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# 2023 **Proxy Statement and Notice of Annual Meeting**





DATA PROTECTION FOR THE MODERN WORLD







Commvault Systems, Inc. 1 Commvault Way Tinton Falls, NJ 07724 (732) 870-4000

#### July [], 2023

#### Dear fellow stockholder:

At Commvault, we pride ourselves on responsible growth. In fiscal year 2023, we delivered just that, with total revenue of \$785 million (+2% year over year) and \$668 million total annualized recurring revenue ("ARR") (+15% year over year), while delivering strong non-GAAP EBIT margins and returning \$151 million back to stockholders in share repurchases. Yet, our responsible approach goes beyond the numbers.

For starters, it is how we transparently share our results and business outlook with you. As we evolved from a perpetual software model to a subscription and SaaS business over the past few years, we adjusted our reporting and guidance to focus on additional key performance indicators, such as ARR and free cash flow. This provides you with more transparency and clarity for measuring our business momentum.

Our responsibility extends to our commitments in diversity, equity and inclusion, along with progressing our environmental, social and governance initiatives. Over the past few years, we've made tremendous strides in diverse hiring and advancing underrepresented groups. Today, we have a diverse Board and leadership team to help ensure we deliver for our global customers and partners and live our values every day.

While the macro economic environment may remain unsettled in the near term, we believe that our responsible growth strategy enables us to focus on investing in and delivering a data protection platform that elegantly solves our customers' pain points. To that end, we plan to continue returning value to our stockholders by using our free cash flow to repurchase Commvault stock.

I want to thank our CEO Sanjay Mirchandani and his entire leadership team for setting our differentiated company strategy and embodying our commitment to continuing to deliver responsible growth.

Thank you for your ongoing investment and support of Commvault.



Nicholas Adamo Chairman of the Board



# Notice of 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Time and Date: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 9:00 a.m., Eastern Time

### Location: Virtual only ir.commvault.com/annual-meet

## It is my pleasure to notify our stockholders of our 2023 Annual Meeting. We look forward to your participation. The purposes of the meeting are:

- 1. To elect nine directors for one-year terms;
- To vote to amend Commvault's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to include officer exculpation;
- To approve, on an advisory basis, Commvault's executive compensation;
- To vote, on an advisory basis, on the frequency of future advisory votes on Commvault's executive compensation;
- To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as Commvault's independent public accountants for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024;
- 6. To approve additional shares to be available for grant under Commvault's 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "2016 Incentive Plan"); and
- To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting, or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Only stockholders of record as of the Record Date are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof. We will mail a Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials to stockholders of record on or before July [], 2023, so you can access our proxy materials online or request paper copies of these materials.

For information about how to access the virtual meeting, and what to do if you have technical difficulties, please see "Additional Information about the Annual Meeting."

If you vote in advance using our telephone or Internet voting procedures or by sending in your proxy card, you may still attend and vote at the Annual Meeting.

A list of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available for examination by stockholders during the ten days preceding the meeting. Information regarding how to examine the stockholder list is available at the meeting website at http://ir.commvault.com/annual-meeting.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Meeting to be held on August 29, 2023: This proxy statement and our annual report to stockholders are available at <a href="http://www.edocumentview.com/CVLT">www.edocumentview.com/CVLT</a>.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Danielle Sheer Chief Legal and Compliance Officer July [], 2023



## How to Vote:



Online during the Meeting:

Record Date:

June 30, 2023

Attend the Annual Meeting virtually at <u>http://ir.commvault.com/annual-meeting</u> and follow the instructions on the website





Visit <u>www.investorvote.com/CVLT</u> and finish voting before 3:00 a.m. EST on August 29, 2023.

Mail:



Sign, date and return your proxy card in the enclosed envelope



**Telephone:** 

Call the telephone number on your proxy card

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This proxy summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this proxy statement. It does not contain all the information that you should consider. Please read the entire proxy statement carefully before voting. This proxy statement is first being made available to stockholders on or about July [], 2023.

Time and Date:	Location:	Record Date:
Tuesday, August 29, 2023	Virtual only	June 30, 2023
9:00 a.m., Eastern Time	http://ir.commvault.com/annual-meeting	

### **MEETING AGENDA**

Proposal		ard's voting mmendation	For more information
Election of directors		FOR each nominee	Page 10
Approval to amend Commvault's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to include officer exculpation	$\checkmark$	FOR	Page 28
Advisory vote on Commvault's executive compensation	$\checkmark$	FOR	Page 30
Advisory vote on the frequency of future advisory votes on Commvault's executive compensation	$\checkmark$	One Year	Page 53
Ratification of independent auditors	$\checkmark$	FOR	Page 55
Approval of additional shares under Commvault's 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan	$\checkmark$	FOR	Page 57

## What's New!

- · We codified and adopted our anti-pledging policy.
- We expanded our directors' education program to include membership to the National Association of Corporate Directors.
- Shane Sanders joined our Board of Directors and Audit Committee bringing experience in business transformation, enterprise risk management and financial expertise.
- We adopted a Supplier Code of Conduct.
- We refreshed and adopted a robust Ethics & Integrity Reporting Policy and Human Rights Policy.
- We expanded our sanctions compliance program.

### PROXY SUMMARY | ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

## **Election of Directors**

The following table shows information about our director nominees. All of our directors and nominees are independent except Mr. Mirchandani, Commvault's President and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO").

					Com	mittees	
	Age	Director Since	Occupation and Background	Audit	Nominations and Governance	Operating	Talent Management and Compensation
NOMINEES							
Nicholas Adamo, Chair of the Board	59	2018	Founder and President of Making a Mark, Inc.				
Martha H. Bejar	61	2018	Senior Partner, Dagrosa Capital LLC and Chief Executive Officer of Red Bison Advisory Group, LLC		n		
Keith Geeslin	70	1996	Partner, Francisco Partners				n
Vivie "YY" Lee	56	2018	Former Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer, Anaplan		n		n
Sanjay Mirchandani	59	2019	President and Chief Executive Officer, Commvault Systems				
Charles Moran	68	2018	Founder and former Chief Executive Officer and President, Skillsoft Plc.	n		n	
Allison Pickens	38	2020	General Partner of the New Normal Fund		n		
Shane Sanders	60	2022	Former Senior Vice President, Verizon Communications	n			
Arlen Shenkman	52	2020	Chief Financial Officer and President of Boomi, Inc.	n		n	
Number of Directors				3	3	2	2

n Committee Chair n

Committee Member

## **Diversity and Tenure of the Board**



#### PROXY SUMMARY | 2023 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

## **Fiscal 2023 Financial Highlights**

Despite the material foreign exchange and macro economic headwinds we faced, fiscal 2023 was another successful year for Commvault.



 Please see "Reconciliation of GAAP to Non-GAAP Financial Measures" in Annex A for additional information about our non-GAAP financial measures. Our GAAP income/(loss) from operations (EBIT) was (\$15,885) and \$41,566 in fiscal years 2023 and 2022, respectively. Our GAAP diluted earnings/(loss) per share (EPS) was (\$0.80) and \$0.71 in fiscal years 2023 and 2022, respectively.
 Annualized recurring revenue ("ARR") is the annualized recurring value of all active revenue contracts at the end of a reporting period. It includes the following contract types: term-based

2. Annualized recurring revenue ("ARR") is the annualized recurring value of all active revenue contracts at the end of a reporting period. It includes the following contract types: term-based subscription agreements, SaaS contracts, customer support contracts related to perpetual licenses, enhanced customer support contracts (enterprise support), and managed services. It excludes any element of the arrangement that is not expected to recur, primarily perpetual licenses and most professional service offerings. Contracts are annualized by dividing the total contract value by the number of days in the contract term, then multiplying by 365.

ARR should be viewed independently of GAAP revenue, deferred revenue and unbilled revenue and is not intended to be combined with or to replace those items. ARR is not a forecast of future revenue. Management believes that reviewing this metric, in addition to GAAP results, helps investors and financial analysts understand the value of Commvault's recurring revenue streams.

#### PROXY SUMMARY GOVERNANCE HIGHLIGHTS

## **Governance Highlights**

Commvault is committed to excellence in corporate governance. We have recently strengthened several of our policies and practices to demonstrate this commitment, including those summarized below.

Cybersecurity. Over the last year we modernized our cybersecurity program by aligning our policies to the NIST cybersecurity framework, growing the inhouse security team, and procuring new best-in-class security technology.

Pledging policy. We codified our policy that prohibits our employees, officers, and directors from pledging securities as collateral to secure personal loans.

**Clawback Policy**. We expect to update our existing clawback policy or adopt a new policy in order to comply with Nasdaq Stock Market ("Nasdaq") listing standards to be issued in connection with new rules promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") under the Dodd-Frank Act.

Leadership diversity. Mr. Shane Sanders, former SVP of Business Transformation for Verizon Communications, joined our Board of Directors, bringing with him over two decades of financial and enterprise-transformation expertise and operational excellence. He also joined our Audit Committee.

Leadership education. We expanded our directors' education program to include membership to the National Association of Corporate Directors ("NACD"). NACD provides industry-leading education, community and insights for our directors.

Ethics & Integrity Reporting Policy. Previously called our Whistleblower Policy, we relaunched our Ethics and Integrity Reporting Policy to encourage open and honest conversations with our employees, business partners, and shareholders, and provide a mechanism to anonymously report unethical conduct.

Human Rights Policy. We codified our Human Rights Policy, to include our support of diversity, equity and inclusion; personal privacy; safety, health, and wellness; fair work hours and wages; freedom of association; and opposition to forced labor, child labor, and human trafficking. We expect our employees, contractors, representatives, and suppliers to uphold the principles of this Policy.

Trading Plans. With our securities broker E\*TRADE, we implemented trading plans that comply with the SEC's amended 10b5-1 rules, including, for our directors and officers, a mandatory 90-day cooling-off period upon adoption, modification or termination, one single-trade plan in any 12-month period, and one trading plan at any given time.

**Compliance Program.** Our compliance team introduced a new sanction screening platform to modernize our internal controls and create a robust, selfsustaining program. We launched our global Trust Center which provides transparency to our customers and partners with detailed insight into our data privacy and security and access to our audit reports.

We believe these changes and practices represent strong corporate governance measures that are in the best interests of our company and its stockholders.

#### PROXY SUMMARY EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION HIGHLIGHTS

## **Executive Compensation Highlights**

Commvault's executive compensation program is designed to support our long-term strategic vision and to align with our pay-for-performance philosophy. As shown below, a significant amount of our executives' direct compensation is long-term and varies based on company performance.

## **CEO Compensation Pay Mix**

	Cash Bonu		ormance		
6%	4%		90%		
Base Salary			Equity Performance Awards		
	(1)	` '	50% Time-based RSUs	25% Financial PSUs	25% Relative TSR PSUs
			<b>94%</b> At Ri	sk Pay	

60% Revenue.
 40% Non-GAAP EBIT.

## NEO Compensation Pay Mix(1)

		ormance	77% Equity Performance Awards		
	60%	40%	50%	25%	25%
		Non- GAAP EBIT	Time-based RSUs	Financial PSUs	Relative TSR PSUs
	86% At Risk Pay				

1. NEO compensation pay mix represents Messrs. Gary Merrill and Riccardo Di Blasio.

## PROXY SUMMARY | CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY DEVELOPMENTS

## **Corporate Social Responsibility Developments**

### Climate

At Commvault, we consider the natural environment a key stakeholder of our business. We strive to be a responsible steward and limit our environmental impact as part of our commitment to creating a sustainable world.

This past year, Commvault's Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") team continued to seek innovative ways to bring awareness to the carbon footprint of data and the role our products and services play in mitigating emissions. We have focused primarily on our newly introduced carbon calculator, which allows customers to estimate the emissions reduction of using Commvault's products and services.

#### People

We are stronger when different perspectives are represented and valued. Diversity, equity, and inclusion ("DEI") are core tenets of our business, and we're proud of the progress we continue to make to advance our commitment to fostering an inclusive work environment. In fiscal year 2023, we hosted courageous conversations featuring illuminating keynote speakers and extended our DEI volunteer efforts.

Inclusive Leadership: Leadership training focused on understanding why inclusivity matters, conscious awareness of biases and how to manage them, and implementation of the six traits of inclusive leadership in the workplace. Inclusive leadership is now embedded into our Foundational Leadership Development program.

THE SIX TRAITS OF INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP

- Cognizance of Bias
- Courage
- Commitment
- Curiosity
- Cultural Intelligence
- Collaboration

Corporate Social Responsibility ("CSR")

Fourth annual CSR report published June 2023.

## Governance

Commvault adopted a Supplier Code of Conduct that mirrors our Code of Ethics for all suppliers.

## Global Philanthropy

Commvault matched employees' donations to the International Rescue Committee fund for the earthquake in Syria and Turkey.

# Proposal No. 1: Election of Directors

What am I voting on? The Board has nominated nine people to serve as directors until the 2024 Annual Meeting. Vote Recommendation FOR all nine nominees.

# As of the 2023 Annual Meeting, all directors will be elected annually, and the Board will no longer be divided into classes.

If you sign, date and return your proxy card, the individuals named as proxy voters on the proxy card for our 2023 Annual Meeting, or their substitutes, will vote your proxy for all the nominees, unless you provide contrary instructions. Commvault has no reason to believe that any nominee will be unavailable to serve as a director. However, if any nominee for director withdraws or for any reason is not able to serve as a director, we will vote your proxy for any replacement nominee designated by the Board.

## **Director Independence**

Our Corporate Governance Guidelines provide that the Board must have a majority of members who meet the independence standards set forth in the listing rules of the Nasdaq. The Board annually assesses the independence of each director and has determined that all the current directors except our CEO, Mr. Mirchandani, are independent under these standards. In making this determination, the Nominations and Governance Committee, acting on behalf of our Board, considered all relevant facts and circumstances to ascertain whether there was any relationship between a director and Commvault that, in the opinion of the committee, would interfere with the director's exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director. The Board has determined that all members, other than Mr. Mirchandani, are independent.

PROPOSAL NO. 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS | BOARD DIVERSITY

## **Board Diversity**

The Board of Directors has adopted a policy on Board diversity that is implemented by the Nominations and Governance Committee. This policy requires the Nominations and Governance Committee to consider gender, race, and ethnicity when recommending director nominees, as well as diversity in professional experience, skills, business knowledge, training and understanding of Commvault's business environment when recommending nominees to the Board. Our objective is to achieve a board composed of members whose individual backgrounds collectively provide a portfolio of experience and knowledge that will serve Commvault's governance and strategic needs.

The diverse personal characteristics of our directors are shown in the graphics below.

## Diversity Matrix (As of July [], 2023)

Total Number of Directors	11			
	Female	Male	Non-Binary	Did not disclose Gender
Directors	3	7	—	1
NUMBER OF DIRECTORS WHO IDENTIFY IN ANY OF THE CATEGORIES	BELOW:			
African American or Black	—	1	—	—
Asian	1	1	_	_
Hispanic or Latinx	1	_	_	_
White	2	5	_	_
Two or More Races or Ethnicities	1	_	_	_
LGBTQ+			1	

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Mr. David Walker and Mr. Todd Bradley will not stand for re-election at the Company's 2023 Annual Meeting.

Mr. Walker has served as a director and chairman of the Audit Committee since 2006. His in-depth understanding of, and expertise in governance, accounting, and finance has well-served the Company for almost two decades.

Mr. Bradley has served as a director since 2020, serving on both the Talent Management and Compensation Committee ("TMCC") and Operating Committee. The Company has benefited from Mr. Bradley's decades of experience in the technology industry.

We thank Messrs. Walker and Bradley for their dedication and service.

## **Nominees for Election**



Independent Age: 59 Director since 2018 Chair of the Board since 2019 Committees: None

# Nicholas Adamo

## Professional Background

Mr. Adamo is a former senior executive of Cisco Systems, where he served in a variety of sales and leadership roles over a 22-year career before his retirement in 2016. In particular, Mr. Adamo was Senior Vice President of the Americas, where he managed Cisco's largest geographic region, with annual IT and communications sales of more than \$26 billion, and was responsible for 6,500 employees working across 60 countries. Mr. Adamo also served as Senior Vice President of Cisco's \$12 billion Global Service Provider organization, leading sales, service delivery, and development for the company's top service provider customers, among various other roles. Prior to his tenure at Cisco, Mr. Adamo spent more than a decade at IBM in various sales and management assignments.

#### Qualifications

Mr. Adamo is an experienced information technology executive, with a deep working knowledge of the industry. He leverages his background with both enterprise and service provider segments to provide valuable insight and perspectives to our Board and management. He also has demonstrated an extensive ability to balance strategy and operational execution, foster long-standing strategic relationships, and guide business and technology discussions and decisions for shared success.

## **Other Affiliations**

- Founder and president of Making A Mark, Inc., a New Jersey-based charitable foundation targeting the environment and education
- Lookout. Inc.
- Lookout, In



Independent Age: 61 Director since 2018 Committees: Nominations and Governance (chair)

## Martha Bejar

## **Professional Background**

Ms. Bejar has been a senior partner at Dagrosa Capital LLC since 2021. She is also the co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Red Bison Advisory Group, LLC. Ms. Bejar has served as Chief Executive Officer of several private telecommunications and technology companies, including Unium Inc., Flow Mobile Inc., and Wipro Infocrossing Inc. She has also held executive positions at Microsoft Corporation, Nortel Networks Corporation, and Bell Communications Research.

## Qualifications

Ms. Bejar has a strong track record of leadership and a proven ability to drive and support innovation in the technology and software space. She provides the Board with a wealth of executive, strategic, and governance experience in the industry and valuable insights regarding Commvault's operations and strategic development. She has a passion for CSR and sustainability and is an active participant in driving initiatives in those areas.

#### **Other Public Company Boards**

- Lumen Technologies (since 2016)
- Quadient S.A. (since 2019)
- Sportsman's Warehouse (since 2019)

### **Other Affiliations**

- Afinitix
- Rainier Scholars



Independent Age: 70 Director since 1996 Committees: TMCC



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Independent
Age: 56
Director since 2018
Committees:
Nominations and
Governance, Talent Management
and Compensation (chair)
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## Keith Geeslin

#### Professional Background

Mr. Geeslin has been a partner at Francisco Partners, a global private equity firm, since 2004. Before joining Francisco Partners, Mr. Geeslin spent 19 years with the Sprout Group, the venture capital arm of Credit Suisse's asset management business. Prior to joining the Sprout Group, Mr. Geeslin was the general manager of a division of Tymshare, Inc., a provider of public computer and network services, and held various positions at its Tymnet subsidiary, from 1980 to 1984. He was also previously a staff member of the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee.

#### Qualifications

Mr. Geeslin's private equity and venture capital experience, with a focus on technology sector companies, has given him an understanding of finance and of growth strategies, as well as experience in evaluating businesses in our company's industry. Originally representing one of our company's initial investors, Mr. Geeslin has a long history with Commvault and its management, providing continuity to Board deliberations. Mr. Geeslin's experience on other public company boards is also valuable to the Board.

