Hostess Brands, Inc. (the “Company”) entered into an Underwriting Agreement (the “Underwriting Agreement”) by and among the Company, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters named in Schedule I to the Underwriting Agreement (the “Underwriters”), and the selling stockholders named in Schedule II to the Underwriting Agreement (the “Selling Stockholders”), relating to an underwritten public offering (the “Offering”) by the Selling Stockholders of up to 23,116,416 shares of the Company’s Class A common stock, which includes up to 3,015,185 shares of Class A common stock pursuant to an option to purchase additional shares, exercisable for 30 days, granted to the Underwriters (collectively, the “Shares”), at a price to the public of \$15.25 per Share.

The Underwriting Agreement includes customary representations, warranties and covenants by the Company and the Selling Stockholders. It also provides for customary indemnification by each of the Company, the Selling Stockholders and the Underwriters against certain liabilities and customary contribution provisions in respect of those liabilities. The foregoing description of the material terms of the Underwriting Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Underwriting Agreement, which is filed herewith as Exhibit 1.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Following the execution of the Underwriting Agreement, the Company and the Selling Stockholders received notice of the Underwriters’ intention to exercise their option to purchase the full 3,015,185 additional Shares. The total number of Shares to be sold by the Selling Stockholders will be 23,116,416, including 3,015,185 Shares pursuant to the Underwriters’ exercise of their option to purchase additional Shares.

The Company will pay the expenses, other than underwriting discounts, associated with the sale of Shares by the Selling Stockholders. The Offering is being made pursuant to the Company’s effective shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-214603) initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 14, 2016, as amended, and the related prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus. The Offering is expected to close on or about April 19, 2017, subject to customary closing conditions.

In connection with the Offering, CDM Hostess Class C, LLC, a Selling Stockholder, exchanged 600,000 shares of the Company’s Class B common stock and an equal number of units of Hostess Holdings, LP, for 600,000 shares of Class A common stock to be sold in the Offering. As a result, there were 99,285,917 shares of Class A common stock outstanding as of the close of business on April 18, 2017.

The Company will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the Shares by the Selling Stockholders. A copy of the opinion of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP relating to the legality of the sale of the Shares is attached as Exhibit 5.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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5.1	Opinion of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 18, 2017

HOSTESS BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ Thomas Peterson

Name: Thomas Peterson

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

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Hostess Brands, Inc.
Class A Common Stock

Underwriting Agreement

April 12, 2017

Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC
As representatives of the several Underwriters
named in Schedule I hereto

c/o Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC
Eleven Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10010

c/o Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC
1585 Broadway
New York, New York 10036

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The stockholders named in Schedule II hereto (the “**Selling Stockholders**”) of Hostess Brands, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “**Company**”), propose, subject to the terms and conditions stated herein, to sell to the Underwriters named in Schedule I hereto (the “**Underwriters**”), for whom you are acting as representatives (the “**Representatives**”), an aggregate of 20,101,231 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (“**Class A Common Stock**”) of the Company (the “**Firm Shares**”) and, at the election of the Underwriters, up to 3,015,185 additional shares of Stock (the “**Optional Shares**”). The Firm Shares and the Optional Shares that the Underwriters elect to purchase pursuant to Section 2 hereof are herein collectively called the “**Shares.**” If no other Underwriters are listed on Schedule I hereto, all references to the Underwriters shall refer only to the Representatives.

Up to 521,739 Shares (600,000 Shares if the Underwriters exercise their option to purchase the Optional Shares in full) (the “**Exchange Shares**”) to be sold by the Selling Stockholders will be issued by the Company upon the exchange of Class B Units (the “**Class B Units**”) of Hostess Holdings, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership and a corresponding number of shares of Class B common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, of the Company (the “**Class B Common Stock**” and, together with the Class B Units, the “**Exchange Securities**”), pursuant to that certain Exchange Agreement, dated as of November 4, 2016, by and among Gores Holdings, Inc., Hostess Holdings, L.P., Hostess CDM Co-Invest, LLC, CDM Hostess Class C, LLC, C. Dean Metropoulos, and such other holders of Class B Units from time to time party thereto (the “**Exchange Agreement**”). The Class A Common Stock and the Class B Common Stock are collectively referred to herein as the “**Stock.**”

1. (a) The Company represents and warrants to, and agrees with, each of the Underwriters that:

(i) A registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-214603) in respect of the Shares has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**Commission**”); such registration statement, and any post-effective amendment thereto, in the form heretofore delivered to you and, excluding exhibits thereto, to you for each of the other Underwriters, has been declared effective by the Commission in such form; no stop order suspending the effectiveness of such registration statement or any part thereof, or any post-effective amendment thereto has been issued and no proceeding for that purpose has been initiated or threatened by the Commission (the base prospectus filed as part of such registration statement, in the form in which it has most recently been filed with the Commission on or prior to the date of this Agreement, is hereinafter called the “**Base Prospectus**”; any preliminary prospectus (including any preliminary prospectus supplement) filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Act**”) is hereinafter called a “**Preliminary Prospectus**”; the various parts of such registration statement, including all exhibits thereto and including the information contained in the form of final prospectus supplement relating to the Shares filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Act in accordance with Section 5(a) hereof and deemed by virtue of Rule 430B under the Act to be part of such registration statement at the time it was declared effective, each as amended at the time such part of the registration statement became effective, are hereinafter collectively called the “**Registration Statement**”; the Base Prospectus, as amended and supplemented immediately prior to the Applicable Time (as defined in Section 1(a)(iii) hereof) is hereinafter called the “**Pricing Prospectus**”; such final prospectus, in the form first filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Act, is hereinafter called the “**Prospectus**”; any reference herein to the Base Prospectus, the Pricing Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 under the Act, as of the date of such prospectus; any reference to any amendment or supplement to the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement, any prospectus supplement relating to the Shares filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Act and any documents filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “**Exchange Act**”), and incorporated therein, in each case after the date of the Base Prospectus, such Preliminary Prospectus, or the Prospectus, as the case may be; and any reference to any amendment to the Registration Statement shall be deemed to refer to and include any annual report of the Company filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the effective date of the Registration Statement that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement;

(ii) No order preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus has been issued by the Commission, and each Preliminary Prospectus, at the time of filing thereof, conformed in all material respects to the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, and did not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; *provided, however*, that this representation and warranty shall not apply to any Underwriter Information (as defined below) or any Selling Stockholder Information (as defined below);

(iii) For the purposes of this Agreement, the “**Applicable Time**” is 5:15 p.m. (Eastern time) on the date of this Agreement; and the Pricing Prospectus, as supplemented by the information listed on Schedule III(c) hereto, taken together (collectively, the “**Pricing Disclosure Package**”), as of the Applicable Time, did not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; *provided, however*, that this representation and warranty shall not apply to statements or omissions made in reliance upon and in conformity with any Underwriter Information or any Selling Stockholder Information;

(iv) The documents incorporated by reference in the Pricing Prospectus and the Prospectus, when they were filed with the Commission, conformed in all material respects to the requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder; any further documents so filed and incorporated by reference in the Prospectus or any further amendment or supplement thereto, when such documents become effective or are filed with the Commission, as the case may be, will conform in all material respects to the requirements of the Act or the Exchange Act, as applicable, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder; and no such documents were filed with the Commission since the Commission’s close of business on the business day immediately prior to the date of this Agreement and prior to the execution of this Agreement, except as set forth on Schedule III(b) hereto;

(v) The Registration Statement conforms, and the Prospectus and any further amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus will conform, in all material respects to the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder and do not and will not, as of the applicable effective date as to each part of the Registration Statement and as of the applicable filing date as to the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto, contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading (in the case of the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto, in the light of the circumstances under which the statements were made); *provided, however*, that this representation and warranty shall not apply to any statements or omissions made in reliance upon and in conformity with any Underwriter Information or any Selling Stockholder Information;

(vi) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has sustained since the date of the latest audited financial statements included or incorporated by reference in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus any loss or interference with its business from fire, explosion, flood or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor dispute or court or governmental action, order or decree that was material to the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, otherwise than as set forth or contemplated in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has incurred any liability or obligation, direct or contingent (other than liabilities and obligations that were incurred in the ordinary course of business), or entered into any transactions (other than those in the ordinary course of business), in each case which are material with respect to the Company and its subsidiaries

considered as one enterprise; and, since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there has not been any change in the capital stock or long-term debt of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in or affecting the general affairs, management, financial position, stockholders' equity or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, otherwise than as set forth or contemplated in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus;

(vii) The Company and its subsidiaries have good and marketable title in fee simple to all material real property and good and marketable title to all material personal property owned by them, in each case free and clear of all liens, encumbrances and defects except such as are described in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or such as do not interfere in any material respect with the use made and proposed to be made of such property by the Company and its subsidiaries; and any material real property and buildings held under lease by the Company and its subsidiaries are held by them under valid, subsisting and enforceable leases with such exceptions as are not material and do not interfere in any material respect with the use made and proposed to be made of such property and buildings by the Company and its subsidiaries;

(viii) The Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with power and authority (corporate and other) to own its properties and conduct its business substantially as described in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, and has been duly qualified as a foreign corporation for the transaction of business and is in good standing under the laws of each other jurisdiction in which it owns or leases properties or conducts any business so as to require such qualification, or is subject to no material liability or disability by reason of the failure to be so qualified in any such jurisdiction; and each subsidiary of the Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation, limited liability company or limited partnership, as the case may be, in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization;

(ix) The Company does not own or control, directly or indirectly, any corporation, association or other entity other than the subsidiaries listed in Exhibit 21.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016;

(x) No subsidiary of the Company is currently prohibited, directly or indirectly, from paying any dividends to the Company, from repaying to the Company any loans or advances to such subsidiary from the Company or from transferring any of such subsidiary's property or assets to the Company or any other subsidiary of the Company, other than pursuant to the terms of the Amended and Restated First Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of August 3, 2015 and amended and restated as of November 18, 2016, among HB Holdings, LLC, Hostess Brands, LLC, the Lenders Party thereto and Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch as Administrative Agent, and the other parties thereto (the "**Credit Agreement**");