### **Other Public Company Boards**

• Synaptics, Inc. (since 1986)

## Vivie "YY" Lee

## **Professional Background**

Ms. Lee served as Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer of Anaplan, a SaaS software company, from September 2018 until October 2021. Prior to joining Anaplan, Ms. Lee served as Chief Executive Officer for FirstRain, a business analytics platform company, from 2015 until 2018, and as Chief Operating Officer for ten years before that. Earlier in her career, Ms. Lee served as General Manager of Worldwide Services at Cadence Design Systems. In that position, she merged several services divisions into an industry-leading advanced technology operation. She held P&L responsibility for the business, spanning research and development, go-to-market, sales, and support across global regions including the US, UK/EU, India, China, and Japan. Before Ms. Lee's tenure at Cadence, she co-founded Aqueduct Software, an enterprise-class software development solution for automating application data collection, profiling, and analysis during iterative development, testing, and deloyment. Bootstrapping the company from the ground-up, she secured top-tier VC financing, and ultimately led the company through acquisition by NetManage in 2000. Ms. Lee began her career at Bell Labs and has also worked at Synopsys and 8x8 (formerly Integrated Information Technology, Inc.) in various product management roles.

#### Qualifications

Through her tenures at numerous start-up and mature technology companies, Ms. Lee brings significant entrepreneurial and executive-level experience in the technology and software industry to the Board. Her expertise in the IT space is broad; and provides the Board with tech-focused insight and perspective in the critical areas of operations, marketing, and strategic development.

### **Other Public Company Boards**

- Synaptics, Inc. (since 2022)
- Belden, Inc. (since 2023)



Age: **59** Director since **2019** Committees: **None** 



Independent Age: 68 Director since 2018 Committees: Audit, Operating

# Sanjay Mirchandani

### **Professional Background**

Mr. Mirchandani has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of Commvault since February 2019. Previously, he served as the Chief Executive Officer of Puppet, Inc., an Oregon-based IT automation company from 2016-2019. Before joining Puppet, he was Corporate Senior Vice President and General Manager of Asia Pacific and Japan at VMware, Inc. from 2013 to 2016. During his seven years at EMC Corporation, Mr. Mirchandani served as the company's Chief Information Officer and led its Global Centers of Excellence. Prior to that, he held various positions at Microsoft Corporation.

#### Qualifications

Mr. Mirchandani brings a wealth of international business, software and SaaS experience from a rich background in technology and IT leadership. As a former CIO, he has unique experience helping CIOs and IT leaders manage the collision occurring between IT and Security. As our Chief Executive Officer, he brings his knowledge and perspective about critical company business strategies, financial position, and operational matters into Board deliberations. His insight regarding the Company's operations and future are critical to the successful functioning of the Board.

## Charles "Chuck" Moran

### **Professional Background**

Mr. Moran is the founder of Skillsoft Plc. and served as its Chief Executive Officer and President from 1998 until his retirement in 2015. He served as Chairman of the Board for Skillsoft from 1998 to 2002, as a director from 2002 to 2006, and resumed his service as Chairman from 2006 to 2010. Upon Skillsoft's privatization in 2010, Mr. Moran served as a director until 2015, and as Chairman from 2015 to 2016. He now serves as a director and advisor to various private companies and private equity firms. Before forming Skillsoft, Mr. Moran was the President and Chief Executive Officer of NETg National Education Training Group, a computer-based information technology training company, from 1995 to 1997. Prior to NETg, Mr. Moran was the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operations Officer of Softdesk, Inc., where he helped lead the company's successful initial public offering. Earlier in his career, Mr. Moran held senior-level sales and marketing positions at Insite Peripherals, Inc. and Archive Corporation.

#### Qualifications

With more than two decades of experience working with technology companies, Mr. Moran has an in-depth understanding of the industry and expertise in critical areas including operations, finance, sales, marketing, and cloud/SaaS software. Mr. Moran's various board memberships also give him financial expertise that he deploys to great benefit as a member of our Audit Committee. The Board has determined that he is an audit committee financial expert.

#### **Other Public Company Boards**

- Manhattan Associates, Inc. (since 2017)
- Intapp Inc. (since 2019)
- Clarivate Analytics (2016-2020)
- Duck Creek Technologies (2016-2022)

PROPOSAL NO. 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS | NOMINEES FOR ELECTION



Independent Age: 38 Director since 2020 Committees: Nominations and Governance



Independent Age: 60 Director since 2022 Committees: Audit

# **Allison Pickens**

#### **Professional Background**

Ms. Pickens is the founding General Partner of The New Normal Fund, LP, a venture capital fund focused on SaaS businesses, a director at dbt Labs, Inc., a venture-backed data transformation company, and a Senior Advisor to Boston Consulting Group, where she advises on strategic transformations of technology companies. Previously, Ms. Pickens served as Chief Operating Officer, and held other executive roles, at Gainsight, a SaaS company, from 2014 to 2020. From 2018 to 2020, she also served as the Executive-in-Residence at Bessemer Venture Partners. Earlier in her career, Ms. Pickens was an associate at Bain Capital Private Equity from 2009 to 2011, where she evaluated investments in a range of industries, and a management consultant to both public and private companies at Boston Consulting Group from 2007 to 2009. She is the co-author of the book The Customer Success Economy, published by Wiley in 2020.

#### Qualifications

Ms. Pickens is a technology executive with significant experience driving growth and strategic transformation initiatives at SaaS companies. She has extensive experience coaching CEOs and executives in the software industry through her work at Gainsight and other advisory roles, through speaking engagements, and through the content she has authored, which earned her recognition as one of the Top Women Leaders in SaaS in 2018 by The Software Report. Ms. Pickens also has a unique breadth of experience that spans industries including software, investment management, and management consulting. She brings significant skill in finance, general management, mergers and acquisitions, strategy, and customer growth and retention to the Board.

## Shane Sanders

### **Professional Background**

Mr. Sanders served as Senior Vice President, Business Transformation at Verizon Communications from 2020 to 2022 where he was responsible for driving the enterprise-wide cost transformation program through zero-based budgeting and operational excellence. Mr. Sanders was with Verizon since 2000 during which time he served in various roles including Senior Vice President, Internal Audit & Chief Audit Executive until 2015 where he led enterprise governance and risk management reporting directly to the Verizon Board of Directors and Audit Committee. From 2015 to 2020, Mr. Sanders served as Senior Vice President, Corporate Finance where he also managed long-range planning and capital allocation.

#### Qualifications

Mr. Sanders brings over two decades of financial planning and forecasting, corporate governance and risk management expertise to the Board. Alongside the Chief Security Officer, Mr. Sanders led the implementation of the Verizon Enterprise Security Council which focused on cybersecurity and IT security risk management. His experience with Verizon, one of the world's largest communications and technology companies, provides a unique perspective on all aspects of our business. His proven business transformation skills make him well qualified to offer guidance to the Board and management. The Board has determined that he is an audit committee financial expert.

### **Other Public Company Boards**

Danaher (since 2021)



Independent Age: 52 Director since 2020 Committees: Operating (chair), Audit

# Arlen Shenkman

#### **Professional Background**

Mr. Shenkman is the President and Chief Financial Officer of Boomi, Inc. where he is responsible for driving business transformation and financial growth. Prior to that, he was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Citrix Systems, Inc. from 2019 until March 2022, where he was responsible for all the company's financial and capital management strategies, budgeting and planning, financial accounting, tax and treasury, investor relations, strategic alliances, and M&A. He joined Citrix from SAP, where he served in many roles, including Executive Vice President and Global Head of Business Development and Ecosystems (2017-2019); Chief Financial Officer of SAP North America, the company's largest business unit (2015-2017); and Global Head of Corporate Development (2012-2015). During his tenure, Mr. Shenkman led the finance functions across North America, including planning and forecasting, business streamlining, and overall financial management, and led SAP's corporate development and M&A activities worldwide.

#### Qualifications

Mr. Shenkman has substantial experience helping to lead large-scale business transformations for growth of SaaS and working with companies that specialize in complex-cloud environments and enterprise application software. He has significant financial experience, including in his role as Chief Financial Officer for Citrix. Due to that experience, the Board has determined that he is an audit committee financial expert. Mr. Shenkman also has significant experience managing large software companies, including in his former roles at Citrix and as CFO of SAP North America, where he was a principal architect of SAP's rapid transformation into a cloud company. Mr. Shenkman's substantial record and experience at global SaaS companies make him well qualified to serve as Chair of the Operating Committee.

#### **Other Public Company Boards**

AspenTech (since 2022)

## Majority Vote Standard and Resignation Policy in Director Elections

In uncontested elections, if a quorum is present or represented, directors are elected by an affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast. If an incumbent director fails to receive the affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast in an uncontested election, such director must promptly tender an irrevocable resignation to the Board which is contingent upon the Board's acceptance. Within 90 days after certification of the results of the stockholder vote, the Board of Directors will act on the resignation, taking into account, among other things, a recommendation from the Nominations and Governance Committee. We will publicly disclose the Board's decision whether to accept or reject the resignation, together with an explanation of the process (and the reasons for rejecting the resignation, if applicable). Any director whose resignation is being so considered may not participate in the deliberations of the Nominations and Governance Committee or the Board.

# Corporate Governance



## **Overview**

The Board has adopted comprehensive Corporate Governance Guidelines to define responsibilities, set high standards of professional and personal integrity, and ensure compliance with such responsibilities and standards. The Board of Directors annually monitors developments in the area of corporate governance and reviews the Corporate Governance Guidelines. Some of our significant corporate governance policies and practices are listed below.

Independence and Composition of Our Board of Directors

- Ten of our eleven current directors are independent under Nasdaq listing standards.
- Our Board is led by an independent chairman so our President and Chief Executive Officer can focus on his executive leadership role.
- All of our directors will be de-classified and elected for one-year terms.

## Majority Voting for Directors

- We have adopted a majority vote standard for the election of directors in an uncontested election.
- Any incumbent director who does not receive a majority of the votes cast in an uncontested election must promptly tender an irrevocable resignation, which is contingent upon the Board's acceptance.

#### **Standing Committees**

- The members of all four of the Board's standing committees are independent and, where relevant, meet the heightened independence standards prescribed by the Nasdaq listing standards and SEC rules for service on particular committees.
- All members of the Audit Committee qualify as "audit committee financial experts" pursuant to SEC guidelines.
- Each standing committee operates under a written charter that is available on our website.
- The chairs of each committee rotate every five years and the Chair of the Board rotates every ten years. In 2023, Ms. Lee was elected to serve as Chair of the TMCC.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE | OVERVIEW

#### **Corporate Governance Policies**

- Our Ethics and Integrity Reporting Policy outlines management's handling of unethical behavior and reports, our zero-tolerance policy for
  retaliation of any kind, and ways to report misconduct confidentially or anonymously. Our reporting policy and process is covered at the end of
  each compliance training program provided to employees throughout the year.
- Our Human Rights Policy includes our commitment to DEI; personal privacy; safety, health, and wellness; fair work hours and wages; freedom of
  association; and opposition of forced labor, child labor, and human trafficking. We require our employees, contractors, representatives, and
  suppliers to uphold the principles of this Policy.
- Our Supplier Code of Conduct mirrors our Code of Ethics, outlining key principles for ethical business conduct. We require all suppliers, meaning
  any third-party providing goods or services to Commvault, to comply with the principles therein and encourage the same for their supply chains.

### **Governance Documents**

- Our Code of Ethics, which applies to all directors, officers, employees, and contractors is approved by the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors annually. The Code highlights Commvault's core operating principles and values to ensure lawful and ethical business conduct.
- We have adopted a Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers that applies to our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer, and Controller.
- Our Integrity Counts program provides for confidential and anonymous submissions by our employees and other interested parties regarding accounting or auditing matters, violations of our Code of Ethics, and other unethical behavior or practices.
- All of our key governance documents are publicly available on our website at www.commvault.com, from the Investor Relations—Corporate Governance tab.

## Cybersecurity

Commvault has established a robust cybersecurity governance program for the benefit of the company, our customers, partners and stockholders. Led by our Chief Information Security Officer ("CISO"), our cybersecurity program is aligned to the NIST cybersecurity controls framework. Core to the program, Commvault's Information Security Policy covers a wide range of requirements, including but not limited to those related to: Security Governance, Risk Management, Personnel Security, Incident Response, Network and Application Security, Cryptography, Identity and Access Management, Vulnerability Management, Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity, Vendor Risk Management, and compliance with customer contracts, laws, and standards. The CISO updates the Audit Committee quarterly and the Board of Directors annually, about the maturity of the information security program, key risks and priorities, performance metrics, and third-party audit results. The Audit Committee provides oversight of the security program and advises on risk management strategies. The CISO regularly meets with management to discuss program priorities based on current business objectives and risk tolerance. Commvault maintains a dedicated security team to operate and maintain the program.

## **Board Leadership Structure**

Our policy is to adopt the leadership structure that best serves Commvault's needs at any particular time. Currently, our Board has determined that the most effective leadership structure is to have an independent Chairman so our President and CEO can focus on his executive leadership role. Mr. Adamo has served as Chair of the Board since 2019. In this capacity, Mr. Adamo is responsible for presiding at Board meetings and executive sessions, and facilitating communication between Board members and the CEO and other members of senior management. As a member of our Board, Mr. Mirchandani ensures that Board members have a high level of access and visibility regarding Commvault's business, including Mr. Mirchandani's insights and perspectives on our operations, strategy, and future performance.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE | BOARD OVERSIGHT OF RISK

## **Board Oversight of Risk**

The Board oversees Commvault's policies and procedures relating to enterprise risk. This involves understanding the risks the Company faces and the steps management is taking to manage those risks, and also considering what level of risk is appropriate for our Company. The Board's involvement in overseeing Commvault's business strategy informs its assessment of management's risk tolerance and its determination of an appropriate level of risk.

The Board of Directors considers risk management to varying degrees regularly at its meetings. The Board adjusts its practices with respect to risk oversight as necessary and involves itself in particular areas or business circumstances where the proper exercise of oversight requires it. The Board and senior management may engage outside advisors for risk assessment where warranted.

While the Board has ultimate oversight responsibility for the risk management process, the Board's standing committees also have responsibility for risk assessment and risk management with respect to matters in their purview.

The Audit Committee is required under its charter to discuss with management and the independent auditor our cybersecurity, IT and financial risks or exposures and to assess the steps management has taken to minimize such risks. The Audit Committee also oversees Commvault's internal audit function and compliance matters, and reviews with the Chief Legal and Compliance Officer ("CLO") any legal or compliance matters, including litigation, that may have a material impact on our financial statements, financial condition, or results of operations.

The Talent Management and Compensation Committee assesses compensation-related risk.

The Nominations and Governance Committee addresses management and governance risk, including through its oversight of the succession planning and nominating processes, our Corporate Governance Guidelines, and our corporate social responsibility efforts.

The Operating Committee provides oversight on various risk-related matters as determined by the Board and management.

Each of these Board committees reports to the full Board with respect to its risk oversight functions.

At the management level, our Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") and CLO oversee risk-related matters. In addition, we have established disclosure controls to monitor our compliance with securities disclosure obligations and an executive review committee to monitor and approve certain transactions or other corporate matters that deviate from our standard practices. Senior management reports to the Board or an appropriate Board committee regarding risk issues.

Under our Corporate Governance Policies, the Board has complete and open access to any member of management and any employee, as well as any outside advisor or independent advisor retained by the Board, to inquire about risk-related (or other) topics. In addition, our CFO and CLO are available at Board and committee meetings to answer questions relating to risk oversight. Further, because the CEO is a director, he brings a unique perspective on our risk profile and risk assessment to Board deliberations based on his day-to-day management responsibilities and knowledge about the Company.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE | STOCKHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

## Stockholder Engagement

We maintain a guarterly stockholder outreach program, which includes proactive CEO and CFO postearnings calls with our top stockholders, and subsequent phone calls with all interested investors. Our CEO, CFO, Head of Investor Relations, and senior management participate in broker-sponsored, nondeal roadshows and conferences each quarter. In fiscal year 2023 we hosted 162 investor meetings or phone calls including phone calls, including 95 meetings with existing investors and 67 meetings with potential investors.

Every June through August, in advance of our Annual Meeting, we reach out to our top 50 stockholders, representing 74% of our outstanding common stock. Our proxy outreach team includes the Chair of the Board and several independent directors, the Head of Investor Relations, our CLO, and our Chief People Officer ("CPO"). Topics discussed include executive compensation, talent retention, measures to increase workforce diversity, and capital allocation (such as share repurchases and M&A).

We received positive stockholder feedback on our fiscal year 2022 outreach. In particular, stockholders applauded the efforts Commvault makes relative to peers in terms of ESG disclosures, describing such disclosures as best-in-class among peers. Stockholders were also appreciative of our independent directors' commitment to stockholder engagement and our receptivity to stockholder feedback.

#### In fiscal year 2023 we hosted

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with potential investors.

#### Topics discussed include

- revenue growth and profitability
- sales and marketing spend
- executive compensation
- talent retention
- measures to increase workforce diversity
- capital allocation (such as share repurchases and M&A)

## **How We Choose Directors**

The Nominations and Governance Committee is responsible for assessing the appropriate balance of experience, skills, and characteristics required of our Board of Directors and for carrying out adequate due diligence with respect to prospective board members. Generally speaking, we believe the Board should include individuals with skills and experience in the following areas:

- HR-Workforce of the Future
- Engineering and Innovation
- Go-to-Market
- Cybersecurity

- **Financial Expertise**
- SaaS
- Global/Strategy

- M&A and Integrations
- **Executive Management**

The Nominations and Governance Committee will consider nominees that are recommended by current directors, management, or stockholders. Candidates recommended by stockholders will be evaluated in the same manner as candidates identified through other means.

Nominees for director are selected on the basis of diversity, depth and breadth of experience, integrity, ability to make independent analytical inquiries, understanding of our business environment, willingness to devote adequate time to board duties, and the interplay of the candidate's experience and skills with those of other board members. Our Corporate Governance Guidelines provide that the Nominations and Governance Committee must also consider gender, race, and ethnicity when recommending director nominees, with the objective of achieving a Board with diverse business, personal, and educational backgrounds.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE | BOARD COMMITTEES

## **Board Committees**

The Board of Directors has three standing committees and one *ad hoc* committee. Each committee operates under a written charter that is available on the "Investor Relations—Corporate Governance Overview" section of our website. The members of all of the committees are independent as defined in the Nasdaq listing standards.



Members: Messrs. Walker (Chair), Moran, Sanders and Shenkman Meetings in fiscal 2023: 5

## Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is responsible for:

- the appointment, compensation, and oversight of our independent auditor
- the integrity of our financial statements
- our independent auditor's performance qualifications, and independence
- our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and our compliance program generally
- the performance of our internal audit function and independent auditor
- related person transactions

- our cybersecurity and IT compliance programs
- whistleblower complaints (Integrity Counts) and related investigations
- our audit results
- our critical accounting policies and practices
- the adequacy of our disclosure controls and procedures
- management of significant financial risk

The Audit Committee is also responsible for ensuring Commvault's Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers remains current and for approving any non-auditing services performed by our independent auditor.

The Audit Committee relies on the knowledge and expertise of our management, the internal auditors, and the independent auditor in carrying out its oversight responsibilities.

The members of the Audit Committee meet all of the heightened independence standards for audit committee membership as set forth in the Nasdaq listing standards and SEC rules. The Board of Directors has determined that each of Messrs. Moran, Sanders, Shenkman, and Walker qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert" as that term is defined in SEC rules, and that each is able to read and understand fundamental financial statements.