(xi) The Company has an authorized capitalization as set forth in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and all of the issued shares of capital stock of the Company, including the Shares to be sold by the Selling Stockholders (other than the Exchange Shares), have been duly and validly authorized and issued and are fully paid and non-assessable and conform to the description of the Stock contained in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the

Prospectus; none of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company are subject to any preemptive, rights of first refusal or similar rights or to any restriction upon the voting or transfer thereof pursuant to the Delaware General Corporation Law or the Company's Certificate of Incorporation or By-laws or any agreement or other instrument to which the Company is a party, other than that certain Amended and Restated Registration Rights and Lock-Up Agreement, dated as of July 5, 2016, by and among the Company and certain stockholders of the Company, that certain Executive Chairman Agreement, dated as of July 28, 2016, by and among Hostess Brands, LLC, C. Dean Metropoulos, Hostess Holdings, L.P., and the Company (f/k/a Gores Holdings, Inc.), and that certain Amended and Restated Insider Letter Agreement, dated as of August 12, 2016, by and among the Company (f/k/a Gores Holdings, Inc.), Gores Sponsor LLC, The Gores Group, LLC and each of the directors and officers of the Company party thereto; the Exchange Shares, when issued and delivered in exchange for the Exchange Securities pursuant to the Exchange Agreement, will be duly and validly authorized and issued, fully paid and non-assessable, not subject to any pre-emptive or similar rights, and will conform to the description of the Stock contained in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus; all of the Class B Units have been validly authorized and issued; and all of the issued shares of capital stock of each subsidiary of the Company have been duly and validly authorized and issued, are fully paid and non-assessable and (except for directors' qualifying shares and except as otherwise set forth in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus) are owned directly or indirectly by the Company, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, equities or claims, other than liens granted to secure obligations pursuant to the Credit Agreement and described in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus;

(xii) The compliance by the Company with this Agreement, the issuance of the Exchange Shares and the consummation of the transactions herein contemplated, will not conflict with or result in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, (A) any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement, lease or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is bound or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject and, in each case, which has been filed as an exhibit to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, (B) the Certificate of Incorporation or By-laws or similar organizational documents of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or (C) any statute or any order, rule or regulation of any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their properties, except, in the case of clause (A) and (C), for any such default as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the business, properties, prospects, management, or current or future financial position, stockholders' equity or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries (a "**Material Adverse Effect**"); and no consent, approval, authorization, order, registration or qualification of or with any such court or governmental agency or body is required for the compliance by the Company with this Agreement, the issuance of the Exchange Shares and the consummation of the transactions herein contemplated, except for (1) the registration under the Act of the Shares, (2) the approval by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("**FINRA**") of the underwriting terms and arrangements, (3) such consents, approvals, authorizations, orders, registrations or qualifications as may be required under state securities or Blue Sky laws in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Shares by the Underwriters, and (4) such consents, approvals, authorizations, orders, registrations or qualifications as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

(xiii) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is (A) in violation of its Certificate of Incorporation or By-laws or similar organizational documents, or (B) in default in the performance or observance of any obligation, agreement, covenant or condition contained in any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement, lease or other agreement or instrument to which it is a party or by which it or any of its properties may be bound, except, in the case of (B), for any such default as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

(xiv) The statements set forth in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the caption “Description of Capital Stock,” insofar as they purport to constitute a summary of the terms of the Stock, and under the captions “Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Business—Our operations are subject to regulation by the Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”), Federal Trade Commission (the “FTC”) and other governmental entities, and such regulations are subject to change from time to time which could impact how we manage our production and sale of products,” and “Underwriting,” and the statements set forth in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 under the caption “Business—Government Regulation,” insofar as they purport to describe the provisions of the laws and documents referred to therein, are accurate, complete and fair in all material respects;

(xv) The statements set forth in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the caption “Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations for Non-U.S. Holders of Common Stock,” insofar as they purport to describe the provisions of the laws and documents referred to therein, are accurate, complete and fair;

(xvi) Any statistical and market-related data included in the Pricing Disclosure Package, the Prospectus and the consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries included in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus are based on or derived from sources that the Company believes to be reliable and accurate;

(xvii) Other than as set forth in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there are no legal or governmental proceedings pending to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries or, to the Company’s knowledge, any officer or director of the Company is a party or of which any property or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or, to the Company’s knowledge, any officer or director of the Company is the subject which, if determined adversely to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and, to the Company’s knowledge, no such proceedings are threatened or contemplated by governmental authorities or threatened by others;

(xviii) The Company is not an “investment company,” as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “**Investment Company Act**”);

(xix) [Reserved];

(xx) KPMG US LLP, who have certified certain financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries, are independent public accountants as required by the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder;

(xxi) The financial statements included in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries as of the dates shown and their results of operations and cash flows for the periods shown, and such financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (“U.S. GAAP”) applied on a consistent basis and comply in all material respects with the requirements of the Act and the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder; and the assumptions used in preparing the pro forma financial statements included in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus provide a reasonable basis for presenting the significant effects directly attributable to the transactions or events described therein, the related pro forma adjustments give appropriate effect to those assumptions, and the pro forma columns therein reflect the proper application of those adjustments to the corresponding historical financial statement amounts;

(xxii) The Company maintains a system of internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act with respect to the Company and its subsidiaries that complies with the requirements of the Exchange Act and has been designed by the Company’s principal executive officer and principal financial officer, or under their supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Company’s internal control over financial reporting is effective and the Company is not aware of any material weaknesses in its internal control over financial reporting;

(xxiii) The interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and has been prepared in accordance with the Commission’s rules and guidelines applicable thereto;

(xxiv) The Company maintains disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act) that comply with the requirements of the Exchange Act; such disclosure controls and procedures have been designed to ensure that material information relating to the Company and its subsidiaries is made known to the Company’s principal executive officer and principal financial officer by others within those entities; and such disclosure controls and procedures are effective;

(xxv) The Company has full right, power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement; and this Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company;

(xxvi) The Company and its subsidiaries (A) are in compliance with any and all applicable foreign, federal, state, provincial and local laws and regulations relating to the protection of human health and safety, the environment or hazardous or toxic substances, wastes or materials, pollutants or contaminants (“**Environmental Laws**”), (B) have received all permits, licenses or other approvals required of them under applicable Environmental Laws to own, lease and operate their respective properties and to conduct their respective businesses, and (C) are in compliance with all terms and conditions of any such permit, license or approval, except where such non-compliance with Environmental Laws, failure to receive required permits, licenses or other approvals or failure to comply with the terms and conditions of such permits, licenses or approvals would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

(xxvii) There has been no storage, generation, transportation, use, handling, spill, leak, seepage, pumping, dumping, disposing, depositing or dispersing of any material, chemical, substance, waste, pollutant or contaminant (including petroleum and petroleum products and asbestos and asbestos containing materials) regulated or which can give rise to liability under any Environmental Law (together, "**Hazardous Materials**") by, relating to or caused by the Company or any of its subsidiaries (or any other entity (including any predecessor) for whose acts or omissions the Company or any of its subsidiaries is or would reasonably be expected to be liable) at, on, under or from any property or facility now or previously owned, operated or leased by the Company or any of its subsidiaries in violation of any Environmental Laws or in a manner or amount or to a location that would reasonably be expected to result in any liability of the Company or any of its subsidiaries under any Environmental Law, except for any violation or liability which would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

(xxviii) There are no actual or potential costs or liabilities or compliance issues arising under or associated with Environmental Laws or Hazardous Materials (including, without limitation, any capital or operating expenditures required for clean-up, closure of properties or compliance with Environmental Laws or any permit, license or approval, any related constraints on operating activities and any potential liabilities to third parties) which would individually or in the aggregate reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect and there are no proceedings pending or threatened against the Company or any of its subsidiaries under any Environmental Law in which a governmental entity is also a party, other than such proceedings regarding which it is reasonably believed no monetary sanctions of \$100,000 or more will be imposed;

(xxix) The Company and its subsidiaries own or possess valid and enforceable rights to use all trademarks, service marks, trade names, trade dress, domain names, patents, inventions, copyrights, know-how (including trade secrets and other unpatented and/or unpatentable proprietary or confidential information, systems or procedures), software, publicity rights, privacy rights and all other intellectual property (including all goodwill associated with, and registrations and applications for registration of, any of the foregoing) (collectively, "**Intellectual Property**") material to the conduct of the business of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, as conducted, and the conduct of their respective businesses does not infringe, misappropriate or otherwise conflict with or violate any Intellectual Property rights of others in any material respect. To the Company's knowledge, no party has materially infringed, misappropriated or otherwise violated any Intellectual Property owned by or exclusively licensed to the Company or any of its subsidiaries. There is no material pending, or to the Company's knowledge, threatened, action, suit, proceeding or claim by others (A) alleging that the Company is infringing, misappropriating or otherwise violating any Intellectual Property of others, or (B) challenging the Company's or its subsidiaries' rights in or to, or the validity, enforceability, scope or ownership of, any Intellectual Property owned by or licensed to the Company or its subsidiaries;

(xxx) The Company and each of its subsidiaries have complied in all material respects and are presently in compliance in all material respects with all laws, regulations and obligations applicable to it regarding the collection, use, transfer, import, export, storage, protection, disposal and disclosure by the Company and its subsidiaries of personal and user information gathered or accessed in the course of their respective operations;