Members: Ms. Lee

(Chair) and Messrs. Bradley and Geeslin

Meetings in fiscal 2023: met 10 times or acted by unanimous written consent 2 times

# Talent Management and Compensation Committee

The TMCC is responsible for overseeing Commvault's compensation and benefit plans, including all compensation arrangements for executive officers and directors. In particular, the TMCC sets the compensation of our CEO and reviews and approves our CEO's recommendations regarding the compensation of our other executive officers. Additionally, the TMCC oversees:

- Commvault's diversity and inclusion programs and policies
- workplace health and safety matters

- executive employment agreements
- talent management
- management of risk arising from compensation practices and policies

The TMCC also is responsible for approving Commvault's Code of Ethics.

All members of the TMCC meet the heightened independence standards for compensation committee members set forth in the Nasdaq listing standards.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE | BOARD COMMITTEES



Members: Mses. Bejar (Chair), Lee and Pickens Meetings in fiscal 2023: 5



Members: Messrs. Shenkman (Chair), Bradley and Moran Meetings in fiscal 2023: 4

# Nominations and Governance Committee

The Nominations and Governance Committee is responsible for identifying and recommending to our Board of Directors appropriate director nominee candidates and providing oversight with respect to corporate governance matters, including reviewing our corporate governance program and approving Corporate Governance Guidelines and other governance policies. The Nominations and Governance Committee also oversees:

- Commvault's sustainability, stewardship, and corporate social responsibility
- succession planning
- annual review of all Board committee charters
- annual performance evaluations of the CEO, Board and its committees
- recommendations for directors to serve on Board committees

## **Operating Committee**

The general purpose of the Operating Committee is to provide oversight of various matters as determined by the Board and management. The Operating Committee reviews Commvault's annual budget and works with management to establish margin targets and a balanced capital allocation policy. The Operating Committee also oversees earnings announcements and guidance. The focus of the Operating Committee is on achieving profitable growth, return on investment, and stockholder value.

## **Meetings of the Board**

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, our Board of Directors held six meetings, made up of both virtual and in person meetings. All of our directors attended more than 90% of the meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings of the committees of the Board on which they served during the time they served.

The Board of Directors meets in executive session, without management, at every Board meeting. During fiscal year 2023, Mr. Adamo, as the independent Chair of the Board, led these executive sessions and acted as primary spokesperson in communicating matters arising out of these sessions to management.

Because we do not regularly schedule a Board of Directors meeting to coincide with our Annual Meeting, director attendance at our Annual Meeting is encouraged but not required. Ninety percent of our directors attended our 2022 Annual Meeting virtually.

## How to Contact Our Board

Stockholders can contact our Board of Directors to provide comments, to report concerns, or to ask a question, at the following address:

#### Corporate Secretary Commvault Systems, Inc. 1 Commvault Way Tinton Falls, New Jersey 07724

Email: CorporateSecretary@commvault.com

Communications are distributed to our Board of Directors, or to individual directors as appropriate, depending on the nature of the communication. You may also communicate online with our Board of Directors as a group through the Investor Relations section of our website at *www.commvault.com*. All relevant communications directed to the full Board will be forwarded to the Chair of the Audit Committee or the Chair of the Nominations and Governance Committee, who will determine when it is appropriate to distribute such communications to other members of the Board or to management.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE | GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS

## **Governance Documents**

Our Code of Ethics applies to all of our directors and employees, including executives and contractors. The Code establishes our legal and ethical standards of behavior, and supports our commitments to human rights, respectful treatment, and equal opportunity, among other core values. Employees and interested third parties can report concerns or suspected violations of the Code, other company policies, or violations of the law to Commvault's CLO or CPO directly or through Integrity Counts, an anonymous hotline at commvault@integritycounts.ca or by navigating to the website https://integritycounts.ca/org/commvault. The Code and the following additional governance documents are available in the Investor Relations section of our website under "Corporate Governance—Overview":

- Corporate Governance Guidelines
- Amended and Restated Bylaws
- Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers
- Supplier Code of Conduct
- · Ethics and Integrity Reporting Policy
- Privacy Policy

- Human Rights Policy
- Sanctions Guidelines
- Insider Trading Policy
- Charters for all the Board's committees and management's Disclosure Committee

If we were to amend or waive any provision of the Code of Ethics or Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers applicable to our directors and executive officers (including senior financial officers), we intend to satisfy our disclosure obligations, if any, with respect to any such waiver or amendment by posting such information on our website at the address and location specified above.

## **Transactions With Related Persons**

The Board of Directors recognizes that transactions between the Company and certain related persons present a heightened risk of conflicts of interest. It is our policy to have the Audit Committee review and approve, ratify, or disapprove of proposed transactions or courses of dealings with respect to which executive officers or directors or members of their immediate families have an interest. The Audit Committee reviews any such transaction based upon the applicable SEC rules and our ethics and governance guidelines. There were no related person transactions during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE | DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

## **Director Compensation**

## **Annual Cash and Equity Retainers**

Our TMCC determines the amount and form of any fees and expense reimbursements that non-employee directors receive for or in connection with their service on Commvault's Board of Directors. In June 2022, the TMCC engaged an external third-party compensation consultant, Compensia, to provide an assessment of our non-employee director compensation practices, including a peer analysis of practices related to cash compensation, equity compensation, and equity vesting. Based on the results of this analysis, the TMCC finalized on the following changes to director compensation intended to better align our compensation with the median of our peer group:

- Director equity compensation was increased to \$215,000 from \$200,000.
- Non-Executive chairman's annual cash retainer was reduced to \$110,000 from \$125,000.

For more information about our peer group, see "Compensation Discussion and Analysis—How Compensation Decisions are Made—Role of the Peer Group."

Compensation earned by our non-employee directors for their service as members of the Board of Directors or any committee of the Board was as follows:

Who receives	Amount	Form
Every non-employee director	\$ 42,000	Cash annual retainer
Independent Board Chair	\$ 110,000	Additional cash annual retainer
Audit Committee Chair	\$ 30,000	Additional cash annual retainer
TMCC Committee Chair	\$ 20,000	Additional cash annual retainer
Chairs of the Nominations and Governance Committee and the Operating Committee	\$ 12,000	Additional cash annual retainer
Audit Committee members	\$ 15,000	Additional cash annual retainer
TMCC Committee members	\$ 10,000	Additional cash annual retainer
Members of the Nominations and Governance Committee and the Operating Committee	\$ 5,000	Additional cash annual retainer

In addition, every non-employee director received an equity retainer at a target value of \$215,000 granted on August 24, 2022 in the form of 3,695 restricted stock units ("RSUs") awarded that will vest on the earlier of one year or the next annual meeting, if the director is still serving on our Board at the time.

RSUs granted to the non-employee directors are issued under our 2016 Incentive Plan. See "Long-Term Equity Incentive Awards" in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section below for more information about this plan. We also reimburse our non-employee directors for their reasonable expenses incurred in attending meetings of our Board or Board committees.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE | DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

The following table shows the specific compensation received for services rendered to us by our non-employee directors in fiscal 2023. Mr. Mirchandani does not receive any additional compensation for his service on the Board.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash	Stock Awards(1)	Total
Nicholas Adamo(2)	\$155,750	\$214,938	\$370,688
Martha H. Bejar(3)	\$54,000	\$214,938	\$268,938
R. Todd Bradley(4)	\$57,000	\$214,938	\$271,938
Keith Geeslin(5)	\$62,000	\$214,938	\$276,938
Vivie "YY" Lee(6)	\$57,000	\$214,938	\$271,938
Charles E. Moran(7)	\$62,000	\$214,938	\$276,938
Allison Pickens(8)	\$47,000	\$214,938	\$261,938
Shane Sanders(9)	\$18,321	\$143,282	\$161,603
Arlen Shenkman(10)	\$69,000	\$214,938	\$283,938
David F. Walker(11)	\$72,000	\$214,938	\$286,938

1. The amounts in this column represent the grant date fair value of restricted stock unit awards granted during the fiscal year indicated as computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. The amounts reported disregard estimated forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions. See the notes to our consolidated financial statements contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, for a discussion of all assumptions made by us in determining the grant date fair value of such awards.

2. Mr. Adamo has 3,695 restricted stock units outstanding as of March 31, 2023.

3. Ms. Bejar has 3,695 restricted stock units outstanding as of March 31, 2023.

4. Mr. Bradley has 3,695 restricted stock units outstanding as of March 31, 2023.

5. Mr. Geeslin has 11,000 stock options, each of which is vested and exercisable, and 3,695 restricted stock units, in either case, outstanding as of March 31, 2023.

6. Ms. Lee has 3,695 restricted stock units outstanding as of March 31, 2023.

7. Mr. Moran has 3,695 restricted stock units outstanding as of March 31, 2023.

8. Ms. Pickens has 3,695 restricted stock units outstanding as of March 31, 2023.

9. Mr. Sanders was elected to the Board of Directors effective December 5, 2022 and received pro rata compensation in addition to equity in the form of 2,167 restricted stock units which are outstanding as of March 31, 2023.

10. Mr. Shenkman has 3,695 restricted stock units outstanding as of March 31, 2023.

11. Mr. Walker has 11,000 stock options, each of which is vested and exercisable, and 3,695 restricted stock units, in either case, outstanding as of March 31, 2023.

## **Stock Ownership Guidelines for Independent Directors**

We currently require our independent directors to acquire an equity ownership interest in Commvault common stock that is equal to five times their base annual cash retainer by the fifth anniversary of the date they first became a director. The TMCC is satisfied that this level of equity ownership among our independent directors is sufficient to provide motivation and to align the directors' interests with those of our stockholders. Each independent director who is required to be in compliance with these guidelines owns the requisite amount of stock.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE | SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

## Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

## Management

The following table shows, as of May 31, 2023, the number of shares of our common stock (the only class of voting securities outstanding) beneficially owned by: (1) each current director and nominee for director; (2) each named executive officer (defined below); and (3) all directors and current executive officers as a group. The number of shares of our common stock beneficially owned by a person includes shares of common stock issuable with respect to options, restricted stock units (including performance-based stock units), and convertible securities held by the person that are exercisable, convertible, or will vest within 60 days. The percentage of our common stock beneficially owned by a person assumes the person has exercised all options, vested in all restricted stock units, and converted all convertible securities, that are exercisable, convertible, or will vest within 60 days, and that no other person exercised any of their options, vested in any of their restricted stock units, or converted any of their convertible securities. Except as otherwise noted, each individual exercises sole voting power and investment power over the shares of voting securities shown.

	Shares of Common Stock Owned	Percent of Common Stock Outstanding
Directors		
Nicholas Adamo	12,385	*
Martha H. Bejar	6,135	*
R. Todd Bradley	7,258	*
Keith Geeslin(1)	59,949	*
Vivie "YY" Lee	11,105	*
Sanjay Mirchandani	190,658	*
Charles E. Moran	15,135	*
Allison Pickens	3,344	*
Shane Sanders	_	*
Arlen Shenkman	7,258	*
David F. Walker(2)	57,072	*
Named Executive Officers that are not Directors		
Gary Merrill(3)	38,496	*
Riccardo Di Blasio	21,437	*
All directors and executive officers as a group (13 individuals)	430,232	1%

Less than 1%

1. Includes options to acquire 11,000 shares of common stock that are exercisable within 60 days of May 31, 2023.

Includes options to acquire 6,000 shares of common stock that are exercisable within 60 days of May 31, 2023. 2. 3

Includes options to acquire 22,566 shares of common stock that are exercisable within 60 days of May 31, 2023.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE | SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

## **Certain Other Stockholders**

The following table sets forth, as of May 31, 2023 (except to the extent otherwise indicated), certain information regarding the persons known by us to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of our outstanding common stock. Except as otherwise noted, each entity exercises sole voting power and investment power over the shares of voting securities shown.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Shares of Common Stock Owned	Percent of Common Stock Outstanding
BlackRock, Inc.(1) 55 East 52nd Street New York, NY 10055	5,593,355	12.7%
Vanguard Group, Inc.(2) 100 Vanguard Blvd. Malvern, PA 19355	5,036,704	11.4%
AllianceBernstein L.P.(3) 1345 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10105	2,782,249	6.3%
Mackenzie Financial Corporation(4) 180 Queen Street West Toronto, Ontario M5V 3K1	2,274,414	5.2%

1.

Based solely on a Schedule 13G filed on January 31, 2023, by BlackRock, Inc., except for Percent of Common Stock Outstanding. Based solely on a Schedule 13G/A filed on February 9, 2023, by Vanguard Group, Inc., except for Percent of Common Stock Outstanding. The Vanguard Group, Inc. reported it held 0 shares with sole voting power, 75,109 shares with shared voting power, 4,919,465 shares with sole dispositive power and 117,239 shares with shared dispositive power. Based solely on a Schedule 13G/A filed on February 14, 2023, by AllianceBernstein L.P., except for Percent of Common Stock Outstanding. AllianceBernstein L.P. reported it held 2,430,300 shares 2.

3. with sole voting power, 0 shares with shared voting power, 2,734,634 shares with sole dispositive power and 47,615 shares with shared dispositive power.

Δ Based solely on a Schedule 13G/A filed on January 27, 2023, by Mackenzie Financial Corporation, except for Percent of Common Stock Outstanding.

# Proposal No. 2: Approval to Amend Commvault's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to Include Officer Exculpation

#### What am I voting on?

We are asking stockholders to approve an amendment to our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to include officer exculpation, as permitted by recent amendments to Delaware law.

#### Vote Recommendation

FOR the proposed amendment to Commvault's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to include officer exculpation.

## Background

Article IX (a) of our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the "Certificate of Incorporation") presently provides for the Company to limit the monetary liability of directors in certain circumstances pursuant to, and consistent with, Section 102(b)(7) of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL").

Effective August 1, 2022, Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL was amended to also permit corporations to limit the liability of certain senior corporate officers, in addition to directors, in certain limited circumstances. The new Delaware law only permits, and, if the proposed amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation (the "Charter Amendment") is adopted, our Certificate of Incorporation would only permit exculpation of these officers in the case of direct claims brought by stockholders for breach of an officer's fiduciary duty of care, including class actions, and would not eliminate officers' monetary liability for breach of fiduciary duty claims brought by stockholders in the name of the Company. Furthermore, the limitation on liability would not apply to breaches of the duty of loyalty, acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, or any transaction in which the officer derived an improper personal benefit. As further described below, we believe this strikes a balance between stockholders' interest in accountability and the Company's interest in attracting and retaining quality officers.

The description of the Charter Amendment and the applicable provisions of the DGCL contained herein are summaries and are qualified in their entirety by the text of the Charter Amendment, which is provided below, and the full text of the applicable provisions of the DGCL.

## **Text of Proposed Charter Amendment**

Our Certificate of Incorporation presently provides for the exculpation of directors, but not officers. We propose to amend Article IX (a) of our Certificate of Incorporation so that it would state in its entirety as follows:

"No director or Officer (as defined below) shall be personally liable to the Corporation or any of its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director or Officer, except for liability of: (i) a director or Officer for any breach of the director's or Officer's duty of loyalty to the Corporation or its stockholders; (ii) a director or Officer for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (iii) a director under Section 174 of the DGCL; (iv) a director or Officer for any transaction from which the director or Officer derived an improper personal benefit; or (v) an Officer in any action by or in the right of the Corporation. Any amendment, repeal or elimination of this Article IX shall not affect its application with respect to an act or omission by a director or Officer occurring before such amendment, repeal or elimination. If the DGCL is amended hereafter to authorize the further elimination or limitation of liability of directors or Officers, then the liability of a director or Officer, as applicable, shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent authorized by the DGCL, as so amended. All references in this Article IX to an 'Officer' shall mean only a person who, at the time of an act or omission as to which liability is asserted, falls within the meaning of the term 'officer,' as defined in Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL."

PROPOSAL NO. 2: APPROVAL TO AMEND COMMVAULT'S AMENDED AND RESTARTED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION TO INCLUDE OFFICER EXCULPATION | FACTS TO CONSIDER

## **Factors to Consider**

We believe it is both prudent and appropriate to avail ourselves of most protections available to us under applicable corporate law. The nature of the role of directors and officers often requires them to make decisions on crucial matters. Frequently, directors and officers must make decisions in response to time-sensitive opportunities and challenges, which can create substantial risk of investigations, claims, actions, suits or proceedings seeking to impose liability on the basis of hindsight, especially in the current litigious environment and regardless of merit. Limiting the personal risk to our officers in addition to the existing limitation for directors would empower our officers to best exercise their business judgment in furtherance of stockholder interests. Our peers have adopted similar exculpation clauses limiting the personal liability of officers in their certificates of incorporation, and failing to adopt the proposed Charter Amendment could impact our ability to recruit and retain exceptional officers.

We believe that our directors and officers will best serve the Company if they feel protected in carrying out their duties and exercising judgment without fearing litigation for unintended mistakes, or being second guessed. Furthermore, as noted above, adopting the proposed Charter Amendment would help ensure that the Company remains able to attract and retain the most qualified officers. In the absence of such protection, qualified officers might be deterred from serving due to exposure to personal liability and the risk that substantial expense will be incurred in defending lawsuits, regardless of merit. In particular, in its consideration of the proposed Charter Amendment, the Board of Directors took into account the narrow class and type of claims for which such officers would be exculpated from liability pursuant to amended DGCL Section 102(b)(7), the limited number of Commvault officers that would be impacted and the benefits the Board of Directors believes would accrue to Commvault by providing exculpation in accordance with DGCL Section 102(b)(7), including, without limitation, the ability to attract and retain key officers and the potential to reduce litigation costs associated with frivolous lawsuits.

The Board of Directors balanced these considerations with the Company's existing corporate governance practices and unanimously determined that it is advisable and in the best interests of Commvault and its stockholders to amend Article IX (a) of our Certificate of Incorporation to adopt amended DGCL Section 102(b)(7) and extend exculpation protection to our officers in addition to our directors.

For the reasons stated above, on April 19, 2023, the Board of Directors unanimously determined that the proposed Charter Amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation is advisable and in the best interests of Commvault and its stockholders, authorized and approved the proposed Charter Amendment and directed that it be considered at the Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors believes the proposed Charter Amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation would better position our officers to exercise their business judgment in furtherance of the interests of the Company's stockholders without the potential for distraction posed by the risk of personal liability. Additionally, the proposed Charter Amendment would align the protections for our officers with those protections currently afforded to our directors, to the extent permitted under Delaware law.

## **Timing and Effect of the Proposed Charter Amendment**

If the proposed Charter Amendment is approved by our stockholders, it will become effective immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, which we expect to occur promptly after the Annual Meeting.

Other than the replacement of the existing Article IX (a) by the proposed Article IX (a), the remainder of our Certificate of Incorporation will remain unchanged after effectiveness of the Charter Amendment. If the proposed Charter Amendment is not approved by our stockholders, our Certificate of Incorporation will remain unchanged. In accordance with the DGCL, the Board of Directors may elect to abandon the proposed Charter Amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation without further action by the stockholders at any time prior to the effectiveness of its filing with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, notwithstanding stockholder approval.

## The Board of Directors unanimously recommends a vote FOR the proposal to amend Commvault's Certificate of Incorporation to include officer exculpation.

# Proposal No. 3: Advisory Vote on Commvault's Executive Compensation

#### What am I voting on?

We are asking stockholders to approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers.

### Vote Recommendation

**FOR** the resolution approving our executive compensation program.

Every year we give stockholders the opportunity to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers as set forth in the following "Compensation Discussion and Analysis."

Our executive compensation program is designed to attract, motivate, and reward talented executives who possess the skills required to formulate and drive our Company's strategic direction and operational execution to create stockholder value. Our compensation practices, which balance long-term and shortterm awards, are structured to competitively pay for performance, to encourage decision-making aligned with the Company's long-term interests, and to promote and support our business. We encourage you to read the Compensation Discussion and Analysis for complete details about our executive compensation program, including information about the fiscal year 2023 compensation of our named executive officers.

We are asking stockholders to indicate their support for our named executive officer compensation as described in this proxy statement. This proposal, commonly known as "say-on-pay," is not intended to address any specific item of compensation, but rather the overall executive compensation program and the related philosophy, policies, and practices. We encourage you to vote FOR the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the compensation paid to Commvault's named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, compensation tables, and any related material disclosed in Commvault's proxy statement, is hereby APPROVED."

The say-on-pay vote is advisory, and therefore not binding on our Company, the TMCC, or the Board of Directors. However, the Board of Directors and the TMCC value the opinions of our stockholders. If the voting results indicate there is any significant concern about our executive officer compensation program, we will consider those concerns and evaluate whether any actions are necessary to address them.

Because this is a non-binding, advisory vote, there is no specific approval requirement. However, the Board of Directors will consider that the stockholders have approved executive compensation on an advisory basis if this proposal receives the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast (in person or by proxy).

# The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the approval of Commvault's executive compensation.

# Executive Compensation

# **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

This section discusses the compensation of the following individuals, who served as executive officers during the fiscal year ended on March 31, 2023 (the "named executive officers").



Sanjay Mirchandani President and Chief Executive Officer



Gary Merrill Chief Financial Officer



Riccardo Di Blasio Chief Revenue Officer

On July 1, 2022, Mr. Gary Merrill was appointed our Chief Financial Officer, succeeding Mr. Brian Carolan, former Chief Financial Officer.

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## **Executive Summary**

We believe the skill, talent, judgment, and dedication of our executive officers are critical to Commvault's long-term value. Therefore, our objective in setting compensation policies for our named executive officers is to align pay with performance, while at the same time providing fair, reasonable, and competitive compensation that will allow us to attract, retain, and reward superior executive talent. The TMCC strongly believes that executive compensation should align our executive officers' interests with those of our stockholders by rewarding achievement of specific annual, long-term, and strategic company goals, with the ultimate objective of enhancing long-term stockholder value.

#### 2023 Compensation Highlights

Our 2023 compensation plans and payouts for our named executive officers reflects our overarching philosophy of pay-for-performance. Highlights of our executive compensation program include:

- Competitive Base Salary: Base salaries are set to be competitive within our industry and are important in attracting and retaining talented executives.
- Challenging Annual Incentive: In 2022, our Compensation Committee approved target annual incentives based on achievement of annual revenue and non-GAAP EBIT goals for Messrs. Mirchandani and Merrill. Based on our performance during the year, our named executive officers other than Mr. Di Blasio, earned annual incentives equal to 71.7% of their target for the year. Mr. Di Blasio's bonus was paid quarterly, based upon quarterly revenue results and he received 75.0% of his target award for the year.
- Long-term Incentive Awards: We believe that stock awards with multi-year vesting are an effective tool for motivating our named executive officers to drive long-term stockholder value. During fiscal 2023, 50% of the target value of equity granted to our named executive officers was awarded in the form of performance-based equity. These grants included a mix of PSUs tied to one, two and three-year goals as well as relative and absolute performance measurement.

## **Compensation Philosophy and Objectives**

As a technology company, we operate in an extremely competitive and rapidly changing industry. When setting compensation policies for our executive officers, the TMCC strives to align pay with performance; to provide fair, reasonable, and competitive compensation that will allow us to attract, retain, and reward superior executive talent; and to align our executive officers' interests with those of our stockholders by rewarding achievement of specific annual, long-term, and strategic goals. To that end, the compensation opportunities provided to our executive officers include a mix of both cash and equity elements that reward performance as measured against pre-established goals and objectives. The specific goals that our current executive compensation program rewards are focused primarily on revenue growth and profitability, as the TMCC believes those measures are the most direct drivers of long-term stockholder value creation.

Decisions with respect to the total compensation for our executive officers are based primarily upon an assessment of each individual's performance and potential to enhance long-term stockholder value. Often, the TMCC relies on judgment rather than rigid guidelines or formulas in determining the amount and mix of compensation for each executive officer. Factors affecting such judgment include performance compared to strategic goals established at the beginning of the year, the nature and scope of each executive's responsibilities, and whether the executive conducts all activities in a manner consistent with our core Company values.

In addition, the TMCC seeks to ensure that we maintain sound governance and compensation policies and practices. In designing and overseeing our executive compensation program, we strive to employ best practices and regularly assess our policies and practices.

#### What we do

- We link pay to performance by delivering a substantial portion of total compensation for our executive officers in the form of long-term equity awards.
- Our TMCC directly engages an independent compensation consultant, Compensia, to provide analysis for the annual executive compensation review and guidance on other executive compensation matters independent of management.

#### What we do not do

- We do not provide guaranteed bonuses to our executive officers.
- We do not provide any excise tax reimbursement payments (including "gross-ups") with respect to payments or benefits contingent upon a change in control of our Company.
- We do not offer pension arrangements, or non-qualified deferred compensation plans or arrangements to our executive officers, other than our 401(k) plan, which is open to all United States salaried employees.
- Our named executive officers participate in broad-based company-sponsored health and welfare benefits programs on the same basis as our other full-time, salaried employees.
- We prohibit our employees, including our named executive officers, and the members of our Board of Directors from hedging or similar transactions
  designed to decrease risks associated with holding our equity securities.

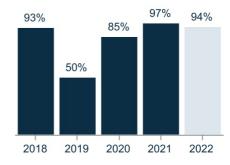
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## **Mix of Compensation Elements**

Our fiscal 2023 executive compensation program consists of three principal elements: base salary, annual cash incentive bonuses, and long-term equity incentive awards. Consistent with our pay for performance philosophy, the majority of target total direct-compensation for the named executive officers in fiscal 2023 consisted of incentive awards, particularly long-term equity incentive awards. The TMCC believes that emphasizing equity-based compensation creates a strong incentive for our executives to build sustainable long-term stockholder value.



#### Say-on-Pay Vote Results



## Prior Stockholder Advisory Vote on Named Executive Officer Compensation

In light of the 2022 say-on-pay vote, in which 94% of the votes cast were in favor of our executive compensation program, the TMCC maintained a consistent approach for fiscal year 2023. In particular, the TMCC continued to emphasize pay-for-performance through the use of performance share awards that reward our executive officers only if they deliver value for our stockholders. The TMCC will continue to consider input from our stockholders when making compensation decisions for our executive officers.

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## How Compensation Decisions are Made

The TMCC's goal is generally to target elements of compensation within a competitive range, using a balanced approach that does not use rigid percentiles to determine target pay levels for each compensation element. For fiscal 2023, the TMCC reviewed each element of compensation described below and set the target total direct compensation opportunities of our executive officers after taking into consideration the following factors:

- market data, including practices among companies in our compensation peer group;
- each executive officer's scope of responsibilities;
- each executive officer's tenure, skills, and experience;
- internal pay equity across the executive management team;
- our overall performance, taking into consideration performance versus internal plans and industry peers;
- the recommendations of our CEO; and
- general market conditions.

The TMCC does not assign relative weights or rankings to any of these factors and does not solely use any quantitative formula, target percentile or multiple for establishing compensation among the executive officers or in relation to the competitive market data.

## **Role of the Talent Management and Compensation Committee**

The TMCC is responsible for setting the compensation of our CEO and for reviewing and approving our CEO's recommendations regarding the compensation of our other executive officers.

## **Role of Executive Officers**

Each year, the CEO reviews the performance and compensation of each of the executive officers and makes recommendations to the TMCC with respect to their compensation for the coming year. In addition, our CEO, CFO, and CPO support the TMCC in its work by providing information relating to our financial plans and personnel-related data.

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# **Role of the Compensation Consultant**

The TMCC has authority under its charter to engage outside advisors and experts for advice as appropriate. During fiscal year 2023, the TMCC engaged the services of Compensia, Inc., a national compensation consulting firm, as the TMCC's consultant to provide advice on matters relating to the compensation of our executive officers and non-employee directors. Compensia provided the TMCC with an analysis of industry sector competitive market data regarding executive compensation, information on compensation trends, and peer group and general market data, as well as assistance with the parameters used to determine the peer group, base salaries, incentive plan design, and the overall structure of our executive compensation program.

The TMCC regularly reviews the objectivity and independence of the advice provided by its compensation consultant. The TMCC has evaluated Compensia's engagement and, based on the six factors for assessing independence and identifying potential conflicts of interest that are set forth in SEC rules and Nasdaq rules (and such other factors as were deemed relevant under the circumstances), the TMCC has determined that its relationship with Compensia and the work of Compensia on behalf of the TMCC did not raise any conflict of interest.

# **Role of the Peer Group**

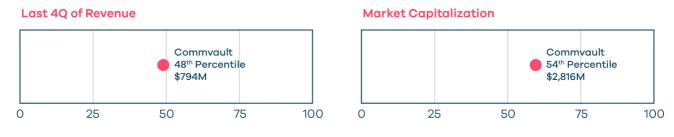
During fiscal 2023, the TMCC engaged Compensia to conduct a competitive market analysis for purposes of evaluating our base salaries, annual cash bonus opportunities, and long-term equity incentive plan. The data from this analysis was used to ensure that our executive compensation program was optimally structured to attract, motivate, retain, and reward our highly experienced management team, to keep management focused during our expected period of growth, and to align our compensation practices with comparable technology industry companies.

In developing the peer group, the TMCC targeted U.S.-headquartered companies within similar industries and of a similar size as the Company. In particular, the TMCC targeted direct competitors and other business application software companies. The peer companies were also evaluated based on two financial criteria:

- Revenue: Target between approximately \$400 million and \$1.6 billion (0.5x to 2.0x the Company's trailing 12-month revenue); and
- Market Capitalization: Target between \$1.0 billion and \$9.0 billion (0.3x to 3.0x the Company's market capitalization)



# COMMVAULT VS. PEER GROUP



The Company and the TMCC review the peer group annually and make changes as needed to ensure it remains appropriate.

# **Fiscal Year 2023 Compensation Decisions**

# **Base Salary**

The TMCC generally compares our executive officer base salaries to the 25th—75th percentile of the competitive market data in the analysis prepared by its compensation consultant.

Typically, base salary levels are reviewed annually as part of our performance review process, as well as upon a promotion or other change in job responsibility. In addition to considering the competitive market analysis when setting base salaries for fiscal 2023, the TMCC also evaluated the scope of, and accountability associated with, each executive officer's position and the overall experience of each executive officer. The table below shows the fiscal 2023 and 2022 base salary rates for each named executive officer.

Name and Principal Position Held	Fiscal 2023 Salary	Fiscal 2022 Salary	Percentage Increase
Sanjay Mirchandani President and Chief Executive Officer	\$645,000	\$645,000	%
Gary Merrill Chief Financial Officer	\$410,000	(1)	(1)
Riccardo Di Blasio Chief Revenue Officer	\$475,000	\$450,000	5.6%
Brian Carolan Former Chief Financial Officer	\$410,000	\$410,000	%

1. Mr. Merrill became a named executive officer effective July 1, 2022 and compensation information for fiscal 2022 has not been provided in accordance with SEC rules.

# **Annual Incentive Plan**

During fiscal 2023, Messrs. Mirchandani, Merrill, Carolan and Di Blasio each participated in the Commvault Annual Incentive Plan (the "Fiscal 2023 AIP"), which made them eligible to earn a cash bonus based on achievement of pre-established corporate financial goals.

# Target Annual Cash Incentive Opportunities

The TMCC approved target cash incentive opportunities for the named executive officers in May 2022 after considering a competitive market analysis, the scope of, and accountability associated with, each executive officer's position, the performance of each executive officer since the last annual performance review and the overall experience of each executive officer. Mr. Di Blasio was evaluated against certain quarterly (rather than annual) goals and had more upside potential for one metric (revenue), as discussed below.

The target cash incentive opportunities were as follows:

Executive	Fiscal 2023 Salary	Target Annual Cash Incentive	Target Annual Cash Incentive (1)
Sanjay Mirchandani	\$645,000	100%	\$645,000
Gary Merrill	\$410,000	60%	\$246,000
Riccardo Di Blasio	\$475,000	100%	\$475,000
Brian Carolan(2)	\$410,000	60%	\$246,000

1. Cash bonus payments under the Fiscal 2023 AIP could range from zero to 200% of target.

2. Mr. Carolan departed the Company on June 30, 2022. The values in the table represent his annualized targets versus actual compensation received.

#### Performance Measures

In May 2022, the TMCC selected total revenue (weighted 60%) and non-GAAP EBIT (weighted 40%) as the performance metrics for the Fiscal 2023 AIP. These metrics were selected because the TMCC believes that, at this stage of our development, revenue growth and profitability are the most relevant measures of Commvault's financial performance and the measures most closely correlated to increasing stockholder value. In fact, in the course of our regular stockholder engagements, stockholders often mention their approval of our revenue and non-GAAP EBIT performance measures. Further, in our public communications (including on earnings calls), our disclosures typically reference revenue and non-GAAP EBIT, in addition to GAAP performance metrics, as the primary means we use to evaluate our own performance. In other words, these metrics are closely tied to how we manage the business. For purposes of the Fiscal 2023 AIP, the TMCC set the various performance levels for these performance metrics and payout amounts for each performance level as shown below

#### For Messrs. Mirchandani, Merrill and Carolan

Metric	Weight	Threshold (50% payout)	Target (100% payout)	Maximum (200% payout)
Revenue	60%	92%	100%	103%
Non-GAAP EBIT	40%	85%	100%	108%

If actual performance falls between the specified goals, the payout percentage is calculated on a linear basis.

The actual bonus paid to an individual named executive officer, other than our CEO, is also subject to modification based on individual performance, +/-200% of achievement.

# For Mr. Di Blasio

Because Mr. Di Blasio is our Chief Revenue Officer, the TMCC believes he should have different targets and multipliers that emphasize the revenue metric. Specifically, Mr. Di Blasio had four independent quarterly revenue goals that, in the aggregate, were the same amount as the annual goal for the other named executive officers. Since Mr. Di Blasio could earn his incentive bonus incrementally—based on results for each individual quarter—and his payout percentage was potentially higher, the TMCC anticipated that the payout percentages for the revenue metric for the named executive officers might vary.

In keeping with the quarterly schedule for Mr. Di Blasio's incentive bonus, he also earned incremental amounts for the non-GAAP EBIT metric. His goal for non-GAAP EBIT was the same as the annual goal set for the other named executive officers. However, for each of the first three quarters of the AIP performance period, Mr. Di Blasio received an amount based on an assumed achievement of 80% of target for non-GAAP EBIT. At the end of the fourth quarter the payout associated with the non-GAAP EBIT metric was adjusted to reflect Commvault's actual performance for the year. Thus, Mr. Di Blasio's aggregate payout related to non-GAAP EBIT was the same as the payout earned by the other named executive officers.

# Fiscal 2023 Annual Cash Incentive Plan Decisions

In May 2022, the TMCC determined that our achievement for the revenue and non-GAAP EBIT portions of the Fiscal 2023 AIP resulted in a payout equal to 71.7% of target for Messrs. Mirchandani and Merrill.

	Achievement (in millions)	Target (in millions)	Achievement vs. Target	Payout Factor	Weighting	Weighted Payout
Annual Revenue	\$785	\$836	93.9%	61.9%	60.0%	37.1%
Non-GAAP EBIT	\$160	\$167	95.9%	86.4%	40.0%	34.6%
Total					100.0%	71.7%

No individual performance multiplier was applied to the earned bonus for our named executive officers. As a result, the named executive officers received the annual incentive bonuses shown below.

	Target Annual Cash Incentive Opportunity	Percentage of Target Annual Incentive Earned	Actual Annual Incentive Earned
Sanjay Mirchandani	\$645,000	71.7%	\$462,465
Gary Merrill	\$246,000	71.7%	\$176,382
Riccardo Di Blasio	\$475,000	75.0%	\$356,250
Brian Carolan(1)	\$246,000	25.0%	\$61,500

1. Mr. Carolan departed the Company on June 30, 2022 and therefore receive a prorated award of 25% of his target award assuming 100% company performance.

# **Long-Term Equity Incentive Awards**

We provide long-term equity incentive awards pursuant to our 2016 Incentive Plan, which is designed to provide plan participants with appropriate incentives to achieve long-range goals and to align participants' interests with those of our stockholders. The 2016 Incentive Plan permits the grant of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock awards, performance stock awards, and other forms of equity based on, or related to, shares of our common stock, and cash incentive awards that are contingent on performance.

Generally, new executive officers receive a significant equity award when they commence employment. The size of each equity award is set at a level that we believe is appropriate to create a meaningful opportunity for stock ownership based upon our equity award grant guidelines, the individual's position with Commvault, and the individual's potential for future responsibility and promotion. The relative weight given to each of these factors varies from individual to individual. All equity awards granted to our executive officers are approved by the TMCC.

When annual equity awards are granted, typically in May of each year, the TMCC bases grants on an evaluation of each executive officer's performance during the prior fiscal year, as well as our overall corporate financial performance. The terms of annual awards and the number and form of awards granted are designed to ensure the recipient has a meaningful incentive to remain a Commvault employee.

In preparation for granting annual equity awards in May 2022, the TMCC reviewed a competitive market analysis prepared by Compensia to obtain data primarily related to the grant date fair value of the equity awards granted to similarly situated executives at companies in our compensation peer group. The awards granted to our named executive officers in May 2022 were provided in three forms, and subject to the terms and conditions shown below.

Time-Based RSU awards 50%	These awards vest 33.3% on the first anniversary of the grant date and an additional 8.375% quarterly thereafter until fully vested, generally subject to continued employment on the vesting date.
Relative TSR PSU awards 25%	Recipients may earn up to 200% of their target award based on Commvault's TSR performance relative to the components of the Russell 3000 Index over equally weighted one, two, and three-year performance periods. Earned shares, if any, vest at the end of each applicable annual performance period.
Financial PSU awards 25%	Recipients may earn up to 200% of their target award based 100% on Commvault's total annualized recurring revenue ("ARR") for fiscal 2023. Earned shares, if any, vest 33.3% on the first anniversary of the grant date and an additional 8.375% quarterly thereafter until fully vested, generally subject to continued employment on the vesting date.

Based on the competitive market analysis prepared by Compensia, Commvault's long-term equity grants are more heavily weighted toward performancebased awards than is the norm within our compensation peer group.

Taking into consideration market data and the performance of individual executive officers, the TMCC approved the following equity award grants for our named executive officers:

Executive	Aggregate target value	Time-based restricted stock unit awards (#)	Relative TSR PSU awards (#)	Financial PSU awards (#)
Sanjay Mirchandani	\$9.00 million	77,733	38,866	38,866
Gary Merrill	\$1.75 million	15,114	7,557	7,557
Riccardo Di Blasio	\$2.80 million	24,183	12,091	12,091

In determining the number of shares granted to each named executive officer, the TMCC converted the target value of each award to a number of units based on the 5-trading day average closing price of our common stock prior to the grant date.

# Relative TSR PSU Awards

The Relative TSR PSU awards granted to our named executive officers in fiscal 2023 will be earned (or not) based on our TSR measured relative to the components of the Russell 3000 Index over three equally weighted overlapping one-year, two-year, and three-year performance periods. The payout opportunities for the Relative TSR PSU awards are as follows:

Relative TSR Percentile Rank	% of Target PSU Earned
< 25 <sup>th</sup>	0%
25 <sup>th</sup>	50%
50 <sup>th</sup>	100%
75 <sup>th</sup>	150%
85 <sup>th</sup>	200% (max)

Scale is linear between shown points.