(xxxi) (A) Each employee benefit plan, within the meaning of Section 3(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”), for which the Company or any member of its “Controlled Group” (defined as any organization which is a member of a controlled group of corporations within the meaning of Section 414 of the Code) would have any liability (each, a “Plan”) has been maintained in compliance with its terms and the requirements of any applicable statutes, orders, rules and regulations, including but not limited to, ERISA and the Code, except for noncompliance that could not reasonably be expected to result in material liability to the Company or its subsidiaries; (B) no prohibited transaction, within the meaning of Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code, has occurred with respect to any Plan (excluding transactions effected pursuant to a statutory or administrative exemption) that could reasonably be expected to result in a material liability to the Company or its subsidiaries; (C) no Plan that is subject to the funding rules of Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA; (D) no Plan is an employee pension benefit plan within the meaning of Section 3(2) of ERISA and that is subject to Title IV of ERISA; (E) no “reportable event” (within the meaning of Section 4043(c) of ERISA) has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur that either has resulted, or could reasonably be expected to result, in material liability to the Company or its subsidiaries; (F) neither the Company nor any member of the Controlled Group has incurred, nor reasonably expects to incur, any liability under Title IV of ERISA in respect of a Plan (including a “multiemployer plan,” within the meaning of Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA); and (G) there is no pending audit or investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. Department of Labor, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation or any other governmental agency or any foreign regulatory agency with respect to any Plan that could reasonably be expected to result in material liability to the Company or its subsidiaries. None of the following events has occurred or is reasonably likely to occur: (x) an increase in the aggregate amount of contributions required to be made to all Plans by the Company or its subsidiaries in the current fiscal year of the Company and its subsidiaries compared to the amount of such contributions made in the Company and its subsidiaries’ most recently completed fiscal year; or (y) an increase in the Company and its subsidiaries’ “accumulated post-retirement benefit obligations” (within the meaning of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 106) compared to the amount of such obligations in the Company and its subsidiaries’ most recently completed fiscal year, in each case, except for any such increase as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

(xxxii) The Company and its subsidiaries possess all licenses, permits, certificates and other authorizations from, and have made all declarations and filings with, all governmental authorities, required or necessary to own or lease, as the case may be, and to operate their respective properties and to carry on their respective businesses as conducted or proposed to be conducted as set forth in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (“Permits”), except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; the Company and subsidiaries have fulfilled and performed all of their respective obligations with respect to such Permits in all material respects, and no event has occurred which allows, or, after notice or lapse of time or both, would allow, revocation or termination thereof or results in any other impairment of the rights of the holder of any such Permit; and neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has received notice of any revocation or modification of any Permits or has any reason to believe that any such Permits will not be renewed in the ordinary course, except for any such revocation or modification as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

(xxxiii) Except as described in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there are no contracts, agreements or understandings between the Company or any subsidiary and any person granting such person the right to require the Company or any subsidiary to file a registration statement under the Act with respect to any securities of the Company or any subsidiary;

(xxxiv) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries or affiliates, nor any director or officer, nor, to the Company's knowledge, any employee, agent or representative of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries or affiliates, has taken or will take any action in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization or approval of the payment or giving of money, property, gifts or anything else of value, directly or indirectly, to any "government official" (including any officer or employee of a government or government-owned or controlled entity or of a public international organization, or any person acting in an official capacity for or on behalf of any of the foregoing, or any political party or party official or candidate for political office) to influence official action or secure an improper advantage; and the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates have conducted their businesses in compliance in all material respects with applicable anti-corruption laws, including the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and have instituted and maintain and will continue to maintain policies and procedures designed to promote and achieve compliance with such laws and with the representation and warranty contained herein;

(xxxv) The operations of the Company and its subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance in all material respects with all applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements, including those of the Bank Secrecy Act, as amended by Title III of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (USA PATRIOT Act), and the applicable anti-money laundering statutes of jurisdictions where the Company and its subsidiaries conduct business, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the "**Anti-Money Laundering Laws**"), and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries with respect to the Anti-Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened;

(xxxvi) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries, nor any director or officer thereof, nor, to the Company's knowledge, any employee, agent, affiliate or representative of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, is an individual or entity ("**Person**") that is, or is owned or controlled by a Person that is:

(A) the subject of any sanctions administered or enforced by the U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("**OFAC**"), the United Nations Security Council ("**UNSC**"), the European Union ("**EU**"), Her Majesty's Treasury ("**HMT**"), or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively, "**Sanctions**"); nor

(B) located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the subject of Sanctions (including, without limitation, Burma/Myanmar, Cuba, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Sudan and Syria);

(xxxvii) For the past five years, the Company and its subsidiaries have not knowingly engaged in, are not now knowingly engaged in, and will not knowingly engage in, any dealings or transactions with any Person, or in any country or territory, that at the time of the dealing or transaction is or was the subject of Sanctions;

(xxxviii) The Company and each of its subsidiaries have filed all federal, state, local and foreign tax returns required to be filed through the date of this Agreement or have requested extensions thereof (except where the failure to file would not individually or in the aggregate reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect) and have paid all taxes required to be paid thereon (except for cases in which the failure to file or pay would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, or, except as currently being contested in good faith and for which reserves required by U.S. GAAP have been created in the financial statements of the Company), and no tax deficiency has been determined adversely to the Company or any of its subsidiaries which has had (nor does the Company nor any of its subsidiaries have any notice or knowledge of any tax deficiency which could reasonably be expected to be determined adversely to the Company or its subsidiaries and which could reasonably be expected to have) a Material Adverse Effect;

(xxxix) The Company and each of its subsidiaries are insured by insurers of recognized financial responsibility against such losses and risks and in such amounts as are, in the Company's reasonable judgment, prudent and customary in the businesses in which they are engaged; all policies of insurance of the Company and its subsidiaries are in full force and effect and the Company and its subsidiaries are in compliance with the terms of such policies in all material respects; and there are no material claims by the Company or any of its subsidiaries under any such policy or instrument as to which any insurance company is denying liability or defending under a reservation of rights clause;

(xl) No material labor dispute with the employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries exists or, to the knowledge of the Company, is imminent; and the Company is not aware of any existing, threatened or imminent labor disturbance by the employees of any of its principal suppliers, manufacturers or contractors;

(xli) The Company has not taken and will not take, directly or indirectly, any action that is designed to or that has constituted, or might reasonably be expected to cause or result in, stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares; and

(xlii) The Company is not a party to any contract, agreement or understanding with any person (other than this Agreement) that would give rise to a valid claim against the Company or any Underwriter for a brokerage commission, finder's fee or like payment in connection with the offering and sale of the Shares.

(b) Each of the Selling Stockholders severally represents and warrants to, and agrees with, each of the Underwriters and the Company that:

(i) All consents, approvals, authorizations and orders necessary for (A) the execution and delivery by such Selling Stockholder of (x) this Agreement, (y) the Custody Agreement hereinafter referred to, and (z) except in the case of the entity listed in Schedule II-A hereto (the "**Metropoulos Selling Stockholder**"), the Power of Attorney hereinafter referred to, (B) the sale and delivery of the Shares to be sold by such Selling Stockholder hereunder, (C) the compliance by such Selling Stockholder with (x) this Agreement, (y) the Custody Agreement,

and (z) except in the case of the Metropoulos Selling Stockholder, the Power of Attorney, and (D) the consummation of the transactions herein and therein contemplated, in each case have been obtained; such Selling Stockholder has full right, power and authority to (A) execute, deliver and perform its obligations under (x) this Agreement, (y) the Custody Agreement, and (z) the Power of Attorney, and (B) sell, assign, transfer and deliver the Shares to be sold by such Selling Stockholder hereunder, and each of (A) this Agreement, (B) the Custody Agreement, and (C) except in the case of the Metropoulos Selling Stockholder, the Power of Attorney, in each case has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by such Selling Stockholder;

(ii) (A) The sale and delivery of the Shares to be sold by such Selling Stockholder hereunder, (B) the compliance by such Selling Stockholder with (x) this Agreement, (y) the Custody Agreement, and (z) except in the case of the Metropoulos Selling Stockholder, the Power of Attorney, and (C) the consummation of the transactions herein, and therein contemplated, in each case will not conflict with or result in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, any statute, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement, lease or other agreement or instrument to which such Selling Stockholder is a party or by which such Selling Stockholder is bound or to which any of the property or assets of such Selling Stockholder is subject, nor will such action result in any violation of the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation or By-laws or similar organizational documents of such Selling Stockholder, if applicable, or trust agreement, if such Selling Stockholder is a trust, or any statute or any order, rule or regulation of any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over such Selling Stockholder or any of its subsidiaries or any property or assets of such Selling Stockholder; and no consent, approval, authorization, order, registration or qualification of or with any such court or governmental body or agency is required for (A) the performance by such Selling Stockholder of its obligations under (x) this Agreement, (y) the Custody Agreement, and (z) except in the case of the Metropoulos Selling Stockholder, the Power of Attorney, and (B) the consummation by such Selling Stockholder of the transactions contemplated by (x) this Agreement, (y) the Custody Agreement, and (z) except in the case of the Metropoulos Selling Stockholder, the Power of Attorney, in each case in connection with the Shares to be sold by such Selling Stockholder hereunder, in each case except the registration under the Act of the Shares, the approval by FINRA of the underwriting terms and arrangements and such consents, approvals, authorizations, orders, registrations or qualifications as may be required under state securities or Blue Sky laws in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Shares by the Underwriters;

(iii) Immediately prior to each Time of Delivery (as defined in Section 4 hereof), such Selling Stockholder will have good and valid title to the Shares to be sold by such Selling Stockholder hereunder at such Time of Delivery, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, equities or claims; and, upon delivery of such Shares and payment therefor pursuant hereto, good and valid title to such Shares, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, equities or claims, will pass to the several Underwriters;

(iv) On or prior to the date of the Pricing Prospectus, such Selling Stockholder has executed and delivered to the Underwriters an agreement substantially in the form of Annex I hereto;

(v) Such Selling Stockholder has not taken and will not take, directly or indirectly, any action that is designed to or that has constituted or might reasonably be expected to cause or result in stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares;

(vi) To the extent that any statements or omissions made in the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto are made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by such Selling Stockholder expressly for use therein, such Registration Statement and Preliminary Prospectus did, and the Prospectus and any further amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus will, when they become effective or are filed with the Commission, as the case may be, conform in all material respects to the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder and not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, it being acknowledged and agreed that the only written information furnished to the Company by such Selling Stockholder expressly for use in the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto consists of the name, address, the number of shares of Stock being offered by such Selling Stockholder and the number of shares of Stock beneficially owned by such Selling Stockholder (the **"Selling Stockholder Information"**);

(vii) Such Selling Stockholder will deliver to each Underwriter, prior to or at the First Time of Delivery, a properly completed and executed Internal Revenue Service (**"IRS"**) Form W-9 or an IRS Form W-8, as appropriate, together with all required attachments to such form;