Regardless of Commvault's relative TSR performance, earned shares cannot exceed 100% of target if the Company's stock price is lower at the end of the performance period than it was at the beginning.

The TMCC regularly considers the appropriate time horizon for the performance measures used in the compensation plan for our named executive officers. The TMCC believes that using multiple-year vesting for the Relative TSR PSUs appropriately balances the one-year performance period for the annual bonus and the three-year vesting period for the time-based RSUs and Financial PSUs.

# Performance Vesting RSUs—Total Shareholder Return (TSR)

Grant	February 2019(1) —New CEO	May 2019	May 2020	May 2021	May 2022
Actual Vest %:					
First annual tranche	N/A(2)	96%	105%	98%	100%
Second annual tranche	62%	95%	101%	100%	TBD
Third annual tranche	66%	87%	117%	TBD	TBD

1. This market-based award was granted to Mr. Mirchandani as part of his new hire equity award.

2. The first tranche of Mr. Mirchandani's awards vested on the second anniversary of the grant date.

Earned units for each performance period, if any, will vest following certification of our results by the TMCC. For the one-year performance period ended May 16, 2023, our total stockholder return of -1.42% was positioned at the 61<sup>st</sup> percentile of the benchmark. However, the payout of TSR PSUs is capped at 100% of target for any performance period during which our total shareholder return is negative. As a result, the TMCC certified a payout equal to 100% of target for the portion of the Relative TSR PSU awards allocated to the one-year performance period.

# Financial PSU awards

The Financial PSUs granted to our named executive officers in fiscal 2023 were eligible to be earned based on our level of achievement against total annualized recurring revenue ("ARR") goals established at the beginning of fiscal 2023 and measured over a one-year performance period.

Achievement	ARR Achievement	ARR Achievement (% of Target)	% of Target PSU Earned
Below Threshold	<\$583M	<89%	—%
Threshold	\$583M	89%	50%
Target	\$655M	100%	100%

In the event that our actual performance exceeds target, the payout expressed as a percent of target will increase by 13.65% of each 1% of incremental ARR performance above target.

Our actual ARR achievement for fiscal 2023 was equal to 102.1% of target. As a result, the TMCC certified a payout equal to 128% of the target number of shares. Any shares earned based on our actual one-year financial performance were to vest 33.3% on the first anniversary of the grant date and an additional 8.375% quarterly thereafter until fully vested.

# Modification of Former CFO Equity Awards

As described in more detail below in the section entitled "Individual Agreements," our Compensation Committee approved an amendment to Mr. Carolan's equity awards at the time of his termination of employment in June 2022 to provide for continued vesting of his outstanding and unvested equity awards. The Compensation Committee approved this amendment in order to support the effective transition of the Chief Financial Officer responsibilities from Mr. Carolan to his successor. Because this amendment is treated as a modification under the applicable accounting standards, the Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan Based Awards tables below reflect incremental compensation in the form of equity awards for Mr. Carolan during fiscal 2023.

# **Other Benefits**

Our executive officers participate in health and welfare benefit programs that are substantially the same as the benefits for all other eligible Commvault employees. These benefits include a 50% matching contribution on the first 4% of eligible pay contributed to our 401(k) plan.

Our executive officers also are eligible to participate in our Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP"). The ESPP is a stockholder approved plan under which substantially all employees may purchase the Company's common stock through payroll deductions at a price equal to 85% of the lower of the fair market value of the common stock as of the beginning or the end of six-month offering periods. An employee's payroll deductions under the ESPP are limited to 10% of salary, and employees may not purchase more than \$25,000 of common stock during any calendar year. Messrs. Mirchandani, Merrill and Di Blasio participated in the ESPP in fiscal 2023 and received nominal benefits related to the 15% discount on the purchase price of the Company's common stock.

# **Compensation Risk Assessment**

We have reviewed our compensation policies and practices for all employees and concluded that any risks arising from our policies and practices are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on us.

# **Individual Agreements**

We have entered into individual agreements with each of our named executive officers. Mr. Mirchandani has entered into an employment agreement with the Company, and all other named executive officers have entered into executive retention and severance agreements. We entered into these arrangements to acknowledge each executive's importance to Commvault and our stockholders and to attempt to avoid the distraction and loss of key management personnel that may occur in connection with rumored or actual fundamental corporate organizational changes. As more fully described in the section entitled "Individual Agreements" below, these agreements entitle a named executive officer to payments and benefits if employment is terminated by the Company without "cause," or by him with "good reason," within the two-year period following a change in control of the Company.

# Stock Ownership Guidelines for the CEO

We currently require our CEO to acquire an equity ownership interest in Commvault common stock by February 2024 (five years from his start date) that is equal to five times his current annual base salary. The TMCC is satisfied that this level of equity ownership is sufficient to motivate our CEO and to align his interests with those of our stockholders.

# **Hedging Prohibition**

We have a policy that prohibits our employees (including officers) and directors from engaging in any hedging transactions with regard to Commvault common stock, including: short sales; purchases or sales of puts, calls, or other derivative securities; and purchases of financial instruments (such as prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars, and exchange funds) or other transactions that hedge or offset, or are designed to hedge or offset, any decrease in the market value of Commvault securities. Hedging transactions enable the holder to continue to own shares of our common stock, but without the full risks and rewards of ownership. The Board believes these transactions are inadvisable because a holder who no longer has the full risks and rewards of ownership may not have the same objectives as the Company and our other stockholders.

# **Pledging Prohibition**

We have a policy that prohibits our employees (including officers) and directors from pledging Commvault securities as collateral to secure a personal loan. The Board believes these transactions are inadvisable because the practice may put the stock price at risk due to an employee's personal decision and create misalignment of employee interests.

# **Clawback Policy**

We have a "clawback" policy that permits the TMCC to seek to recover cash or equity incentive awards from certain senior leaders, in the event Commvault is required to prepare a financial restatement, without regard to whether the restatement is caused by wrongdoing, negligence, or misconduct. We expect to update the clawback policy or adopt a new policy in order to comply with Nasdaq listing standards to be issued in connection with new rules promulgated by the SEC under the Dodd-Frank Act.

# **Tax and Accounting Considerations**

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code places a limit of \$1 million on the amount of compensation that we may deduct as a business expense in any year with respect to certain of our most highly paid executive officers. While the TMCC considers the deductibility of compensation as one factor in determining executive compensation, the TMCC believes it is in the best interests of our stockholders to maintain flexibility in our approach to executive compensation and to structure a program that we consider to be the most effective in attracting, motivating, and retaining key executives.

We account for the equity awards granted to all of our employees under ASC 718, Compensation—Stock Compensation, which requires us to estimate and record compensation expense over the service period of the award. All equity awards to our employees, including our executive officers, and to the non-employee members of our Board of Directors, are reflected in our consolidated financial statements, based upon the applicable accounting guidance, at fair value on the grant date.

# Compensation Tables

# Fiscal 2023 Summary Compensation Table

The following table summarizes the compensation earned by the named executive officers during the fiscal years ended March 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)(1)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)(2)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Sanjay Mirchandani	2023	645,000	_	9,722,388	462,465	22,950(4)	10,852,803
President and Chief Executive Officer	2022	634,038	_	9,413,382	652,224	60,568	10,760,212
	2021	505,769	—	6,336,511	874,706	288,000	8,004,986
Gary Merrill(3) Chief Financial Officer	2023	408,846	_	1,890,383	176,382	6,146(5)	2,481,757
Riccardo Di Blasio	2023	472,115	_	3,024,622	356,250	5,812(6)	3,858,799
Chief Revenue Officer	2022	449,423	—	2,768,656	577,539	8,185	3,803,803
	2021	416,654	—	1,530,963	577,539	5,438	2,530,594
Brian Carolan	2023	108,808	—	2,763,340(7)	61,500	439,026(8)	3,372,674
Former Chief Financial Officer	2022	410,000	—	2,214,758	248,755	8,263	2,881,776
	2021	384,123	—	2,086,543	386,786	5,455	2,862,907

1. The amounts reported in this column represent the grant date fair value of the restricted stock unit awards and performance stock unit awards granted during the fiscal year indicated as computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. The amounts shown disregard estimated forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions and assume performance stock units at target (100%). If the performance stock unit awards are achieved at the maximum (200%), this would result in stock award values of \$14,944,812 (for Mr. Mirchandani), \$2,905,818 (for Mr. Merrill), and \$4,649,289 (for Mr. Di Blasio). See our consolidated financial statements contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2023, for a discussion of the assumptions we made in determining the grant date fair value of such awards.

2. The amounts reported in this column consist of annual cash incentive bonuses earned in fiscal 2023 and are more fully described above under the heading "Annual Incentive Plan" in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis.

Mr. Merrill became a named executive officer effective July 1, 2022 and compensation information for fiscal 2021 and 2022 has not been provided in accordance with SEC rules. 3. Mr. Mirchandani's other annual compensation in fiscal 2023 included \$6,100 related to his 401(k) plan company matching contributions, \$3,584 for financial and estate planning, and \$13,266 related

to the use of a corporate car.

Mr. Merrill's other annual compensation in fiscal 2023 included \$6,146 related to his 401(k) plan company matching contributions. Mr. Di Blasio's other annual compensation in fiscal 2023 included his 401(k) plan company matching contributions of \$5,812. 5. 6.

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In connection with Mr. Carolan's Agreement and General Release dated April 28, 2022, all unvested equity shares shall continue to vest in accordance with the plan agreement in which the equity grants were made. The amount herein represents the accounting charge associated with the incremental fair value in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. Mr. Carolan's other annual compensation in fiscal 2023 included his 401(k) plan company matching contributions of \$2,177, \$410,000 related to his severance in accordance with his employment 8. agreement for 12 months of pay in case of termination not for cause, and \$26,849 for continued medical coverage.

COMPENSATION TABLES | FISCAL 2023 GRANTS OF PLAN BASED AWARDS TABLE

# Fiscal 2023 Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table

The following table sets forth information as to grants of plan-based awards to our named executive officers in fiscal 2023.

Name	Grant & Approval Date	Estimated future incenti Threshold(1)	e payouts under n ve plan awards (\$ Target(2)	on-equity ) Maximum(3)	Estimated equity inco Threshold(4)	l future payouts ur entive plan awards Target(5)	nder s (#) Maximum(6)	All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#)(7)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$)(8)
Sanjay Mirchandani	_	322,500	645,000	1,290,000	_	_	_	_	_
	05/16/22	_	_	_	_	_	_	77,733	4,499,963
	05/16/22	—	—	—	19,433	38,866	77,732	—	2,972,472
	05/16/22	—	_	—	19,433	38,866	77,732	—	2,249,953
Gary Merrill	—	123,000	246,000	492,000	—	—	—	—	—
	05/16/22	—	—	_	—	_	_	15,114	874,949
	05/16/22	—	—	_	3,778	7,557	15,114	—	577,959
	05/16/22	—	_		3,778	7,557	15,114	_	437,475
Riccardo Di Blasio	—	237,500	475,000	950,000	—	—	—	—	_
	05/16/22	_	_	—	—	_	—	24,183	1,399,954
	05/16/22	_	_	—	6,045	12,091	24,182	—	924,720
	05/16/22	—	—	—	6,045	12,091	24,182	_	699,948
Brian Carolan	_	123,000	246,000	492,000	_	_	—	—	
	04/28/22(9)	—	_	_	_	_	—	19,621	1,247,111
	04/28/22(9)	_	_	_	_	_	—	7,811	496,514
	04/28/22(9)	_	_	_	7,302	14,605	29,210	_	1,019,715

1. Represents the threshold amount with respect to each applicable metric under the Fiscal 2023 AIP for each named executive officer. Actual total payouts may be less than the threshold amounts shown if threshold performance goals are not attained. See "Annual Incentive Plan" above for more information on the Fiscal 2023 AIP and performance objectives for each of our named executive officers.

Represents the total target amount with respect to each applicable metric under the Fiscal 2023 AIP for each named executive officer. See "Annual Incentive Plan" above for more information.
 Represents the maximum amount with respect to each applicable metric under the Fiscal 2023 AIP for each named executive officer. See "Annual Incentive Plan" above for more information.

Represents the maximum amount with respect to each applicable metric under the Fiscal 2023 AIP for each named executive officer. See "Annual Incentive Plan" above for more information.
 Represents the threshold amount for performance stock units granted, or 50% of the target amount, for each named executive officer under our 2016 Incentive Plan. If the threshold conditions for

these awards are not met, the award value will be zero. See "Long-Term Equity Incentive Awards" above for more information on the plan and the related performance objectives.

5. Represents the target amount for performance stock units granted for each named executive officer under our 2016 Incentive Plan. See "Long-Term Equity Incentive Awards" above for more information.

6. Represents the maximum amount for performance stock units granted. The maximum payout opportunity for PSUs is 200% for all of the named executive officers. See "Long-Term Equity Incentive Awards" above for more information.

7. Amounts in this column reflect time-based restricted stock unit awards granted during fiscal 2023 to our named executive officers under our 2016 Incentive Plan.

8. The amounts reported in this column represent the grant date fair value of the restricted stock unit awards and performance stock unit awards (shown at target) granted during the fiscal year indicated as computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. The amounts shown disregard estimated forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions. See Note 11 of our consolidated financial statements contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2023, for a discussion of the assumptions we made in determining the grant date fair value of such awards.

9. In connection with Mr. Carolan's Agreement and General Release dated April 28, 2022, all unvested equity shares shall continue to vest in accordance with the plan agreement in which the equity grants were made. The shares included within represent the modified awards and do not reflect new grants. The amount herein represents the accounting charge associated with the incremental fair value in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. Mr. Carolan is entitled to 27,432 time-based RSUs, of which 7,811 stock units were previously performance awards where achievement was known at time of modification. Mr. Carolan remains entitled to 14,605 relative TSR PSUs at target which have a threshold amount of 50% and a maximum payout opportunity of 200%. If the threshold conditions for these awards are not met, the award value will be zero. Refer to the "Modification of Former CFO Equity Awards" above for more information.

COMPENSATION TABLES | FISCAL 2023 OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR END TABLE

# Fiscal 2023 Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year End Table

The following table reflects all outstanding equity awards held by our named executive officers as of March 31, 2023.

		Opti	on Awards		Stock Awards			
Name	Grant Date(1)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (Exercisable) (#)	Option Exercise Price(\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested(#)(2)	Market Value of Unearned Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested(\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested(#)(3)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested(\$)
Sanjay Mirchandani	05/22/20	_	_	_	7,281	413,124	29,121	1,652,326
	05/17/21	_	_	_	46,735	2,651,744	21,320	1,209,697
	05/16/22				127,478	7,233,102	38,866	2,205,257
Gary Merrill	10/14/13	22,566	87.20	10/14/23	—	—	—	—
	05/22/20	—			858	48,683	3,429	194,561
	05/17/21	—	—	—	5,495	311,786	2,508	142,304
	05/16/22	_		_	24,784	1,406,244	7,557	428,784
Riccardo Di Blasio	05/22/20	_			1,759	99,806	7,036	399,223
	05/17/21	—		_	13,750	780,175	6,270	355,760
	05/16/22	_		_	39,655	2,250,025	12,091	686,043
Brian Carolan(4)	10/14/13	45,132	87.20	10/14/23	_	_	_	_
	10/14/14	11,324	45.44	10/14/24	_	_	_	—
	05/22/20	_	_	_	2,398	136,063	9,589	544,080
	05/17/21	_	_	_	10,995	623,856	5,016	284,608

Unless otherwise indicated, all restricted stock unit awards granted to our named executive officers vest over three years, with 33.3% vesting on the first anniversary of the grant date and 8.375% vesting quarterly thereafter, subject, in each case, to continued employment or service through the applicable vesting date. Financial performance awards follow the same vesting schedule, but at their respective achievement rates. Relative TSR-based awards vest equally on an annual basis over three years, subject to continued employment or service through the applicable vesting date. The vesting commencement date for all restricted stock unit awards and performance stock unit awards is the grant date.

2. Time-based awards include time-vesting restricted stock unit awards and financial performance stock unit awards at the rate achieved for the respective fiscal year. The May 2021 financial performance stock unit awards achieved at 128%. There were no financial performance stock unit awards granted in fiscal 2021. The value is computed based on the number of achieved unvested shares multiplied by the closing market price of our common stock at the end of fiscal 2023. The actual value (if any) to be realized by the named executive officer depends on whether the shares vest and the future performance of our common stock. On March 31, 2023, the closing price of our common stock was \$56.74 per share. See "Long-Term Equity Incentive Awards" above for more information on the plan and the related performance objectives.

3. Performance-based awards include Relative TSR performance stock unit awards at the March 31, 2023 payout rate based on Commvault's TSR measured relative to the components of the Russell 3000 Index. The May 2020, May 2021 and May 2022 awards are calculated at an estimated 100% payout (target). The value is computed based on the number of achieved unvested shares multiplied by the closing market price of our common stock. At the end of fiscal 2023. The actual value (if any) to be realized by the named executive officer depends on whether the shares vest and the future performance of our common stock. On March 31, 2023, the closing price of our common stock was \$56.74 per share. See "Long-Term Equity Incentive Awards" above for more information on the plan and the related performance objectives.

4. In connection with Mr. Carolan's Agreement and General Release dated April 28, 2022, all unvested equity shares shall continue to vest in accordance with the plan agreement in which the equity grants were made. Refer to "Modification of Former CFO Equity Awards" above for more information.

COMPENSATION TABLES | FISCAL 2023 STOCK VESTED TABLE

# Fiscal 2023 Stock Vested Table

The following table sets forth information on the number and value of restricted stock units vested during fiscal 2023 for our named executive officers.

	Stock Awards	
Name	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting(#)	Value Realized On Vesting(\$)(1)
Sanjay Mirchandani	146,634	8,867,972
Gary Merrill	17,288	1,045,721
Riccardo Di Blasio	39,528	2,395,676
Brian Carolan(2)	41,673	2,512,624

1. The value realized on the vesting of the restricted stock unit awards is based on the market price of our common stock on the vesting date. See "Long-Term Equity Incentive Awards" above for more information on the plan and the related performance objectives.

As part of Mr. Carolan's Agreement and General Release dated April 28, 2022, all unvested equity shares shall continue to vest in accordance with the terms of the plan agreement in which the equity grants were made.

# **Pension Benefits and Deferred Compensation**

None of our named executive officers during fiscal 2023 participated in or had account balances in qualified or non-qualified defined benefit plans sponsored by Commvault or in non-qualified defined contribution plans maintained by Commvault.

# **Individual Agreements**

The following table summarizes the individual agreements between Commvault and the named executive officers.

	Sanjay Mirchandani	Gary Merrill	Riccardo Di Blasio	Brian Carolan(1)
Compensation arrangements	to annual review by our Board of Directors eligible for an annual cash bonus entitled to participate in the employee benefits plans in which our other executives may participate	<ul> <li>eligible for an annual cash bonus</li> <li>entitled to participate in the employee benefits plans in which our other executive may participate</li> </ul>	sales incentive compensation plan that provides a cash bonus	employee benefits plans in
Compensation in the event • of a termination without "cause" or for "good reason" and other than within 24 months following a "change in control"(2) (subject to execution of a release of claims in favor of the Company)	lump sum payment equal to (i) 12 months of his then- current base salary and (ii) his target cash incentive bonus for the year in which termination of employment occurs continued payment of premiums for health insurance for Mr. Mirchandani and his dependents for a period of 18 months	months of continued grou	rent base salary bayment equal to the amount he v p health coverage under the Cor dependents immediately prior to	npany's group health plan as in

#### COMPENSATION TABLES | INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENTS

	Sanjay Mirchandani	Gary Merrill	Riccardo Di Blasio	Brian Carolan(1)
Compensation in the event of termination due to death or disability	any outstanding stock option	on earned but not yet paid ons or awards will immediately formance conditions not yet det		med at 100% of target
Restrictive covenants	<ul> <li>during his term of employmen with us and for a period of one year following any termination may not:</li> <li>participate, directly or indirectly, within the United States, in a business in competition with Commvault (other than beneficial ownership of up to one percent of the outstanding stock of a publicly held company)</li> <li>solicit our employees or customers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>the executive may not:</li> <li>engage in, or have any int any activity that then comp subsidiary anywhere in the of up to 5% of the outstand</li> <li>induce any employee of the to become employed by a</li> <li>contact, induce or attempt executive had actual know</li> </ul>	erest in, or manage or opera betes with any business of the world (each, a "Competitor ding voting stock of a public the Company or its subsidiari ny Competitor to induce any customer or p	es to terminate such employment or potential customer (of which the s or services from any entity other

1. Mr.Carolan departed the Company on June 30, 2022. For a further discussion of the terms of Mr.Carolan's individual agreement, see next section, "Brian Carolan".

2. Each executive's individual agreement defines "cause" and "good reason."

# **Brian Carolan**

On June 30, 2022, Mr. Carolan departed from the Company and such departure was treated as a not-for-cause separation by the Company under the terms of his individual agreement. As such, he was entitled the following benefits:

- 12 months of his then-current base salary in the amount of \$410,000.
- He was given 12 months of medical coverage in lieu of the immediate lump sum payment equal to the amount he would have to pay for twelve
  months of continued group health coverage under the Company's group health plan as in effect for himself and his dependents.
- He received a pro-rated lump sum payment equal to 25% of his annual bonus target in the amount of \$61,500.
- In lieu of the acceleration of Mr. Carolan's equity or equity based awards, Mr. Carolan retained all of Executive's Equity Grants and the provisions in the award documents and/or plan documentation under which the Equity Grants were made that require any additional period of employment or service after the Termination Date was waived, and the Equity Grants were valued and shall be paid out in the same manner and at the same time as would have been the case had Mr. Carolan remained in continuous employment or service with the Company through the date at which the payments or taxable benefits provided for under the Equity Grants would otherwise have been provided to Mr. Carolan. In the event of a change of control of the company (as defined in the Change of Control Agreement), Executive's Equity Grants shall be accelerated as set forth in the Change of Control Agreement as if Mr. Carolan had resigned from his employment with "good reason."

# **Change in Control Agreements**

# Sanjay Mirchandani

If a change in control of our Company occurs and Mr. Mirchandani's employment is terminated for reasons other than for cause, Mr. Mirchandani's employment is terminated on account of disability, or if Mr. Mirchandani terminates his employment for good reason, in each case within two years of the change in control, then all equity awards held by Mr. Mirchandani will immediately become exercisable and vested and any equity awards with performance conditions not yet determined will be deemed earned at 100% of target. Furthermore, subject to execution of a release of claims in favor of the Company, he will be entitled to (1) a lump sum severance payment equal to 18 months of his base salary plus his target cash incentive bonus at the time of the change in control, and (2) health insurance coverage for him and his dependents for an 18-month period.

# Gary Merrill and Riccardo Di Blasio

Messrs. Merrill and Di Blasio each have Executive Retention and Severance Agreements.

#### COMPENSATION TABLES | CHANGE IN CONTROL AGREEMENTS

If a change in control of our Company occurs, and within two years the employment of Messrs. Merrill or Di Blasio is terminated for reasons other than for cause, or if the executive terminates his employment for good reason (as defined in the Executive Retention and Severance Agreement), then, subject to the execution of a general release of claims, all equity awards held by the executive will immediately become exercisable or vested, and that executive will be entitled to a lump sum severance payment equal to 12 months of his annual base salary at the time of the change in control and health insurance coverage for the executive and his dependents for a 12-month period.

# Estimated Payments and Benefits upon Termination or Change in Control

The amount of compensation and benefits payable to each named executive officer has been estimated in the table below as if any termination was effective as of March 31, 2023, the last day of our fiscal year. The actual amounts to be paid out can only be determined at the time of an executive's separation.

	(	Compensation (\$)			
_	Base Salary	Annual Cash Incentive Bonus	Accelerated Vesting of Restricted Stock & Performance Stock Units(1)	Continuation of Medical Benefits (Present Value)(\$)	Total Compensation and Benefits (\$)
Sanjay Mirchandani					
Death	—	—	15,365,249(2)	—	15,365,249
Disability	—	—	15,365,249(2)	—	15,365,249
Involuntary termination without cause or with good reason	645,000	645,000	9,470,272(3)	27,204	11,057,476
Involuntary termination without cause, on account of disability, or with good reason in connection with a change in control	967,500	967,500	15,365,249(2)	27,204	17,327,453
Gary Merrill					
Death	—	—	2,532,363(2)	—	2,532,363
Disability	—	—	2,532,363(2)	—	2,532,363
Involuntary termination without cause or with good reason	410,000	—	1,525,966(3)	35,733	1,971,699
Involuntary termination without cause or with good reason in connection with a change in control	410,000	—	2,532,363(2)	35,733	2,978,096
Riccardo Di Blasio					
Death	—	_	4,571,031(2)	—	4,571,031
Disability	—	_	4,571,031(2)	—	4,571,031
Involuntary termination without cause or with good reason	475,000	_	2,840,631(3)	26,134	3,341,765
Involuntary termination without cause or with good reason in connection with a change in control	475,000	_	4,571,031(2)	26,134	5,072,165
Brian Carolan(4)	_			_	_

1. Amounts in this column describe the value of restricted stock unit awards and performance stock unit awards that would vest upon the triggering event described in the leftmost column, based on a closing price of \$56.74 per share of our common stock on March 31, 2023.

2. As described in the named executive officers' respective employment agreements or change in control agreements, upon death, disability, or involuntary termination by the Company without cause or by the named executive officer for good reason, in each case, on or within the two years following a change in control, all outstanding restricted stock unit awards and performance stock unit awards would become immediately vested. Any stock awards with performance conditions that are not yet determinable (such as if the performance measurement period has not been completed) will be deemed to have been earned at 100% of target and will be payable in accordance with their terms.

3. As described in the named executive officers' respective employment agreements, involuntary termination by the Company without cause or by the named executive officer for good reason other than within two years following a change in control would result in the vesting of restricted stock units and performance stock unit awards that would have vested had the named executive officer remained with the Company an additional year. Any performance stock unit awards with conditions that are not yet determined (such as if the performance measurement period has not been completed) will be deemed to have been earned at 100% of target and will be payable in accordance with their terms.

Pursuant to the terms of Mr. Carolan's separation agreement, he received 12 months of his then-current base salary, a pro-rata bonus at the target level of performance, 12 months COBRA continuation coverage and continued vesting of his outstanding equity awards. In the event of a Change in Control of the Company, vesting of Mr. Carolan's outstanding equity awards will accelerate as described in his change in control agreement as if Mr. Carolan had resigned from his employment with good reason.

COMPENSATION TABLES | CEO PAY RATIO

# **CEO Pay Ratio**

As required by Item 402(u) of Regulation S-K, we are providing the following information regarding the relationship of the annual total compensation for our CEO compared to the median of the annual total compensation of all of our employees (except for our CEO).

For fiscal 2023:

- The median of the annual total compensation of all of our employees, excluding our CEO, was \$92,776.
- The annual total compensation of our CEO was \$10,852,803.
- Therefore, the ratio of CEO compensation relative to the median employee is approximately 117 to 1.

Factors influencing the company's pay ratio include the Company's strategic decision to expand into centers of excellence, including approximately 850 employees located in India (a 4% increase since fiscal 2022) and over 100 employees located outside of the United States, in each case, where compensation benchmarks are lower than those in other geographies. Additionally, all global employees salaries differ as cost of living differs from country to country. Approximately 44% of employees live in the United States where our CEO resides and works. Such global workforce increases span of control, and management effectiveness and efficiencies.

The methodology we used to identify our median employee for fiscal 2023 was as follows:

- We selected March 31, 2023, as the date upon which we identified our employee population. We included all employees as of that date, with no exclusions.
- We used total cash compensation as our consistently applied compensation measure to identify our median employee. For this purpose, we defined total cash compensation as base wages plus any incentive compensation (bonuses or commissions). We did not annualize the compensation of any employees who were employed less than a full year and we did not make any adjustments, assumptions or estimates. For employees outside the United States, we converted cash compensation to U.S. dollars using the applicable March 31, 2023 exchange rate.
- · Using this methodology, we determined that our median employee was a full-time, salaried employee based in the United States.

We calculated the annual total compensation of our median employee in the same manner that we calculated the total compensation of our CEO for purposes of the Summary Compensation Table. This annual total compensation amount for our median employee was then compared to the annual total compensation of our CEO as reported in the "Total" column of our fiscal 2023 Summary Compensation Table included in this Proxy Statement to determine the pay ratio.

It should be noted that the SEC rules provide a fair amount of flexibility in developing a methodology to identify the median employee, and the global composition of our workforce may contribute to a lack of comparability between our pay ratio and that of our peer companies. We believe that this pay ratio is a reasonable estimate calculated in a manner consistent with Item 402(u) of Regulation S-K.

# **Pay versus Performance**

As required by Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K, we are providing the following information about the relationship between the compensation actually paid to our principal executive officer ("PEO") and non-PEO named executive officers ("NEOs") and certain aspects of our financial performance. For further information concerning our pay for performance philosophy and how executive compensation aligns with our performance, please refer to the Compensation Discussion and Analysis.

					Value on Initial Investme			
Year(1)	Summary Compensation Table Total for PEO	Compensation ( Actually paid for PEO(2)	Average Summary Compensation Table Total for Non-PEO NEOs	Average Compensation Actually paid for by Non-PEO NEOs(2)	Total Shareholder Return	Peer Group Total Shareholder Return(4)	Net Income /(Loss)	Revenue(5)
2023	\$10,852,803	\$8,128,462	\$3,237,743	\$1,706,699	\$140	\$189	\$(35,774,000)	\$784,590,000
2022	\$10,760,212	\$11,275,932	\$3,342,790	\$3,534,151	\$164	\$211	\$33,624,000	\$769,591,000
2021	\$8,004,986	\$15,975,930	\$2,696,751	\$4,763,212	\$159	\$175	\$(30,954,000)	\$723,472,000

1. During fiscal years 2023, 2022 and 2021, our PEO and non-PEO NEOs were as follows:

Year	PEO (CEO)	Non-PEO NEOs
2023	Sanjay Mirchandani	Gary Merrill, Riccardo Di Blasio, Brian Carolan
2022	Sanjay Mirchandani	Riccardo Di Blasio, Brian Carolan
2021	Sanjay Mirchandani	Riccardo Di Blasio, Brian Carolan

The dollar amounts reported in these columns represent the amount of "compensation actually paid" to our PEO and Non-PEO NEOs in each respective year. The dollar amounts do not reflect the actual amount of compensation earned or received during the applicable fiscal year. There are no material differences between the assumptions used to compute the valuation of the equity awards for calculating the compensation actually paid from the assumptions used to compute the valuation of such equity awards as of the grant date. In accordance with the requirements of Item 402(v) 2. of Regulation S-K, the following adjustments were made to the total compensation of our PEO and non-PEO NEOs for each year to determine the "compensation actually paid":

PE	0	2021	2022	2023
	Summary Compensation Table - Total Compensation	\$8,004,986	\$10,760,212	\$10,852,803
-	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock Awards and Option Awards Granted in Fiscal Year	\$6,336,511	\$9,413,382	\$9,722,388
+	Fair Value at Fiscal Year End of Outstanding and Unvested Stock Awards and Option Awards Granted in Fiscal Year	\$12,444,339	\$10,030,014	\$9,814,556
+	Change in Fair Value of Outstanding and Unvested Stock Awards and Option Awards Granted in Prior Fiscal Years	\$1,386,721	\$(616,535)	\$(1,773,893)
+	Fair Value at Vesting of Stock Awards and Option Awards Granted in Fiscal Year That Vested During Fiscal Year	\$—	\$—	\$—
+	Change in Fair Value as of Vesting Date of Stock Awards and Option Awards Granted in Prior Fiscal Years For Which Applicable Vesting Conditions Were Satisfied During Fiscal Year	\$476,395	\$515,623	\$(1,042,616)
-	Fair Value as of Prior Fiscal Year End of Stock Awards and Option Awards Granted in Fiscal Years That Failed to Meet Applicable Vesting Conditions During Fiscal Year	\$—	\$—	\$—
=	Compensation Actually Paid	\$15,975,930	\$11,275,932	\$8,128,462
NE	O Average	2021	2022	2023
	Summary Compensation Table - Total Compensation	\$2,696,751	\$3,342,790	\$3,237,743
-	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock Awards and Option Awards Granted in Fiscal Year	\$1,808,753	\$2,491,707	\$2,559,448
+	Fair Value at Fiscal Year End of Outstanding and Unvested Stock Awards and Option Awards Granted in Fiscal Year	\$3,552,227	\$2,655,470	\$2,185,843
+	Change in Fair Value of Outstanding and Unvested Stock Awards and Option Awards Granted in Prior Fiscal Years	\$296,856	\$(165,930)	\$(924,865)
+	Fair Value at Vesting of Stock Awards and Option Awards Granted in Fiscal Year That Vested During Fiscal Year	\$—	\$—	\$287,324
+	Change in Fair Value as of Vesting Date of Stock Awards and Option Awards Granted in Prior Fiscal Years For Which Applicable Vesting Conditions Were Satisfied During Fiscal Year	\$26,131	\$193,528	\$(209,402)
-	Fair Value as of Prior Fiscal Year End of Stock Awards and Option Awards Granted in Fiscal Years That Failed to Meet Applicable Vesting Conditions During Fiscal Year	\$—	\$—	\$310,496

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Pursuant to SEC rules, the comparison assumes \$100 was invested on March 31, 2020. Historical stock price performance is not necessarily indicative of future stock price performance. The Total Shareholder Return Peer Group consists of the companies included in the NASDAQ Computer Index. The measure has been designated as the "Company-Selected Measure" for fiscal year 2023, in accordance with SEC rules, and represents the most important financial performance measure (that is not otherwise required to be disclosed in the table) used by the Company to link compensation actually paid to our NEOs in fiscal year 2023.

\$4,763,212

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Compensation Actually Paid

#### Financial Performance Measures

In no particular order, the following table sets forth the company's most important financial performance measures used to link NEO compensation actually paid during fiscal year 2023 to company performance.

Company Performance Measures
Revenue
Non-GAAP EBIT
Relative Total Shareholder Return
ARR

Additional information about each of these performance measures and the role of our performance in each of these measures in determining our executive compensation are discussed in greater detail in the *Compensation Discussion and Analysis*.

# Analysis of Information Presented in Pay-Versus-Performance Table

The following graph illustrates the relationship between compensation actually paid to our PEO and our non-PEO NEOs and our TSR for the period presented in the Pay-Versus-Performance table.

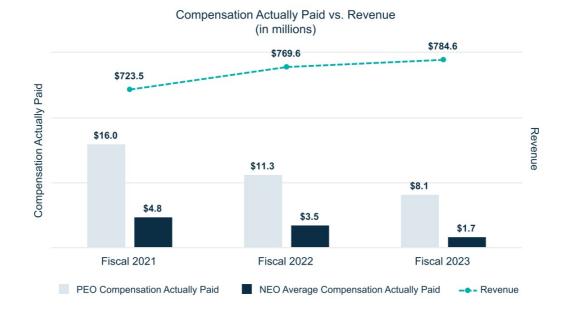


Compensation Actually Paid vs. Indexed TSR (in millions, except Indexed TSR)

The following graph illustrates the relationship between compensation actually paid to our PEO and our non-PEO NEOs and our net income for the period presented in the Pay-Versus-Performance table.



The following graph illustrates the relationship between compensation actually paid to our PEO and our non-PEO NEOs and our revenue for the period presented in the Pay-Versus-Performance table.



# Proposal No. 4: Advisory Vote on the Frequency of Future Advisory Votes on Commvault's Compensation of our Named Executive Officers

# What am I voting on?

We are asking stockholders to approve, on a non-binding basis, the frequency of future advisory votes on the compensation of our named executive officers.

#### Vote Recommendation

A frequency of **ONE YEAR** for future advisory votes on Commvault's compensation of our named executive officers.

Pursuant to the requirements under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act") and Section 14A of the Exchange Act, we are providing our stockholders with the opportunity to vote, on a non-binding, advisory basis, for their preference as to how frequently we should seek future advisory votes on the compensation of our named executive officers ("NEOs") as disclosed in accordance with the compensation disclosure rules of the SEC. By voting with respect to this Proposal No. 4, stockholders may indicate whether they would prefer that we conduct future advisory votes on NEO compensation once every one, two, or three years.

Consistent with the outcome of our stockholder advisory votes regarding the frequency of future advisory votes on NEO compensation in 2011 and 2017, we have held our advisory vote on NEO compensation every year since 2011. The Board of Directors continues to agree that advisory votes on NEO compensation should be held every year. In arriving at this recommendation, the Board of Directors considered the benefits and consequences of each option, including that an annual advisory vote on NEO compensation will allow our stockholders to provide timely, direct input on our executive compensation philosophy, policies and practices as disclosed in the proxy statement each year. In addition, we continue to believe an annual advisory vote on NEO compensation is consistent with our policy of seeking input from, and engaging in discussions with, our stockholders on corporate governance matters and our NEO compensation philosophy.

For the reasons discussed above, the Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote in favor of holding an advisory vote on NEO compensation every year. In voting on this proposal, stockholders should be aware that they are not voting "for" or "against" the Board of Director's recommendation. Rather, stockholders will be casting votes to recommend whether the frequency of future advisory votes on NEO compensation should occur every one, two or three years, or they may abstain entirely from voting on the proposal.

The option that receives the most votes from stockholders will be considered by the Board and TMCC as the stockholders' recommendation as to the frequency of future advisory votes on NEO compensation. Although this advisory vote is not binding on us, as provided by law, our Board of Directors or the TMCC will review and consider the outcome of this advisory vote and, consistent with our record of stockholder engagement, will take it into account when making a determination as to when the advisory vote on NEO compensation will again be submitted to stockholders for approval at an Annual Meeting. The next stockholder vote on the frequency of future advisory votes on NEO compensation is expected to be held at the 2029 Annual Meeting.

# The Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote for "ONE YEAR" as the preferred frequency for future advisory votes on Commvault's NEO compensation.

# Audit Committee Report



The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed Commvault's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, with our management. In addition, the Audit Committee has discussed with Ernst & Young LLP, our independent auditors, the matters required to be discussed by the applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB") and the SEC.

The Audit Committee has received from the independent auditors written disclosures and the letter regarding the independent auditors' communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence required by the applicable requirements of the PCAOB and has discussed with the independent auditors the firm's independence.