(viii) Book-entry securities entitlements representing all of the Shares to be sold by such Selling Stockholder hereunder have been placed in custody under a Custody Agreement, in the form heretofore furnished to you (the **"Custody Agreement"**), duly executed and delivered by such Selling Stockholder to Continental Stock Transfer and Trust Company, as custodian (the **"Custodian"**), and except in the case of the Metropoulos Selling Stockholder, such Selling Stockholder has duly executed and delivered a Power of Attorney, in the form heretofore furnished to you (the **"Power of Attorney"**), appointing AP Hostess Holdings GP, LLC, and their duly designated substitutes, and each of them, as such Selling Stockholder's attorneys-in-fact (the **"Attorneys-in-Fact"**) with authority to execute and deliver this Agreement, an agreement substantially in the form of Annex I hereto, to determine the purchase price to be paid by the Underwriters to the Selling Stockholders as provided in Section 2 hereof, to authorize the delivery of the Shares to be sold by such Selling Stockholder hereunder and otherwise to act on behalf of such Selling Stockholder in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the Custody Agreement;

(ix) The Shares represented by the book-entry securities entitlements held in custody for such Selling Stockholder under the Custody Agreement are subject to the interests of the Underwriters hereunder; the arrangements made by such Selling Stockholder for such custody, and the appointment by such Selling Stockholder of the relevant Attorneys-in-Fact by the Power of Attorney, are to that extent irrevocable; the obligations of the Selling Stockholders hereunder shall not be terminated by operation of law, whether by the death or incapacity of any individual Selling Stockholder or, in the case of an estate or trust, by the death or incapacity of any executor or trustee or the termination of such estate or trust, or in the case of a partnership or corporation, by the dissolution of such partnership or corporation, or by the occurrence of any other event; if any individual Selling Stockholder or any such executor or trustee should die or become incapacitated, or if any such estate or trust should be

terminated, or if any such partnership or corporation should be dissolved, or if any other such event should occur, before the delivery of the Shares to be sold by such Selling Stockholder hereunder, book-entry securities entitlements representing the Shares to be sold by such Selling Stockholder hereunder shall be delivered by or on behalf of such Selling Stockholder in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and of the relevant Custody Agreement; and actions taken by the relevant Attorneys-in-Fact pursuant to the Powers of Attorney shall be as valid as if such death, incapacity, termination, dissolution or other event had not occurred, regardless of whether or not the Custodian, the relevant Attorneys-in-Fact, or any of them, shall have received notice of such death, incapacity, termination, dissolution or other event; and

(x) Such Selling Stockholder is not prompted by any material non-public information concerning the Company or any of its subsidiaries that is not disclosed in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus to sell its Shares pursuant to this Agreement.

2. Subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, (a) each of the Selling Stockholders agrees, severally and not jointly, to sell to each of the Underwriters, and each of the Underwriters agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from each of the Selling Stockholders, at a purchase price per share of \$14.71625, the number of Firm Shares (to be adjusted by you so as to eliminate fractional shares) determined by multiplying the aggregate number of Firm Shares to be sold by each of the Selling Stockholders as set forth opposite their respective names in Schedule II hereto by a fraction, the numerator of which is the aggregate number of Firm Shares to be purchased by such Underwriter as set forth opposite the name of such Underwriter in Schedule I hereto and the denominator of which is the aggregate number of Firm Shares to be purchased by all of the Underwriters from all of the Selling Stockholders hereunder, and (b) in the event and to the extent that the Underwriters shall exercise the election to purchase Optional Shares as provided below, each of the Selling Stockholders, as and to the extent indicated in Schedule II hereto, agrees, severally and not jointly, to sell to each of the Underwriters, and each of the Underwriters agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from each of the Selling Stockholders, as and to the extent indicated in Schedule II hereto, at the purchase price per share set forth in clause (a) of this Section 2, that portion of the number of Optional Shares as to which such election shall have been exercised (to be adjusted by you so as to eliminate fractional shares) determined by multiplying such number of Optional Shares by a fraction, the numerator of which is the maximum number of Optional Shares which such Underwriter is entitled to purchase as set forth opposite the name of such Underwriter in Schedule I hereto, and the denominator of which is the maximum number of Optional Shares that all of the Underwriters are entitled to purchase hereunder.

The Selling Stockholders, as and to the extent indicated in Schedule II hereto, hereby grant, severally and not jointly, to the Underwriters the right to purchase at their election up to 3,015,185 Optional Shares, at the purchase price per share set forth in the paragraph above, provided that the purchase price per Optional Share shall be reduced by an amount per share equal to any dividends or distributions declared by the Company and payable on the Firm Shares but not payable on the Optional Shares. Any such election to purchase Optional Shares shall be made in proportion to the maximum number of Optional Shares to be sold by all Selling Stockholders as set forth on Schedule II hereto. Any such election to purchase Optional Shares may be exercised only by written notice from you to the Company and the Selling Stockholders, given within a period of 30 calendar days after the date of this Agreement and setting forth the aggregate number of Optional Shares to be purchased and the date on which such Optional Shares are to be delivered, as determined by you but in no event earlier than the First Time of Delivery (as defined in Section 4 hereof) or, unless you and the

Company and the Selling Stockholders otherwise agree in writing, earlier than two or later than ten business days after the date of such notice (except that such notice may be given on the business day immediately preceding the First Time of Delivery).

The purchase price payable by the Underwriters shall be reduced by (i) any transfer taxes paid by, or on behalf of, the Underwriters in connection with the transfer of the Shares to the Underwriters duly paid and (ii) any withholding required by law.

3. Upon the authorization by you of the release of the Firm Shares, the several Underwriters propose to offer the Firm Shares for sale upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Prospectus.

4. (a) The Shares to be purchased by each Underwriter hereunder, in definitive form, and in such authorized denominations and registered in such names as the Representatives may request upon at least forty-eight hours' prior notice to the Company and the Selling Stockholders shall be delivered by or on behalf of the Selling Stockholders to the Representatives, through the facilities of the Depository Trust Company ("**DTC**"), for the account of such Underwriter, against payment by or on behalf of such Underwriter of the purchase price therefor by wire transfer of Federal (same-day) funds to the account specified by the Custodian to the Representatives at least forty-eight hours in advance. The Company and the Selling Stockholders will cause any certificates representing the Shares to be made available for checking and packaging at least twenty-four hours prior to the Time of Delivery (as defined below) with respect thereto at the office of DTC or its designated custodian (the "**Designated Office**"). The time and date of such delivery and payment shall be, with respect to the Firm Shares, 9:30 a.m., New York time, on April 19, 2017 or such other time and date as the Representatives and the Selling Stockholders may agree upon in writing and, with respect to the Optional Shares, 9:30 a.m., New York time, on the date specified by the Representatives in each written notice given by the Representatives of the Underwriters' election to purchase such Optional Shares, or such other time and date as the Representatives and the Selling Stockholders may agree upon in writing. Such time and date for delivery of the Firm Shares is herein called the "**First Time of Delivery**," each such time and date for delivery of the Optional Shares, if not the First Time of Delivery, is herein called the "**Second Time of Delivery**," and each such time and date for delivery is herein called a "**Time of Delivery**."

(b) The documents to be delivered at each Time of Delivery by or on behalf of the parties hereto pursuant to Section 8 hereof, including the cross receipt for the Shares and any additional documents requested by the Underwriters pursuant to Section 8(r) hereof, will be delivered at the offices of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, 450 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York, 10017 (the "**Closing Location**"), and the Shares will be delivered at the Designated Office, all at such Time of Delivery. A meeting will be held at the Closing Location at 2:00 p.m., New York City time, on the New York Business Day next preceding such Time of Delivery, at which meeting the final drafts of the documents to be delivered pursuant to the preceding sentence will be available for review by the parties hereto. For the purposes of this Section 4, "**New York Business Day**" shall mean each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday which is not a day on which banking institutions in New York are generally authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close.

5. The Company agrees with each of the Underwriters:

(a) To prepare the Prospectus in a form approved by you and to file such Prospectus pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Act not later than the Commission's close of business on the second business day following the execution and delivery of this Agreement; to make no further amendment or any supplement to the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus or the Prospectus

prior to the last Time of Delivery which shall be disapproved by you promptly after reasonable notice thereof (unless the Company determines, based on the advice of outside counsel, that such amendment or supplement is required by law); to advise you, promptly after it receives notice thereof, of the time when any amendment to the Registration Statement has been filed or becomes effective or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus has been filed and to furnish you with copies thereof; to file promptly all reports and any definitive proxy or information statements required to be filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the date of the Prospectus and for so long as the delivery of a prospectus (or in lieu thereof, the notice referred to in Rule 173(a) under the Act) is required in connection with the offering or sale of the Shares; to advise you, promptly after it receives notice thereof, of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order or of any order preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus or other prospectus in respect of the Shares, of any notice of objection of the Commission to the use of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) under the Act, of the suspension of the qualification of the Shares for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, of the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for any such purpose, or of any request by the Commission for the amending or supplementing of the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or for additional information; and, in the event of the issuance of any stop order or of any order preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus or other prospectus or suspending any such qualification, to promptly use its best efforts to obtain the withdrawal of such order; and in the event of any such issuance of a notice of objection, promptly to take such steps including, without limitation, amending the Registration Statement or filing a new registration statement, at its own expense, as may be necessary to permit offers and sales of the Shares by the Underwriters (references herein to the Registration Statement shall include any such amendment or new registration statement);

(b) If required by Rule 430B(h) under the Act, to prepare a form of prospectus in a form approved by you in your reasonable discretion and to file such form of prospectus pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Act not later than may be required by Rule 424(b) under the Act; and to make no further amendment or supplement to such form of prospectus which shall be disapproved by you in your reasonable discretion promptly after reasonable notice thereof;

(c) Promptly from time to time to take such action as you may reasonably request to qualify the Shares for offering and sale under the securities laws of such jurisdictions as you may request and to comply with such laws so as to permit the continuance of sales and dealings therein in such jurisdictions for as long as may be necessary to complete the distribution of the Shares, *provided* that in connection therewith the Company shall not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to file a general consent to service of process in any jurisdiction;