The Audit Committee has considered whether the services rendered by our independent public accountants with respect to audit, audit-related, tax, and other non-audit fees are compatible with maintaining the firm's independence.

Based on the review and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that Commvault's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, for filing with the SEC.

Audit Committee David F. Walker—Chair Chuck Moran Shane Sanders

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# Proposal No. 5: Ratification of the Appointment of Independent Auditors

# What am I voting on?

As a matter of good corporate governance, we are asking stockholders to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as Commvault's independent auditors for fiscal year 2024.

# Vote Recommendation

**FOR** ratification of the selection of the auditors.

Financial statements of the Company and our consolidated subsidiaries will be included in our Annual Report furnished to all stockholders. The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has appointed Ernst & Young LLP as independent public accountants for us to examine our consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024 and has determined as a matter of good governance to seek stockholders' ratification of the appointment. If the stockholders do not ratify the appointment, the Audit Committee will reconsider the appointment for the 2025 fiscal year, rather than the 2024 fiscal year, because of the difficulty and expense involved in changing independent auditors on short notice.

Ernst & Young LLP has been engaged as our principal independent public accountants continuously since fiscal year 1998. Representatives of Ernst & Young LLP are expected to attend the Annual Meeting. They will have the opportunity to make a statement if they wish and are also expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions.

# Audit, Audit-Related, Tax, and All Other Fees

The following table summarizes the aggregate fees and expenses billed to us for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, by our principal accounting firm, Ernst & Young LLP.

	2023	2022
	(In thousand	ls)
Audit fees	\$2,266	\$2,065
Audit-related fees	10	10
Tax fees	1,149	1,198
All other fees	—	
	\$3,425	\$3,273

Audit Fees—all services necessary to perform an audit of the consolidated financial statements of our company; the reviews of our company's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q; services in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements; statutory audits; consents and review of documents filed with the SEC.

Audit Related Fees—subscription to EY Online Research Tool.

Tax Fees—tax compliance; tax planning; and other tax advice.

All Other Fees—any other work that is not Audit, Audit-Related, or a Tax Service.

In considering the nature of the services provided by Ernst & Young LLP, the Audit Committee determined that such services are compatible with the provision of independent audit services. The Audit Committee discussed these services with Ernst & Young LLP and

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our management to determine that they are permitted under the rules and regulations concerning auditor independence promulgated by the SEC to implement the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

# Policy on Audit Committee Pre-Approval of Audit and Non-Audit Services of Independent Auditor

The Audit Committee is responsible for appointing, setting compensation for, and overseeing the work of the independent auditor. The Audit Committee has established a policy regarding pre-approval of permissible non-audit services provided by the independent auditor. Generally, pre-approvals may be made by the chairperson of the Audit Committee and ratified by the full Audit Committee at its next meeting thereafter. All of the services performed by Ernst & Young LLP in the year ended March 31, 2023, were pre-approved in accordance with the pre-approval policy adopted by the Audit Committee.

# The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR this proposal.

# Proposal No. 6: Approval of additional shares for issuance under the 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan

#### What am I voting on?

In order to continue to offer equity compensation to Commvault officers and employees, we need to increase the number of shares that are authorized for issuance under the 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan by 3.2 million shares.

## Vote Recommendation

**FOR** an additional 3.2 million shares available for issuance under the 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended.

Our Board of Directors believes it is important for employees to have an equity interest in our company, and recommends an additional 3.2 million shares for issuance under the 2016 Incentive Plan to stockholders for approval. This increase in the number of shares available for issuance should ensure we can grant our customary incentive awards for the foreseeable future.

The following summary of the 2016 Incentive Plan is qualified in its entirety by the complete text of the 2016 Incentive Plan contained in the Company's public filings with the SEC.

# Background

We previously maintained the Commvault Systems, Inc. 1996 Stock Option Plan and the 2006 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan (together, the "Prior Plans"). As of the date of this proxy statement, a total of [] shares of Commvault common stock remain available to be issued upon exercise or settlement of outstanding awards under the Prior Plans.

As described below under "Description of 2016 Incentive Plan—Types of Awards," the 2016 Incentive Plan authorizes a broad range of awards, including stock options ("Options"), stock appreciation rights ("SARs"), Full Value Awards (including restricted stock, restricted stock units ("RSUs"), performance shares or units, and other stock-based awards) and cash-based awards. As of the date of this proxy statement, [] shares of Commvault common stock (and no stock options) have been granted under the 2016 Incentive Plan, out of a total of 11,050,000 reserved for issuance. This proposal will reserve an additional 3,200,000 shares of common stock for issuance under the 2016 Incentive Plan.

On July [], 2023, the last reported sale price of our Common Stock on the NASDAQ stock market was \$[] per share.

PROPOSAL NO. 6: APPROVAL ADDITIONAL SHARES FOR ISSUANCE UNDER THE 2016 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN | KEY DATA

# **Key Data**

The following table includes information regarding outstanding equity awards and shares available for future awards under our Prior Plans and the 2016 Incentive Plan as of May 31, 2023.

Options	523,664
Weighted Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options	\$74.95
Weighted Average Remaining Term of Outstanding Options	0.68 years
Non-Vested Time-Vesting Restricted Stock Units	2,474,293
Performance-Vesting Shares	494,133
Shares Available for Grant	1,147,903

The following table summarizes our equity usage during the three most recent fiscal years.

Time Period	Time-Vesting RSUs Granted	Financial Performance Shares Granted	Financial Performance Shares Earned	Market-Based Shares Granted	Market-Based Shares Earned(1)	Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding (Diluted)
Fiscal 2023	1,560,712	125,919	161,176	125,919	156,983	44,664,000
Fiscal 2022	1,727,891	118,929	185,189	105,386	104,683	47,220,000
Fiscal 2021	1,797,021	_	—	298,585	304,557	46,652,000

1. Unvested market-based shares are represented at present value as of May 31, 2023. The number of shares may vary until actual results are confirmed.

# **Description of the 2016 Incentive Plan**

# **Purpose**

The purpose of the 2016 Incentive Plan is to:

- attract and retain talented executives and employees,
- advance the interests of Commvault and our stockholders by providing eligible employees and executives with appropriate incentives to perform in a superior manner and achieve long-range goals,
- · enhance the link between performance and compensation for plan participants, and
- · provide incentive compensation opportunities that are competitive with those offered by other similar companies.

# Administration

For awards to Commvault officers and employees, the 2016 Incentive Plan is administered by the TMCC which selects award recipients under the 2016 Incentive Plan, the types of awards to be granted, and the applicable terms, conditions, performance criteria, restrictions, and other provisions of such awards. The TMCC also has the authority to conclusively interpret the 2016 Incentive Plan and to adopt rules and procedures relating to the Plan and awards made thereunder. Subject to stock exchange listing rules and applicable law, the TMCC may delegate all or any portion of its responsibilities or powers under the 2016 Incentive Plan.

# Eligibility

All officers, directors, or other employees of Commvault or a related company; all consultants, independent contractors, or agents of Commvault or a related company; and individuals who are expected to become officers, employees, directors, consultants, independent contractors, or agents of Commvault or a related company, are eligible to receive awards under the 2016 Incentive Plan, with two limitations. Specifically, awards to a person who is expected to become a service provider to Commvault or a related company cannot be effective before such person's service begins, and incentive stock options ("ISOs") may only be granted to employees of Commvault or a related company that satisfies certain requirements in the Internal Revenue Code. For purposes of eligibility, a company is a "related company" for any period during which we own (directly or indirectly) at least 50% of voting power or ownership interests in such entity or such entity owns (directly or indirectly) at least 50% of the voting power of our stock.

In fiscal year 2023, we granted equity awards of the type authorized under the 2016 Incentive Plan to 1,613 individuals. As of March 31, 2023, 2,791 persons (including 2,779 employees, 10 non-employee directors and 2 consultants) were eligible to receive awards under the 2016 Incentive Plan.

# Shares of Common Stock Available for Awards

Awards may be made under the 2016 Incentive Plan with respect to Common Stock that is authorized but unissued or, as permitted by applicable law, held or acquired by Commvault as treasury shares, including shares of Common Stock purchased in the open market or in private transactions. At the discretion of the Committee, an award under the 2016 Incentive Plan may be settled in cash rather than Common Stock.

The maximum number of shares of Common Stock that may be delivered under the 2016 Incentive Plan is 11,050,000. Assuming this proposal is approved, that maximum number will be increased to 14,250,000 shares. Any shares of Common Stock covered by an award under the 2016 Incentive Plan that is forfeited, expires, or is terminated without issuance of shares of Common Stock (including shares of Common Stock that are attributable to awards that are settled in cash), and shares of Common Stock that are withheld in payment of taxes payable with respect to the vesting or settlement of a Full Value Award will thereafter be available for further grants under the 2016 Incentive Plan. Shares of Common Stock that are tendered or withheld in payment of taxes payable with respect to the exercise of an Option or Shares of Common Stock that are tendered or withheld in payment of taxes payable with respect to the exercise of an Option or SAR will not be available for further grants under the 2016 Incentive Plan. Shares subject to a Stock Appreciation Right that are not issued in connection with the stock settlement of that Stock Appreciation Right upon its exercise will not again become available for further grants under the 2016 Incentive Plan: The following additional limits apply to awards under the 2016 Incentive Plan:

- no more than 3,550,000 shares of Common Stock may be subject to ISOs;
- the maximum number of shares of Common Stock that may be covered by Options and SARs that are intended to be performance-based compensation and that are granted to any one participant in any one calendar year is 500,000;
- the maximum number of shares of Common Stock that may be delivered pursuant to any Full Value Award that is intended to be performance-based compensation granted to any one participant during any calendar year is 250,000, regardless of whether settlement of the award is to occur before, at the time of, or after vesting; and
- in the case of Cash Incentive Awards (as described below) that are intended to be performance-based compensation, the maximum amount payable to any
  one participant with respect to any performance period of twelve months (pro-rated for performance periods that are not twelve months) is \$2,500,000.

If a Full Value Award or Cash Incentive Award that is intended to be performance-based compensation is denominated in shares but an equivalent amount of cash is delivered (or vice versa), the foregoing limitations will be applied based on the methodology the TMCC uses to convert shares of Common Stock to cash (or vice versa). If delivery of cash or shares of Common Stock is deferred until after the cash or shares are earned, there will not be any adjustment in the amount delivered to reflect interim changes in the stock price.

Awards granted to independent directors for any calendar year may not exceed \$500,000 (\$1,000,000 for the initial year of directorship), determined as of the date of grant.

In the event of a corporate transaction (including a stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, extraordinary cash dividend, recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split-up, spin-off, exchange of shares, sale of assets or subsidiaries, or combination) that affects the Common Stock such that the TMCC determines an adjustment is warranted in order to preserve the benefits or prevent the enlargement of benefits of awards under the 2016 Incentive Plan, the TMCC will adjust awards in a manner it determines to be equitable in its discretion. Specifically, the TMCC may:

- adjust the number and kind of shares that may be delivered under the 2016 Incentive Plan (including adjusting the individual limitations described above);

- · adjust the number and kind of shares subject to outstanding awards;
- adjust the exercise price of outstanding Options and SARs;
- replace awards with other awards that the TMCC determines have comparable value and that are based on stock of a company resulting from the transaction; and
- cancel any award in return for cash payment of the award's current value, determined as though the award is fully vested at the time of payment, provided that in the case of an Option or SAR, the amount of such payment may be the excess of the value of the shares of Common Stock subject to the Option or SAR at the time of the transaction over the exercise price.

# **Types of Awards**

# Options

The TMCC may grant Options to purchase shares of Common Stock in the form of ISOs or non-qualified stock options ("NQOs"). The exercise price of an Option cannot be less than the fair market value of a share of Common Stock on the date the Option is granted. ISOs may only be granted to employees of Commvault or our permitted corporate subsidiaries and must satisfy other requirements of Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code. An Option that does not satisfy the requirements for an ISO will be treated as a NQO.

Except for reductions approved by our stockholders or adjustment for corporate transactions, the exercise price of an Option may not be decreased after the date of grant, nor may an Option be surrendered to us as consideration for the grant of a replacement Option or SAR with a lower exercise price or for a Full Value Award. In addition, except as approved by our stockholders, no Option granted under the 2016 Incentive Plan may be surrendered to us in consideration of a cash payment if, at the time of such surrender, the exercise price of the Option is greater than the fair market value of a share of Common Stock.

Options will be exercisable in accordance with the terms established by the TMCC. The full exercise price of each share of Common Stock purchased upon the exercise of any Option must be paid at the time of exercise (except if the exercise price is payable through the use of cash equivalents, it may be paid as soon as practicable after exercise). Subject to applicable law, the exercise price of an Option may be payable in cash or cash equivalents, shares of Common Stock (valued at fair market value as of the day of exercise), or a combination thereof. The Committee may, in its discretion, impose such conditions, restrictions, and contingencies on the shares of Common Stock acquired pursuant to the exercise of an Option as the Committee determines to be desirable, including conformity with our recoupment or clawback policies as in effect from time to time. Except as provided by the TMCC, an Option will expire on the earlier of:

• the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the participant's employment or service terminates for any reason other than for cause (as defined in the 2016 Incentive Plan), and

• the day on which the participant's employment or service terminates for cause.

In any event, an Option will expire no later than the 10th anniversary of the date on which it is granted (or such shorter period required by the rules of any stock exchange on which the Common Stock is listed).

## SARs

A SAR entitles the holder to receive the amount (in cash or shares of Common Stock) by which the fair market value of a specified number of shares of Common Stock on the exercise date exceeds an exercise price established by the Committee. The exercise price of a SAR cannot be less than the fair market value of a share of Common Stock on the date the SAR is granted. SARs are generally subject to the same terms and restrictions as apply to Options to the extent relevant, including the prohibition on lowering the exercise price, exchanges for cash or other awards, the expiration date provisions, and the minimum vesting period.

#### **Full Value Awards**

A Full Value Award is a grant of one or more shares of Common Stock or a right to receive one or more shares of Common Stock in the future (including restricted stock, restricted stock units, deferred stock units, performance stock, and performance stock units). Grants may be subject to such conditions, restrictions, and contingencies as determined by the Committee, including provisions relating to dividend or dividend equivalent rights and deferred payment or settlement, but no dividends or dividend equivalent rights will be paid or settled on performance-based awards that have not been earned.

## **Cash Incentive Awards**

A Cash Incentive Award is the grant of a right to receive a payment of cash (or, in the discretion of the Committee, shares of Common Stock with an equivalent value) that is contingent on achievement of performance objectives over a specified period of time. The grant of Cash Incentive Awards may also be subject to such other conditions, restrictions, and contingencies as the Committee determines, including provisions relating to deferred payment. No award may vest, in whole or in part, before the first anniversary of the date of grant or, in the case of vesting based upon the attainment of performance-based objectives, the first anniversary of the commencement of the period over which performance is evaluated, except for a limited number of awards (covering up to 5% of the shares available for issuance under the 2016 Incentive Plan) or upon death, disability or a corporate transaction.

# **Change in Control**

If (i) a Change in Control (as defined in the 2016 Incentive Plan) occurs before an award vests and before the holder's separation from service, and (ii) such award remains outstanding following the Change in Control (whether by substitution with another award or otherwise), and (iii) the participant's service is involuntarily terminated by the Company or a related company (or any successor thereto), other than for cause, on or within two years following the Change in Control, then:

- the participant's outstanding Options and SARS, if any, will become fully exercisable; and
- the participant's Full Value awards will become fully vested and the Committee will determine the extent to which the associated performance conditions
  are met, taking into account actual performance and/or the passage of time, in accordance with the terms of the 2016 Incentive Plan and the applicable
  award agreement.

To the extent any provision of the 2016 Incentive Plan or an award agreement would cause a payment of deferred compensation that is subject to section 409A of the Code to be made upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, then such payment will not be deferred unless such Change in Control also constitutes a "change in ownership," "change in effective control," or "change in ownership of a substantial portion of the Company's assets" within the meaning of section 409A of the Code.

If an award does not remain outstanding following a Change in Control, the TMCC will determine the vesting and other terms and conditions of the award in connection with the Change in Control in accordance with the terms of the 2016 Incentive Plan.

## Non-U.S. Employees

The Committee may grant awards to eligible individuals who are foreign nationals on terms and conditions different from those specified in the 2016 Incentive Plan as may, in the Committee's judgment, be necessary or desirable to foster and promote achievement of the purposes of the 2016 Incentive Plan. Similarly, the TMCC may make such modifications, amendments, procedures, and subplans as may be necessary or advisable to comply with provisions of laws in other countries or jurisdictions in which Commvault or a related company operates or has employees, but may not increase the share limitations under the 2016 Incentive Plan or otherwise change any provision of the Plan that would require stockholder approval.

# **Other 2016 Incentive Plan Information**

Awards under the 2016 Incentive Plan are not transferable except as designated by the holder by will or by laws of descent and distribution or, unless otherwise provided by the TMCC, pursuant to a qualified domestic relations order. Unless otherwise provided by the Committee, awards (other than an ISO) may be transferred to or for the benefit of the holder's family (including, without limitation, to a trust or partnership for the benefit of family) in accordance with rules established by the TMCC.

All awards and other payments under the 2016 Incentive Plan are subject to withholding of all applicable taxes. With the consent of the Committee, withholding obligations may be satisfied with previously owned shares of Common Stock or shares of Common Stock to which the participant is otherwise entitled under the 2016 Incentive Plan. Shares of Common Stock that have been held less than six months may only be used to satisfy minimum withholding requirements (or other rates that will not have a negative accounting impact).

The Board may, at any time, amend or terminate the 2016 Incentive Plan, and the Board or the TMCC may amend any award agreement, provided that no amendment or termination may, in the absence of written consent to the change by the affected participant (or, if the participant is not then living, the affected beneficiary), adversely affect the rights of any participant or beneficiary under any award granted before the date such amendment is adopted. The provisions of the 2016 Incentive Plan that prohibit repricing of Options and SARs cannot be amended unless the amendment is approved by our stockholders, and no other amendment will be made to the 2016 Incentive Plan without the approval of our stockholders if such approval is required by law or the rules of any stock exchange on which the Common Stock is listed. Adjustment to awards made in connection with corporate transactions are not subject to the foregoing restrictions.

# **U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations**

The discussion that follows is a summary, based on current law, of some significant U.S. federal income tax considerations relating to awards under the 2016 Incentive Plan. This does not purport to be a complete description of the federal income tax aspects of the 2016 Incentive Plan. In addition, participants may be subject to foreign, state, and local taxes and employment taxes in connection with stock purchased under the 2016 Incentive Plan. Participants should consult with a tax adviser to determine how the tax laws apply in their personal circumstances.

#### NQOs

The grant of an NQO will not result in taxable income to the participant. Except as described below, the participant will realize ordinary income at the time of exercise in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the shares of Common Stock acquired over the exercise price for those shares, and Commvault will be entitled to a corresponding deduction. Gains or losses realized by the participant upon disposition of such shares of Common Stock will be treated as capital gains and losses, with a basis equal to the fair market value of the shares of Common Stock at the time of exercise.

The exercise of an NQO through the delivery of previously acquired Common Stock will generally be treated as a non-taxable, like-kind exchange as to the number of shares of Common Stock surrendered and the identical number of shares of Common Stock received under the Option. That number of shares will take the same basis and, for capital gains purposes, the same holding period as the shares of Common Stock that are given up. The value of the shares of Common Stock received upon such an exchange that exceed the number of shares given up will be includible as ordinary income to the participant at the time of exercise. The excess shares of Common Stock will have a new holding period for capital gain purposes and a basis equal to the value of such shares determined at the time of exercise.