(d) Prior to 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the second New York Business Day succeeding the date of this Agreement and from time to time, to furnish the Underwriters with written and electronic copies of the Prospectus in New York City in such quantities as you may reasonably request, and, if the delivery of a prospectus (or in lieu thereof, the notice referred to in Rule 173(a) under the Act) is required at any time prior to the expiration of nine months after the time of issue of the Prospectus in connection with the offering or sale of the Shares and if at such time any event shall have occurred as a result of which the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made when such Prospectus (or in lieu thereof, the notice referred to in Rule 173(a) under the Act) is delivered, not misleading, or, if for any other reason it shall be necessary during such same period to amend or

supplement the Prospectus or to file under the Exchange Act any document incorporated by reference in the Prospectus in order to comply with the Act or the Exchange Act, to notify you and upon your request to file such document and to prepare and furnish without charge to each Underwriter and to any dealer in securities as many written and electronic copies as you may from time to time reasonably request of an amended Prospectus or a supplement to the Prospectus which will correct such statement or omission or effect such compliance; and in case any Underwriter is required to deliver a prospectus (or in lieu thereof, the notice referred to in Rule 173(a) under the Act) in connection with sales of any of the Shares at any time nine months or more after the time of issue of the Prospectus, upon your request but at the expense of such Underwriter, to prepare and deliver to such Underwriter as many written and electronic copies as you may request of an amended or supplemented Prospectus complying with Section 10(a)(3) of the Act;

(e) To make generally available to its securityholders as soon as practicable, but in any event not later than sixteen months after the effective date of the Registration Statement (as defined in Rule 158(c) under the Act), an earnings statement of the Company and its subsidiaries (which need not be audited) complying with Section 11(a) of the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder (including, at the option of the Company, Rule 158);

(f) During the period beginning from the date hereof and continuing until the close of business in New York City on May 31, 2017 (the “**Company Lock-Up Period**”), not to (i) offer, sell, contract to sell, pledge, grant any option to purchase, make any short sale or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, or file with the Commission a registration statement under the Act relating to, any securities of the Company that are substantially similar to the Shares, including but not limited to any options or warrants to purchase shares of Stock or any securities that are convertible into or exchangeable for, or that represent the right to receive, Stock or any such substantially similar securities, or publicly disclose the intention to make any offer, sale, pledge, disposition or filing, or (ii) enter into any swap or other agreement that transfers, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the Stock or any such other securities, whether any such transaction described in clause (i) or (ii) above is to be settled by delivery of Stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise (other than (x) any options or restricted stock units to be issued pursuant to the Company’s employee incentive compensation plans existing on the date of this Agreement, or (y) any Shares to be issued upon the conversion or exchange of convertible or exchangeable securities outstanding as of the date of this Agreement), without the prior written consent of the Representatives;

(g) During a period of three years from the effective date of the Registration Statement, as required by the Exchange Act, to furnish to its stockholders as soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year an annual report (including a balance sheet and statements of income, stockholders’ equity and cash flows of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries certified by independent public accountants) and, as soon as practicable after the end of each of the first three quarters of each fiscal year (beginning with the fiscal quarter ending after the effective date of the Registration Statement), to make available to its stockholders consolidated summary financial information of the Company and its subsidiaries for such quarter in reasonable detail; the inclusion of any such report or other information in a report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission through the EDGAR system shall be deemed to satisfy this requirement;

6. The Company represents and agrees that it has not made and will not make any offer relating to the Shares that would constitute a “free writing prospectus” as defined in Rule 405 under the Act; each Selling Stockholder represents and agrees that it has not made and will not make any offer relating to the Shares that would constitute a free writing prospectus; and each Underwriter represents and agrees that it has not made and will not make any offer relating to the Shares that would constitute a free writing prospectus.

7. The Company covenants and agrees with the several Underwriters that (a) the Company will pay or cause to be paid the following: (i) the fees, disbursements and expenses of the Company's counsel and accountants in connection with the registration of the Shares under the Act and all other expenses in connection with the preparation, printing, reproduction and filing of the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus and amendments and supplements thereto and the mailing and delivering of copies thereof to the Underwriters and dealers; (ii) the cost of printing or producing any Agreement among Underwriters, this Agreement, the Blue Sky Memorandum, closing documents (including any compilations thereof) and any other documents in connection with the offering, purchase, sale and delivery of the Shares; (iii) all expenses in connection with the qualification of the Shares for offering and sale under state securities laws as provided in Section 5(b) hereof, including the fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in connection with such qualification and in connection with the Blue Sky survey; (iv) all fees and expenses, if any, in connection with listing the Shares on the NASDAQ Capital Market (the "Exchange"); (v) the filing fees incident to, and the fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in connection with, any required review by FINRA of the terms of the sale of the Shares, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$25,000; (vi) the cost of preparing stock certificates, if applicable, (vii) the cost and charges of any transfer agent or registrar, (viii) the costs and expenses of the Company relating to investor presentations on any "road show" undertaken in connection with the marketing of the offering of the Shares, including, without limitation, expenses associated with the preparation or dissemination of any electronic road show, expenses associated with the production of road show slides and graphics, fees and expenses of any consultants engaged in connection with the road show presentations, travel and lodging expenses of the representatives and officers of the Company and any such consultants, and the Company's pro rata share (based on the number of seats occupied by representatives and officers of the Company and any such consultants) of the cost of any aircraft chartered in connection with the road show (with the remainder of the cost of such aircraft to be paid by the Underwriters); (ix) any fees and expenses of one counsel for all Selling Stockholders in connection with the registration of the Shares under the Act, (x) the fees and expenses of the Attorneys-in-Fact and the Custodian, and (xi) all other costs and expenses incident to the performance of its obligations hereunder which are not otherwise specifically provided for in this Section; and (b) each Selling Stockholder will pay or cause to be paid all costs and expenses incident to the performance of such Selling Stockholder's obligations hereunder which are not otherwise specifically provided for in this Section, including all expenses and taxes incident to the sale and delivery of the Shares to be sold by such Selling Stockholder to the Underwriters hereunder. It is understood, however, that the Company shall bear, and the Selling Stockholders shall not be required to pay or to reimburse the Company for, the cost of any other matters not directly relating to the sale and purchase of the Shares pursuant to this Agreement, and that, except as provided in this Section, and Sections 9 and 12 hereof, the Underwriters will pay all of their own costs and expenses, including the fees of their counsel, stock transfer taxes on resale of any of the Shares by them, and any advertising expenses connected with any offers they may make.

8. The obligations of the Underwriters hereunder, as to the Shares to be delivered at each Time of Delivery, shall be subject, in their discretion, to the condition that all representations and warranties and other statements of the Company and the Selling Stockholders herein are, at and as of such Time of Delivery, true and correct, the condition that the Company and the Selling Stockholders shall have performed all of its and their obligations hereunder theretofore to be performed (including, without limitation, the obligation of each Selling Stockholder to deliver to the Underwriters, prior to or

at the First Time of Delivery, a properly completed and executed IRS Form W-9, together with all required attachments to such form, pursuant to Section 1(b)(vii) hereof), and the following additional conditions:

(a) The Prospectus shall have been filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Act within the applicable time period prescribed for such filing by the rules and regulations under the Act and in accordance with Section 5(a) hereof; if the Company has elected to rely upon Rule 462(b) under the Act, the Rule 462(b) Registration Statement shall have become effective by 10:00 p.m., Washington, D.C. time, on the date of this Agreement; no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any part thereof shall have been issued and no proceeding for that purpose shall have been initiated or threatened by the Commission, no stop order suspending or preventing the use of the Prospectus shall have been initiated or threatened by the Commission; and all requests for additional information on the part of the Commission shall have been complied with to your reasonable satisfaction;

(b) Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, shall have furnished to you such written opinion or opinions, dated such Time of Delivery, in form and substance satisfactory to you and covering such matters as you may reasonably request, and such counsel shall have received such papers and information as they may reasonably request to enable them to pass upon such matters;

(c) Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP, in its capacity as counsel for the Company, shall have furnished to you their written opinion or opinions, dated such Time of Delivery, in form and substance satisfactory to you and covering such matters as you may reasonably request;

(d) Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP, in its capacity as counsel for the Selling Stockholders (other than the Metropoulos Selling Stockholder), shall have furnished to you their written opinion or opinions, dated such Time of Delivery, in form and substance satisfactory to you and covering such matters as you may reasonably request;

(e) [Reserved];

(f) Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, counsel for the Metropoulos Selling Stockholder, shall have furnished to you their written opinion or opinions, dated such Time of Delivery, in form and substance satisfactory to you and covering such matters as you may reasonably request;

(g) On the date of the Prospectus at a time prior to the execution of this Agreement, at 9:30 a.m., New York City time, on the effective date of any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement filed subsequent to the date of this Agreement and also at each Time of Delivery, KPMG US LLP shall have furnished to you a letter or letters, dated the respective dates of delivery thereof, in form and substance satisfactory to you, containing statements and information of the type ordinarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information contained in the Registration Statement, the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus;

(h) On the date of the Prospectus at a time prior to the execution of this Agreement, at 9:30 a.m., New York City time, on the effective date of any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement filed subsequent to the date of this Agreement and also at each Time of Delivery, the Company shall have furnished to you a certificate, dated the respective dates of delivery thereof, of Tom Peterson, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, in form and substance satisfactory to you and covering such matters as you may reasonably request;

(i) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries shall have sustained since the date of the latest audited financial statements included or incorporated by reference in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus any loss or interference with its business from fire, explosion, flood or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor dispute or court or governmental action, order or decree, otherwise than as set forth or contemplated in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, and (ii) since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus there shall not have been any change in the capital stock or long-term debt of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any change, or any development involving a prospective change, in or affecting the general affairs, management, financial position, stockholders' equity or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, otherwise than as set forth or contemplated in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the effect of which, in any such case described in clause (i) or (ii), is in your judgment so material and adverse as to make it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the public offering or the delivery of the Shares being delivered at such Time of Delivery on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Prospectus;