### ISO

The grant of an ISO will not result in taxable income to the participant. The exercise of an ISO will not result in taxable income to the participant if the participant was, without a break in service, an employee of Commvault or a corporate subsidiary during the period beginning on the date the Option was granted and ending three months prior to the date of exercise (one year prior to the date of exercise if the participant is disabled, as that term is defined in the Internal Revenue Code).

The excess of the fair market value of the shares of Common Stock at the time of the exercise of an ISO over the exercise price is an adjustment that is included in the calculation of the participant's alternative minimum taxable income for the tax year in which the ISO is exercised. For purposes of determining alternative minimum tax liability for the year of disposition of the shares of Common Stock acquired pursuant to the ISO exercise, the participant will have a basis in those shares equal to the fair market value of the shares of Common Stock at the time of exercise.

If a participant does not sell or otherwise dispose of the shares of Common Stock within two years from the date of the grant of the ISO or within one year after receiving the transfer of such shares, then, upon disposition of such shares of Common Stock, any amount realized in excess of the exercise price will be taxed to the participant as capital gain, and Commvault will not be entitled to any deduction for federal income tax purposes. A capital loss will be recognized to the extent the amount realized is less than the exercise price. If a participant sells or otherwise disposes of the shares of Common Stock sooner than two years from the date of grant of the ISO or one year after receiving the transfer of such shares, then the participant will generally realize ordinary income, and Commvault will be allowed a corresponding deduction, at the time of the disposition of the shares, in an amount equal to the lesser of (a) the excess of the fair market value of the shares of Common Stock on the date of exercise price, or (b) the excess, if any, of the amount realized upon disposition of the shares of Common Stock over the exercise price. If the amount realized exceeds the value of the shares of Common Stock on the date of exercise price, any additional amount will be capital gain. If the amount realized is less than the exercise price, the participant will recognize no income, and a capital loss will be recognized equal to the excess of the exercise price over the amount realized upon the disposition of the shares.

The exercise of an ISO through the exchange of previously acquired stock will generally be treated in the same manner as such an exchange in connection with the exercise of an NQO—that is, as a non-taxable, like-kind exchange as to the number of shares of Common Stock given up and the identical number of shares received under the Option. That number of shares of Common Stock will take the same basis and, for capital gain purposes, the same holding period as the shares that are given up. However, such holding period will not satisfy the one-year holding period required for the new shares of Common Stock to receive ISO treatment. Shares received in excess of the number of shares of Common Stock given up will have a new holding period and will have a basis of zero or the amount of cash, if any, paid as part of the exercise price. A disqualifying disposition before the end of the applicable holding period) with respect to any of the shares of Common Stock received from the exchange will be treated as a disqualifying disposition of the shares with the lowest basis.

If the exercise price of an ISO is paid with shares of Common Stock acquired through a prior exercise of an ISO, gain will be realized on the shares given up (taxed as ordinary income) if those shares of Common Stock have not been held for the minimum ISO holding period (two years from the date of grant and one year from the date of transfer), but the exchange will not affect the tax treatment of the shares of Common Stock received.

#### SARs

A participant generally will not realize any taxable income upon the grant of a SAR. Upon the exercise of a SAR, the participant will recognize ordinary income in an amount equal to the amount of cash and/or the fair market value, at the date of exercise, of the shares of Common Stock received as a result of such exercise. Commvault will generally be entitled to a deduction in the same amount.

#### **Full Value Awards**

The federal income tax consequences of a Full Value Award will depend on the type of award, and in particular, whether the shares are subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture (determined under Internal Revenue Code rules) at the time of the grant. If the shares are subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture, the participant will not recognize taxable income at the time of the grant. Instead, when the restrictions on the shares lapse (meaning the shares are no longer subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture), the participant will recognize ordinary taxable income in an amount equal to the fair market value of the shares at that time. If the shares are not subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture or if the participant elects to be taxed at the time of the grant of such shares under section 83(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, the participant will recognize taxable income when the shares are granted in an amount equal to the fair market value of such shares at the time, determined without regard to any of the restrictions. If the shares are forfeited before the restrictions lapse, the participant will not be entitled to a corresponding deduction. The participant's tax basis in the shares will be the amount recognized as income attributable to such shares. Gain or loss recognized by the participant on a subsequent disposition of any such shares is capital gain or loss if the shares are otherwise capital assets.

In the case of other Full Value Awards, such as restricted stock units or performance stock units, the participant generally will not have taxable income upon the grant of the award so long as there are restrictions on such awards that constitute a substantial risk of forfeiture. Participants will generally recognize ordinary income when the restrictions on awards lapse, on the date of grant if there are no such restrictions, or, in certain cases, when the award is settled. At that time, the participant will recognize taxable income equal to the cash or the fair market value of the shares issuable in payment of such award, and such amount will be the tax basis for any shares received. In the case of an award that does not constitute property at the time of grant (such as an award of units), participants will generally recognize ordinary income when the award is paid or settled.

Commvault generally will be entitled to a tax deduction in the same amount, and at the same time, as the income recognized by a participant.

#### **Parachute Payments**

Any acceleration of the vesting or payment of awards under the 2016 Incentive Plan in the event of a change in control in the Company may cause part or all of the consideration involved to be treated as an "excess parachute payment" under the Internal Revenue Code, which may subject the participant to a 20% excise tax and preclude a deduction by the Company.

## Performance-Based Compensation

Because of changes to Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code that eliminated favorable tax treatment for performance-based compensation of the type awarded under the 2016 Incentive Plan, the TMCC reserves the right to modify compensation that was initially intended to be exempt from Section 162(m) if it determines that such modifications are consistent with the Company's business needs.

# New Plan Benefits

Future benefits under the 2016 Incentive Plan as proposed to be amended cannot be determined at this time because the grants are at the discretion of the TMCC and because their value may depend upon the satisfaction of vesting conditions and the future price of the Company's stock. During fiscal 2023, the TMCC granted time- and performance-based restricted stock units (with performance-based restricted stock units measured at the target level of performance) to the following individuals and groups: Mr. Mirchandani, 155,465; Mr. Merrill 30,228; Mr. Di Blasio, 48,365; executive officers who are not named executive officers, 10,364; non-employee members of the board of directors, 35,422 time-based restricted stock units; employees and contractors other than executive officers, 1,532,706 time-based restricted stock units.

PROPOSAL NO. 6: APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL SHARES FOR ISSUANCE UNDER THE 2016 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN | FISCAL 2023 EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION

# **Fiscal 2023 Equity Compensation Plan Information**

The following table provides information as of March 31, 2023 with respect to the shares of our Common Stock that may be issuable upon the exercise of options, warrants and rights.

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (a)	Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (b)(2)	Number of Securities that Remained Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a)(c))
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders(1)	3,506,672	\$73.58	1,758,398
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	—	_	-
Totals	3,506,672	\$73.58	1,758,398

1. Consists of shares of common stock to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options and vesting of restricted stock units ("RSUs"), including performance stock award units ("PSUs"), under our 2016 Incentive Plan. These amounts do not include potentially issuable shares under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP"). We have reserved approximately 107,000 shares for the future issuance of shares under the ESPP. See "Note 11. Stock Plans" in Item 8 of our Annual Report filed on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2023 for additional information.

2. The weighted-average exercise price does not consider the shares issuable upon vesting of outstanding RSUs and PSUs, which have no exercise price.

# The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR approval of an additional 3.2 million shares available for issuance under the 2016 Incentive Plan, as amended.

# Additional Information about the Annual Meeting

This proxy statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation on behalf of the Board of Directors of Commvault Systems, Inc. of proxies to be voted at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, including any adjournment or postponement thereof. This proxy statement is first being made available at <u>www.edocumentview.com/CVLT</u>, and we intend to begin distribution of the Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials to stockholders on or about July [], 2023. A copy of our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, which includes audited financial statements, is also being made available concurrently with the proxy statement at <u>www.edocumentview.com/CVLT</u>.

Time and Date:	Location:	Record Date:
Tuesday, August 29, 2023	Virtual only	June 30, 2023
9:00 a.m., Eastern Time	http://ir.commvault.com/annual-meeting	

# How can I participate in the virtual annual meeting?

Our virtual annual meeting format will enable all stockholders to participate, regardless of their location. To participate in the Annual Meeting, please access the meeting website at <a href="http://ir.commvault.com/annual-meeting">http://ir.commvault.com/annual-meeting</a> and follow the instructions found there. You will be required to establish your identity as a stockholder in order to vote and to view the list of registered stockholders as of the record date during the meeting. Please have the control number found on your Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials available.

Stockholders can submit questions for the Annual Meeting's question and answer session prior to or during the meeting through <a href="http://ir.commvault.com/annual-meeting">http://ir.commvault.com/annual-meeting</a>. Once the meeting has concluded, the webcast will be available for replay on the Investor Relations section of our website for 12 months.

# Who is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting?

The record date for determining stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting was June 30, 2023. On that date, 43,973,876 shares of Commvault common stock were outstanding and entitled to vote. Each stockholder is entitled to one vote for each share of common stock held of record for each matter to be considered. A list of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available for examination by stockholders by arrangement made with Commvault during the 10 days preceding the meeting and also will be available for examination during the Annual Meeting. Information regarding how to examine the stockholder list is available at the meeting website at <a href="http://ir.commvault.com/annual-meeting">http://ir.commvault.com/annual-meeting</a>.

The presence at the Annual Meeting, in person (including virtually) or by proxy, of holders of a majority of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock entitled to vote thereat as of the record date is considered a quorum for the transaction of business. If you submit a properly completed proxy or if you appear at the Annual Meeting to vote in person (including virtually), your shares of common stock will be considered part of the quorum. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted for the purpose of establishing a quorum.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING

If you choose to vote your shares at the Annual Meeting, you will be required to provide your control number, which is included in the Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials that you received. If you hold your Commvault shares through a broker, bank, or other nominee, you may vote during the Annual Meeting only if you obtain a signed proxy from your bank, broker, or other nominee giving you the right to vote the shares. You will be asked to submit that proxy to Commvault via the email address provided on the meeting website at or prior to the Annual Meeting, along with an account statement or letter from the broker, bank, or other nominee indicating that you are the beneficial owner of the shares and that you were the beneficial owner of the shares on June 30, 2023.

# What proposals will be considered at the Annual Meeting, and how does the Board recommend that I vote?

The following table summarizes the matters we expect to present to stockholders during the Annual Meeting.

Proposal	Voting options	Board recommendation	Vote required to pass	Effect of abstentions, and broker non-votes(1)
Election of directors	FOR, AGAINST, or ABSTAIN for each nominee	FOR each nominee	Each nominee must receive the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on the proposal.	No effect
Approval to amend Commvault's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to include officer exculpation	FOR, AGAINST, or ABSTAIN	FOR	The affirmative vote of stockholders of a majority of the outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote on the proposal.	Treated as vote AGAINST
Advisory vote on Commvault's executive compensation	FOR, AGAINST, or ABSTAIN	FOR	As a non-binding, advisory vote, there is no specific approval requirement. However, Commvault's Board of Directors will review and consider the outcome of this advisory vote and will take it into account when making future compensation decisions.	No effect
Advisory vote on the frequency of future advisory votes on Commvault's executive compensation	ONE YEAR, TWO YEARS, THREE YEARS, or ABSTAIN	ONE YEAR	As a non-binding, advisory vote, there is no specific approval requirement. However, Commvault's Board of Directors will consider the frequency (every one, two or three years) receiving the most votes as the frequency recommended by stockholders.	No effect
Ratification of the independent auditors	FOR, AGAINST, or ABSTAIN	FOR	The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on the proposal.	No effect
Approval of additional shares to be available for issuance under Commvault's 2016 Incentive Plan	FOR, AGAINST, or ABSTAIN	FOR	The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on the proposal.	No effect

1. For an explanation of broker non-votes, please see "How can I vote if I hold my Commvault stock through a broker?"

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Mail:

# How can I vote if I do not plan to attend the Annual Meeting?

Registered stockholders of record may provide voting instructions before the Annual Meeting in one of three ways:



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Online before the Meeting:



Sign, date and return your proxy card in the enclosed envelope

Visit <u>www.investorvote.com/CVLT</u> and finish voting before 3:00 a.m. EST on August 29, 2023.

Call the telephone number on your proxy card

All properly completed, unrevoked proxies received prior to the close of voting at the Annual Meeting will be voted in accordance with the instructions provided.

# How can I vote if I hold my Commvault stock through a broker?

If you hold your shares through a bank, broker, or other nominee (meaning you are the "beneficial owner" of shares owned by someone else) your broker will ask how you want your shares to be voted. If you give voting instructions, your broker will vote your shares as you direct. If you do not provide voting instructions, your broker is only permitted to vote your shares on Proposal 5 regarding ratification of the auditors. Brokers holding shares beneficially owned by their clients do not have the authority to cast votes with respect to the election of directors, amendments to our corporate charter, executive compensation, frequency of advisory voting on executive compensation or the amendment to our incentive plan unless they have received instructions from the beneficial owner of the shares. If you do not provide instructions to your broker, your vote will not be counted with respect to Proposal No. 1 (the election of nine directors for a one-year term), Proposal No. 2 (approval to amend our amended and restated certificate of incorporation to include officer exculpation), Proposal No. 3 (the advisory vote on executive compensation), Proposal No. 4 (the advisory vote on the frequency of future advisory votes on executive compensation), or Proposal 6 (the approval of the amendment to our incentive plan). This is called a "broker non-vote." Please submit voting instructions to your broker by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on August 28, 2023.

# What if I return a proxy card but don't mark all of my choices?

If we have a properly executed, unrevoked proxy card that does not specifically direct the voting of shares, the shares represented by such proxy will be voted (i) FOR the election of all nominees for election as director described in this proxy statement, (ii) FOR approval to amend the amended and restated certificate of incorporation to include officer exculpation, (iii) FOR approval, on an advisory basis, of our executive compensation, (iv) FOR approval, on an advisory basis, of an advisory executive compensation vote every ONE YEAR, (v) FOR the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent public accountants for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024, (vi) FOR the approval of an additional 3.2 million shares to be available for issuance under the 2016 Incentive Plan, as amended by the Sixth Amendment, and (vii) in accordance with the judgment of the individuals named on the proxy card as to such other matters as may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

# What if I change my mind after I vote?

You can revoke your proxy at any time prior to the voting at the Annual Meeting by submitting a later-dated proxy (including a later-dated proxy via the Internet or telephone), by giving timely written notice of such revocation to our Corporate Secretary, or by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person (virtually). If you attend the Annual Meeting and do not vote, it will not affect any previously submitted proxy or voting instructions.

# Who is paying for this solicitation?

Commvault will pay all expenses related to the solicitation of proxies. Solicitation will be made by mail, and may be made by directors, officers, and employees, personally or by telephone, email, or other electronic means. Proxy cards and material also will be distributed to beneficial owners of our stock through brokers, custodians, nominees, and other like parties, and we expect to reimburse such parties for their charges and expenses.

# How can I submit a proposal or a nomination for the 2024 annual meeting?

# Stockholder proposals to be included in Commvault's Proxy Statement

We must receive any stockholder proposal to be considered for inclusion in our proxy statement and form of proxy relating to the 2024 annual meeting of stockholders by March 13, 2024. Such submissions must comply with applicable SEC rules, including without limitation Rule 14a-8.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING

#### Stockholder nominations under proxy access

Our Bylaws permit qualifying stockholders to include a certain number of director nominees in our proxy statement. For any such nomination for our 2024 annual meeting to be timely, we must receive notice and certain required information at our principal executive offices between February 12, 2024 and March 13, 2024. Stockholders who make nominations pursuant to our proxy access provision should be mindful of the requirements set forth in our Bylaws, which are available on the Investor Relations section of our website.

#### Other stockholder proposals

If you wish to submit a proposal for consideration at the 2024 stockholder meeting or to nominate a candidate for election as a director at that meeting without utilizing our proxy access provision, we must receive notice and certain required information at our principal executive offices no later than April 12, 2024. Any such notice must describe the proposal or nomination in sufficient detail for the matter to be summarized on the agenda for the meeting. Among other things, the notice must set forth:

- the name and address, as it appears on our books, of the stockholder who intends to make the proposal or nomination and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination or proposal is made;
- a representation that the stockholder is a holder of record of our stock entitled to vote at the meeting and intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to present such proposal or nomination;
- · whether the stockholder plans to deliver or solicit proxies from other stockholders; and
- the class and number of our shares that the stockholder beneficially owns.
- If you are nominating a candidate to be elected as a director, your notice must include the following additional information:
- (i) the name and address of any person to be nominated,

(ii) a description of all arrangements or understandings between you and each nominee and any other person or persons (naming such person or persons) pursuant to which the nomination or nominations are to be made,

(iii) such other information regarding each nominee as would be required to be included in a proxy statement filed pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended,

(iv) the consent of each nominee to serve as a director if so elected, and

(v) such other information as is set forth in our Bylaws, which are available on the Investor Relations section of our website.

In addition to satisfying the requirements of our bylaws, including the earlier notice deadlines set out above and

therein, to comply with universal proxy rules, stockholders who intend to solicit proxies in support of director

nominees other than our nominees must also provide notice that sets forth the information required by Rule 14a-19

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, no later than June 30, 2024.

To the extent this proxy statement is incorporated by reference in any other filing by us under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the information included or incorporated in the section of this proxy statement entitled "Audit Committee Report" will not be deemed to be incorporated, unless specifically provided otherwise in such filing.

We will furnish without charge to each person whose proxy is being solicited, upon written request, a copy of our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, as filed with the SEC, including the financial statements and schedules thereto. Requests for copies of such report should be directed to Danielle Sheer, Chief Legal and Chief Compliance Officer, and Corporate Secretary Commvault Systems, Inc., 1 Commvault Way, Tinton Falls, New Jersey 07724. A copy of our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, is also being made available concurrently with the proxy statement at <u>www.edocumentview.com/CVLT</u>.

Danielle Sheer Chief Legal and Compliance Officer

# Annex A: **Reconciliation of GAAP** to Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The following table provides a reconciliation of our reported GAAP results to the non-GAAP financial measures discussed above and used in certain of our named executive officers' fiscal 2023 compensation arrangements. The following results are based on the accounting principles that were used to prepare the fiscal 2023 consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2023. Amounts below are in thousands, except per share data.

		Fiscal Year Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022	
Non-GAAP financial measures and reconciliation:			
GAAP income (loss) from operations	\$(15,885)	\$41,566	
Noncash stock-based compensation(1)	103,139	103,454	
FICA and payroll tax expense related to stock-based compensation(2)	2,465	3,261	
Restructuring(3)	15,452	6,192	
Amortization of intangible assets(4)	1,250	208	
Headquarters impairment(5)	53,481	_	
Hedvig deferred payments	—	5,622	
Acquisition costs	_	1,379	
Non-GAAP income from operations	\$159,902	\$161,682	
GAAP net income (loss)	\$(35,774)	\$33,624	
Noncash stock-based compensation(1)	103,139	103,454	
FICA and payroll tax expense related to stock-based compensation(2)	2,465	3,261	
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Amortization of intangible assets(4)	1,250	208	
Headquarters impairment(5)	53,481	_	
Hedvig deferred payments	—	5,622	
Acquisition costs	—	1,379	
Gain on sale of equity method investment	_