(j) On or after the Applicable Time (i) no downgrading shall have occurred in the rating accorded the Company's debt securities or preferred stock by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization," as defined in Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act, and (ii) no such organization shall have publicly announced that it has under surveillance or review, with possible negative implications, its rating of any of the Company's debt securities or preferred stock;

(k) On or after the Applicable Time there shall not have occurred any of the following: (i) a suspension or material limitation in trading in securities generally on the Exchange, (ii) a suspension or material limitation in trading in the Company's securities on the Exchange, (iii) a general moratorium on commercial banking activities declared by either Federal or New York State authorities or a material disruption in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States, (iv) the outbreak or escalation of hostilities involving the United States or the declaration by the United States of a national emergency or war, or (v) the occurrence of any other calamity or crisis or any change in financial, political or economic conditions in the United States or elsewhere, if the effect of any such event specified in clause (iv) or (v) in your judgment makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the public offering or the delivery of the Shares being delivered at such Time of Delivery on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Prospectus;

(l) The Shares to be sold at such Time of Delivery shall have been duly listed on the Exchange;

(m) The Company shall have obtained and delivered to the Underwriters executed copies of an agreement from each director, officer and stockholder of the Company listed on Schedule IV hereto, substantially to the effect set forth in Annex I hereto in form and substance satisfactory to you;

(n) The Company shall have complied with the provisions of Section 5(c) hereof with respect to the furnishing of prospectuses on the New York Business Day next succeeding the date of this Agreement;

(o) FINRA shall have confirmed that it has not raised any objection with respect to the fairness and reasonableness of the underwriting terms and arrangements relating to the offering of the Shares; and

(p) The Company and the Selling Stockholders shall have furnished or caused to be furnished to you at such Time of Delivery certificates of officers of the Company and of officers of, or

the Attorneys-in-Fact on behalf of, the Selling Stockholders, respectively, satisfactory to you as to the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company and the Selling Stockholders, respectively, herein at and as of such Time of Delivery, as to the performance by the Company and the Selling Stockholders of all of their respective obligations hereunder to be performed at or prior to such Time of Delivery, as to such other matters as you may reasonably request, and the Company shall have furnished or caused to be furnished certificates as to the matters set forth in subsections (a) and (i) of this Section 8.

9. (a) The Company will indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, to which such Underwriter may become subject, under the Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Pricing Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, and will reimburse each Underwriter for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such Underwriter in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim as such expenses are incurred; *provided, however*, that the Company shall not be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage or liability arises out of or is based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Pricing Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use therein (the “**Underwriter Information**”), it being acknowledged and agreed that the only written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter expressly for use in the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto consists of the second sentence in the fifth paragraph, the first and second sentences in the eighth paragraph and the third and fourth sentences in the ninth paragraph under the heading “Underwriting.”

(b) Each of the Selling Stockholders, severally and not jointly, will indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, to which such Underwriter may become subject, under the Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Pricing Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in each case to the extent, but only to the extent, that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Pricing Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto in reliance upon and in conformity with any Selling Stockholder Information provided by such Selling Stockholder (or another Selling Stockholder with which such Selling Stockholder is affiliated); and will reimburse each Underwriter for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such Underwriter in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim as such expenses are incurred; *provided, however*, that such Selling Stockholder shall not be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage or liability arises out of or is based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Pricing

Disclosure Package or the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto in reliance upon and in conformity with any Underwriter Information; *provided, further*, that any liability of such Selling Stockholder under this subsection (b) shall in no event exceed an amount equal to the net proceeds (exclusive of expenses) received by such Selling Stockholder from the sale of the Shares by such Selling Stockholder pursuant to this Agreement.

(c) Each Underwriter will indemnify and hold harmless the Company and each Selling Stockholder against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities to which the Company or such Selling Stockholder may become subject, under the Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Pricing Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in each case to the extent, but only to the extent, that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Pricing Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, in reliance upon and in conformity with any Underwriter Information; and will reimburse the Company and each Selling Stockholder for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by the Company or such Selling Stockholder in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim as such expenses are incurred.

(d) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under subsection (a), (b) or (c) of this Section 9 of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party shall, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under such subsection, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement thereof; but the omission so to notify the indemnifying party shall not relieve it from any liability which it may have to any indemnified party otherwise than under such subsection. In case any such action shall be brought against any indemnified party and it shall notify the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof, the indemnifying party shall be entitled to participate therein and, to the extent that it shall wish, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified, to assume the defense thereof, with counsel satisfactory to such indemnified party (who shall not, except with the consent of the indemnified party, be counsel to the indemnifying party), and, after notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party of its election so to assume the defense thereof, the indemnifying party shall not be liable to such indemnified party under such subsection for any legal expenses of other counsel or any other expenses, in each case subsequently incurred by such indemnified party, in connection with the defense thereof other than reasonable costs of investigation. No indemnifying party shall, without the written consent of the indemnified party, effect the settlement or compromise of, or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to, any pending or threatened action or claim in respect of which indemnification or contribution may be sought hereunder (whether or not the indemnified party is an actual or potential party to such action or claim) unless such settlement, compromise or judgment (i) includes an unconditional release of the indemnified party from all liability arising out of such action or claim and (ii) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act, by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

(e) If the indemnification provided for in subsection (a) or (c) of this Section 9 is unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party under subsection (a) or (c) above in respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to therein, then each indemnifying party pursuant to subsection (a) or (c), as the case may be, shall contribute to the

amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other from the offering of the Shares. If, however, the allocation provided by the immediately preceding sentence is not permitted by applicable law or if the indemnified party failed to give the notice required under subsection (d) above, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to such amount paid or payable by such indemnified party in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only such relative benefits but also the relative fault of the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof), as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as the total net proceeds from the offering (before deducting expenses) received by the Selling Stockholders bear to the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriters, in each case as set forth in the table on the cover page of the Prospectus. The relative fault shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company on the one hand or the Underwriters on the other and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The Company and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this subsection (e) were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this subsection (e). The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to above in this subsection (e) shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection (e), no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount pursuant to this subsection (e) in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Shares sold by the Selling Stockholders and underwritten by it and distributed to the public were offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damages which such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Underwriters' obligations in this subsection (e) to contribute are several in proportion to their respective underwriting obligations and not joint.

(f) If the indemnification provided for in subsection (b) or (c) of this Section 9 is unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party under subsection (b) or (c) above in respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to therein, then each indemnifying party pursuant to subsection (b) or (c), as the case may be, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the applicable Selling Stockholders on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other from the offering of the Shares. If, however, the allocation provided by the immediately preceding sentence is not permitted by applicable law or if the indemnified party failed to give the notice required under subsection (d) above, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to such amount paid or payable by such indemnified party in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only such relative benefits but also the relative fault of the applicable Selling Stockholders on the one

hand and the Underwriters on the other in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof), as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the applicable Selling Stockholders on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as the total gross proceeds from the offering (before deducting expenses or underwriting discounts or commissions) received by such Selling Stockholders bear to the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriters, in each case as set forth in the table on the cover page of the Prospectus. The relative fault shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by such Selling Stockholders (or any affiliate thereof) on the one hand or the Underwriters on the other and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. Each of the Selling Stockholders and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this subsection (f) were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this subsection (f). The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to above in this subsection (f) shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection (f), no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount pursuant to this subsection (f) in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Shares sold by the Selling Stockholders and underwritten by it and distributed to the public were offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damages which such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission and no Selling Stockholder shall be required to contribute any amount pursuant to this subsection (f) in excess of the amount by which the net proceeds (exclusive of expenses) received by such Selling Stockholder from the sale of Shares by such Selling Stockholder pursuant to this Agreement exceeds any damages which such Selling Stockholder has otherwise been required to pay by reason of untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Underwriters' obligations in this subsection (f) to contribute are several in proportion to their respective underwriting obligations and not joint.

(g) The obligations of the Company and the Selling Stockholders under this Section 9 shall be in addition to any liability which the Company and the Selling Stockholders may otherwise have and shall extend, upon the same terms and conditions, to each officer and director of each Underwriter and each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of the Act and each broker-dealer affiliate of any Underwriter; and the obligations of the Underwriters under this Section 9 shall be in addition to any liability which the respective Underwriters may otherwise have and shall extend, upon the same terms and conditions, to each officer and director of the Company and to each person, if any, who controls the Company or any Selling Stockholder within the meaning of the Act.

10. (a) If any Underwriter shall default in its obligation to purchase the Shares that it has agreed to purchase hereunder at a Time of Delivery, you may in your discretion arrange for you or another party or other parties to purchase such Shares on the terms contained herein. If within thirty-six hours after such default by any Underwriter you do not arrange for the purchase of such Shares, then the Company and the Selling Stockholders shall be entitled to a further period of

thirty-six hours within which to procure another party or other parties satisfactory to you to purchase such Shares on such terms. In the event that, within the respective prescribed periods, you notify the Company and the Selling Stockholders that you have so arranged for the purchase of such Shares, or the Company or a Selling Stockholder notifies you that it has so arranged for the purchase of such Shares, you or the Company or the Selling Stockholders shall have the right to postpone such Time of Delivery for a period of not more than seven days, in order to effect whatever changes may thereby be made necessary in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, or in any other documents or arrangements, and the Company agrees to file promptly any amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus which in your opinion may thereby be made necessary. The term "Underwriter" as used in this Agreement shall include any person substituted under this Section with like effect as if such person had originally been a party to this Agreement with respect to such Shares.

(b) If, after giving effect to any arrangements for the purchase of the Shares of a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters by you, the Company and the Selling Stockholders as provided in subsection (a) above, the aggregate number of such Shares which remains unpurchased does not exceed one-eleventh of the aggregate number of all the Shares to be purchased at such Time of Delivery, then the Selling Stockholders shall have the right to require each non-defaulting Underwriter to purchase the number of Shares which such Underwriter agreed to purchase hereunder at such Time of Delivery and, in addition, to require each non-defaulting Underwriter to purchase its pro rata share (based on the number of Shares which such Underwriter agreed to purchase hereunder) of the Shares of such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters for which such arrangements have not been made; but nothing herein shall relieve a defaulting Underwriter from liability for its default.

(c) If, after giving effect to any arrangements for the purchase of the Shares of a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters by you, the Company and the Selling Stockholders as provided in subsection (a) above, the aggregate number of such Shares which remains unpurchased exceeds one-eleventh of the aggregate number of all of the Shares to be purchased at such Time of Delivery, or if the Selling Stockholders shall not exercise the right described in subsection (b) above to require non-defaulting Underwriters to purchase Shares of a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters, then this Agreement (or, with respect to a Second Time of Delivery, the obligations of the Underwriters to purchase and of the Selling Stockholders to sell the Optional Shares) shall thereupon terminate, without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter, the Company or the Selling Stockholders, except for the expenses to be borne by the Company, the Selling Stockholders and the Underwriters as provided in Section 7 hereof and the indemnity and contribution agreements in Section 9 hereof; but nothing herein shall relieve a defaulting Underwriter from liability for its default.

11. The respective indemnities, agreements, representations, warranties and other statements of the Company, the Selling Stockholders and the several Underwriters, as set forth in this Agreement or made by or on behalf of them, respectively, pursuant to this Agreement, shall remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation (or any statement as to the results thereof) made by or on behalf of any Underwriter or any controlling person of any Underwriter, or the Company, or any of the Selling Stockholders, or any officer or director or controlling person of the Company, or any controlling person of any Selling Stockholder, and shall survive delivery of and payment for the Shares.

12. If this Agreement shall be terminated pursuant to Section 10 hereof, neither the Company nor the Selling Stockholders shall then be under any liability to any Underwriter except as provided in Sections 7 and 9 hereof; but, if for any other reason any Shares are not delivered by or on behalf of any of the Selling Stockholders as provided herein, each of such non-delivering Selling

Stockholders pro rata (based on the number of Shares to be sold by such Selling Stockholder hereunder), will reimburse the Underwriters through you for all out-of-pocket expenses approved in writing by you, including fees and disbursements of counsel, reasonably incurred by the Underwriters in making preparations for the purchase, sale and delivery of the Shares not so delivered, but the Company and the Selling Stockholders shall then be under no further liability to any Underwriter except as provided in Sections 7 and 9 hereof.

13. In all dealings hereunder, you shall act on behalf of each of the Underwriters, and the parties hereto shall be entitled to act and rely upon any statement, request, notice or agreement on behalf of any Underwriter made or given by you jointly or by the Representatives on behalf of you as the representatives; and in all dealings with any Selling Stockholder hereunder, you and the Company shall be entitled to act and rely upon any statement, request, notice or agreement on behalf of such Selling Stockholder made or given by any or all of the Attorneys-in-Fact for such Selling Stockholder.

In accordance with the requirements of the USA Patriot Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)), the Underwriters are required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies their respective clients, including the Company and the Selling Stockholders, which information may include the name and address of their respective clients, as well as other information that will allow the Underwriters to properly identify their respective clients.

All statements, requests, notices and agreements hereunder shall be in writing, and if to the Underwriters shall be delivered or sent by mail, telex or facsimile transmission to Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Eleven Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10010, Attention: Investment Banking Department Legal (facsimile: (212) 325-8029) and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, 1585 Broadway, New York, New York 10036, Attention: Equity Syndicate Desk, with a copy to the Legal Department; if to any Selling Stockholder shall be delivered or sent by mail, telex or facsimile transmission to counsel for such Selling Stockholder at its address set forth in Schedule II hereto; if to the Company shall be delivered or sent by mail, telex or facsimile transmission to the address of the Company set forth on the cover of the Registration Statement, Attention: Secretary; and if to any stockholder that has delivered a lock-up letter described in Section 8(o) hereof shall be delivered or sent by mail to his or her respective address provided in Schedule IV hereto, as the case may be, or such other address as such stockholder provides in writing to the Company; provided, however, that any notice to an Underwriter pursuant to Section 9(e) hereof shall be delivered or sent by mail, telex or facsimile transmission to such Underwriter at its address set forth in its Underwriters' Questionnaire or telex constituting such Questionnaire, which address will be supplied to the Company or the Selling Stockholders by you on request; provided, further that notices under subsection 5(e) shall be in writing, and if to the Underwriters shall be delivered or sent by mail, telex or facsimile transmission to Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Eleven Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10010, Attention: Investment Banking Department Legal (facsimile: (212) 325-8029) and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, 1585 Broadway, New York, New York 10036, Attention: Equity Syndicate Desk, with a copy to the Legal Department. Any such statements, requests, notices or agreements shall take effect upon receipt thereof.

14. This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure solely to the benefit of, the Underwriters, the Company and the Selling Stockholders and, to the extent provided in Sections 9 and 11 hereof, the officers and directors of the Company and each person who controls the Company, any Selling Stockholder or any Underwriter, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, and no other person shall acquire or have any right under or by virtue of this Agreement. No purchaser of any of the Shares from any Underwriter shall be deemed a successor or assign by reason merely of such purchase.

15. Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement. As used herein, the term “**business day**” shall mean any day when the Commission’s office in Washington, D.C. is open for business.

16. The Company and the Selling Stockholders acknowledge and agree that (i) the purchase and sale of the Shares pursuant to this Agreement is an arm’s-length commercial transaction between the Company and the Selling Stockholders, on the one hand, and the several Underwriters, on the other, (ii) in connection therewith and with the process leading to such transaction each Underwriter is acting solely as a principal and not the agent or fiduciary of the Company or any Selling Stockholder, (iii) no Underwriter has assumed an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Company or any Selling Stockholder with respect to the offering contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether such Underwriter has advised or is currently advising the Company or any Selling Stockholder on other matters) or any other obligation to the Company or any Selling Stockholder except the obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement, and (iv) the Company and each Selling Stockholder has consulted its own legal and financial advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate. The Company and each Selling Stockholder agrees that it will not claim that the Underwriters, or any of them, has rendered advisory services of any nature or respect, or owes a fiduciary or similar duty to the Company or any Selling Stockholder, in connection with such transaction or the process leading thereto.

17. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings (whether written or oral) between the Company, the Selling Stockholders and the Underwriters, or any of them, with respect to the subject matter hereof.

18. This Agreement and any claim, controversy or dispute arising under or related to this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

19. The Company, each Selling Stockholder and each of the Underwriters hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any and all right to trial by jury in any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

20. This Agreement may be executed by any one or more of the parties hereto in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

21. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Company and the Selling Stockholders are authorized to disclose to any persons the U.S. federal and state income tax treatment and tax structure of the potential transaction and all materials of any kind (including tax opinions and other tax analyses) provided to the Company and the Selling Stockholders relating to that treatment and structure, without the Underwriters imposing any limitation of any kind. However, any information relating to the tax treatment and tax structure shall remain confidential (and the foregoing sentence shall not apply) to the extent necessary to enable any person to comply with securities laws. For this purpose, “tax structure” is limited to any facts that may be relevant to that treatment.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding, please sign and return to us one for the Company and each of the Representatives plus one for each counsel and the Custodian counterparts hereof, and upon the acceptance hereof by you, on behalf of each of the Underwriters, this letter and such acceptance hereof shall constitute a binding agreement among each of the

Underwriters, the Company and each of the Selling Stockholders. It is understood that your acceptance of this letter on behalf of each of the Underwriters is pursuant to the authority set forth in a form of Agreement among Underwriters, the form of which shall be submitted to the Company and the Selling Stockholders for examination, upon request, but without warranty on your part as to the authority of the signers thereof.

[Signature Page Follows]

Any person executing and delivering this Agreement as Attorney-in-Fact for a Selling Stockholder represents by so doing that he has been duly appointed as Attorney-in-Fact by such Selling Stockholder pursuant to a validly existing and binding Power-of-Attorney that authorizes such Attorney-in-Fact to take such action.

Very truly yours,

HOSTESS BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ Thomas Peterson

Name: Thomas Peterson

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief
Financial Officer

[Signature Page to Underwriting Agreement]

CDM HOSTESS CLASS C, LLC

By: /s/ C. Dean Metropoulos

Name: C. Dean Metropoulos

Title: Managing Member

[Signature Page to Underwriting Agreement]

OTHER SELLING STOCKHOLDERS

By: /s/ Andrew Jhavar

Name: AP Hostess Holdings GP, LLC

Title: Vice President

As Attorney-in-Fact acting on behalf of each of the Selling
Stockholders named in Schedule II-B this Agreement.

[Signature Page to Underwriting Agreement]

Accepted as of the date hereof in New York, New York:

CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC

By: /s/ Ajit Dogra

Name: Ajit Dogra
Title: Director

MORGAN STANLEY & CO. LLC

By: /s/ James Watts

Name: James Watts
Title: Vice President

On behalf of each of the Underwriters

[Signature Page to Underwriting Agreement]

SCHEDULE I

Underwriter	Total Number of Firm Shares to be Purchased	Number of Optional Shares to be Purchased if Maximum Option Exercised
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC	7,212,795	1,081,918
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC	7,212,795	1,081,918
Barclays Capital Inc.	1,418,911	212,838
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.	1,418,910	212,837
RBC Capital Markets, LLC	1,418,910	212,837
UBS Securities LLC	1,418,910	212,837
Total	<u>20,101,231</u>	<u>3,015,185</u>

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SCHEDULE II

	Total Number of Firm Shares to be Sold	Number of Optional Shares to be Sold if Maximum Option Exercised
A. Metropolous Selling Stockholder:		
CDM Hostess Class C, LLC	521,739	78,261
B. Other Selling Stockholders:		
AP Hostess Holdings, L.P.	18,709,927	2,806,489
Gores Sponsor LLC	869,565	130,435

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SCHEDULE III

(a) Additional documents incorporated by reference:

None.

(b) Information other than the Pricing Prospectus that comprise the Pricing Disclosure Package:

The offering price per share for the Shares is \$15.25000.

The number of Firm Shares purchased by the Underwriters is 20,101,231.

The Selling Stockholders have granted the Underwriters the right to purchase up to 3,015,185 Optional Shares.

The aggregate amount of underwriting discounts and commission per share for the Shares is \$0.53375.

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SCHEDULE IV

Lock-Up Agreements

Name of Stockholder

Directors

Dean Metropoulos
Andrew Jhawar
Mark Stone
Laurence Bodner
Neil P. DeFeo
Jerry D. Kaminski
Craig D. Steeneck

Executive Officers

William Toler
Thomas Peterson
Michael Cramer
Andrew Jacobs
Stuart Wilcox
Burke Raine
Jolyn Sebree

Selling Stockholders

CDM Hostess Class C, LLC
AP Hostess Holdings, L.P.
Gores Sponsor LLC

[FORM OF LOCK-UP AGREEMENT]

Hostess Brands, Inc.

Lock-Up Agreement

[], 2017

Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC
Eleven Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10010

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC
1585 Broadway
New York, New York 10036

Re: Hostess Brands, Inc. -Lock-Up Agreement

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned understands that you, as representatives (the “**Representatives**”), propose to enter into an Underwriting Agreement (the “**Underwriting Agreement**”) on behalf of the several Underwriters named in Schedule I to such agreement (collectively, the “**Underwriters**”), with Hostess Brands, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “**Company**”), and the Selling Stockholders named in Schedule II to such agreement, providing for a public offering of the Class A common stock, \$0.0001 par value (the “**Stock**”), of the Company (the “**Shares**”) pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the “**Registration Statement**”) filed previously with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**SEC**”). If this Lock-Up Agreement is executed by or on behalf of more than one individual or entity, references herein to the “undersigned” shall be deemed to be references to each such individual or entity, and the agreements, acknowledgments and restrictions set forth herein shall apply to each such individual or entity severally.

In consideration of the agreement by the Underwriters to offer and sell the Shares, and of other good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned agrees that, during the period specified in the following paragraph (the “**Stockholder Lock-Up Period**”), the undersigned will not offer, sell, contract to sell, pledge, grant any option to purchase, make any short sale or otherwise dispose of any shares of Stock of the Company, or any options or warrants to purchase any shares of Stock of the Company, or any securities convertible into, exchangeable for or that represent the right to receive shares of Stock of the Company, whether now owned or hereinafter acquired, owned directly by the undersigned (including holding as a custodian) or with respect to which the undersigned has beneficial ownership within the rules and regulations of the SEC (collectively the “**Undersigned’s Shares**”). The foregoing restriction is expressly agreed to preclude the undersigned from engaging in any hedging or other transaction which is designed to or which reasonably could be expected to lead to or result in a sale or disposition of the Undersigned’s Shares even if such Shares would be disposed of by someone other than the undersigned. Such

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prohibited hedging or other transactions would include without limitation any short sale or any purchase, sale or grant of any right (including without limitation any put or call option) with respect to any of the Undersigned's Shares or with respect to any security that includes, relates to, or derives any significant part of its value from such Shares.

The Stockholder Lock-Up Period will commence on the date of the Underwriting Agreement (the "**Commencement Date**") and continue until the close of business in New York City on May 31, 2017.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the undersigned may transfer the Undersigned's Shares (i) as a *bona fide* gift or gifts, provided that the donee or donees thereof agree to be bound in writing by the restrictions set forth herein, (ii) to any trust for the direct or indirect benefit of the undersigned or the immediate family of the undersigned, provided that the trustee of the trust agrees to be bound in writing by the restrictions set forth herein, and provided further that any such transfer shall not involve a disposition for value, or (iii) with the prior written consent of the Representatives on behalf of the Underwriters. For purposes of this Lock-Up Agreement, "immediate family" shall mean any relationship by blood, marriage or adoption, not more remote than first cousin. In addition, notwithstanding the foregoing, (a) if the undersigned is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or trust, the corporation, limited liability company, partnership or trust may transfer the capital stock of the Company (or any securities convertible into, exchangeable for or that represent the right to receive capital stock of the Company) to any affiliate, owned subsidiary of such corporation, limited liability company or partnership or to the stockholders, partners, members or beneficiaries of the undersigned or to any investment fund or other entity controlled or managed by the undersigned, provided, however, that in any such case, it shall be a condition to the transfer that the transferee execute an agreement stating that the transferee is receiving and holding such capital stock (or any securities convertible into, exchangeable for or that represent the right to receive such capital stock) subject to the provisions of this Lock-Up Agreement and there shall be no further transfer of such capital stock (or any securities convertible into, exchangeable for or that represent the right to receive such capital stock) except in accordance with this Lock-Up Agreement (and, for the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of this Lock-Up Agreement, including the exception to transfer restrictions set forth in this clause (a), shall apply to any such transferee as if the transferee were the original signatory hereto), provided further that any such transfer shall not involve a disposition for value, and provided further that no public announcement or filing under the Exchange Act shall be required of or voluntarily made by or on behalf of the undersigned or the Company in connection with any such transfer, (b) the foregoing restrictions shall not apply to the establishment of a trading plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "**Exchange Act**") for the transfer of Stock, provided, however, that such plan does not provide for the transfer of Stock during the Stockholder Lock-Up Period and no public announcement or filing under the Exchange Act regarding the establishment of such plan shall be required of or voluntarily made by or on behalf of the undersigned or the Company, and (c) the foregoing restrictions shall not apply to any sales or other transfers of the Undersigned's Shares in the public offering of the Shares in accordance with the terms of the Underwriting Agreement (the "**Public Offering**"). The undersigned now has, and, except as contemplated by clause (i), (ii) or (iii) above or by clause (a), (b) or (c) above, for the duration of this Lock-Up Agreement will have, good and marketable title to the Undersigned's Shares, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, and claims that could impact the ability of the undersigned to comply with the foregoing restrictions. The undersigned also agrees and consents to the entry of stop transfer instructions with the Company's transfer agent and registrar against the transfer of the Undersigned's Shares except in compliance with the foregoing restrictions.

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Notwithstanding the foregoing, the restrictions herein shall not apply to transactions relating to shares of the capital stock of the Company or any securities convertible into, exchangeable for or that represent the right to receive shares of capital stock of the Company acquired in open market transactions after the completion of the Public Offering pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, provided, however, that no public announcement or filing under the Exchange Act shall be required of or voluntarily made by or on behalf of the undersigned or the Company in connection with any such transaction.

The undersigned understands that the Company and the Underwriters are relying upon this Lock-Up Agreement in proceeding toward consummation of the Public Offering. The undersigned further understands that this Lock-Up Agreement is irrevocable and shall be binding upon the undersigned's heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, this Lock-Up Agreement will automatically terminate and the undersigned will be released from all of its obligations hereunder if (i) prior to the execution of the Underwriting Agreement, either the Representatives, on behalf of the Underwriters, on the one hand, or the Company, on the other hand, advises the other in writing, that they have determined not to proceed with the Public Offering, (ii) the Company files an application to withdraw the Registration Statement, (iii) the Company deregisters all of the Shares, (iv) the Underwriting Agreement is executed but is subsequently terminated (other than provisions thereof which survive termination) prior to payment for and delivery of the Shares, or (v) the Public Offering has not been consummated on or before the date that is 30 days after the Commencement Date.

Very truly yours,

[Include if executing on own behalf:]

Exact Name of Shareholder

Authorized Signature

Title

[Include if attorney-in-fact executing:]

[Name of Selling Stockholder Attorney-in-Fact]

By: _____
Name:
Title:
As Attorney-in-Fact acting on behalf of each of the Selling
Stockholders named in Schedule A hereto.

Morgan Lewis

April 18, 2017

Hostess Brands, Inc.
1 East Armour Boulevard
Kansas City, Missouri 64111

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Hostess Brands, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), in connection with the preparation and filing by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) of a registration statement on Form S-3, dated as of November 14, 2016, as amended (File Number 333-214603) (the “Registration Statement”), under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Act”). This opinion relates to the sale pursuant to the Registration Statement by certain stockholders (the “Selling Stockholders”) named therein and listed on Schedule II to the Underwriting Agreement (as defined below) of 23,116,416 shares of Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the “Shares”), including 600,000 shares issued in exchange for shares of the Company’s Class B common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (“Class B Common Stock”) and Class B Units of Hostess Holdings, L.P., a Delaware limited Partnership (“Class B Units”), pursuant to the terms of the Exchange Agreement, dated as of November 4, 2016, between the Company and the holders of Class B Common Stock and Class B Units named therein (the “Exchange Agreement”), pursuant to the terms of an underwriting agreement (the “Underwriting Agreement”) by and among the Company, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters named in Schedule I to the Underwriting Agreement (the “Underwriters”) and the Selling Stockholders. This opinion is being furnished in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Act.

We have examined the Registration Statement as it became effective under the Act; the prospectus dated November 28, 2016 (the “Base Prospectus”), as supplemented by the prospectus supplement dated April 12, 2017 (the “Prospectus Supplement” and, together with the Base Prospectus, the “Prospectus”), filed by the Company pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the rules and regulations of the Commission under the Act; the Underwriting Agreement and the Exchange Agreement. We have also examined originals or certified copies of such corporate records of the Company and other certificates and documents of officials of the Company, public officials, and others as we have deemed appropriate for purposes of this letter. We have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of all natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, and the conformity to authentic original documents of all copies submitted to us as conformed, certified, or reproduced copies. In addition, in providing the opinions herein, we have relied, with respect to matters related to the Company’s existence, upon the certificates referenced above.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the assumptions, exceptions, qualifications, and limitations stated herein, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized and are validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

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The opinions and other matters in this letter are qualified in their entirety and subject to the following:

A. We express no opinion as to the laws of any jurisdiction other than the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

B. The matters expressed in this letter are subject to and qualified and limited by (i) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer and conveyance, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws affecting creditors' rights and remedies generally; and (ii) general principles of equity, including without limitation, concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing and the possible unavailability of specific performance or injunctive relief (regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

C. This opinion letter is limited to the matters expressly stated herein and no opinion is to be inferred or implied beyond the opinions expressly set forth herein. We undertake no, and hereby disclaim any, obligation to make any inquiry after the effective date of the Registration Statement or to advise you of any changes in any matter set forth herein, whether based on a change in the law, a change in any fact relating to the Company or any other person or any other circumstance.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the use of our name in the Prospectus forming a part of the Registration Statement under the caption "Legal Matters". In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder

Very truly yours,

/s/ Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP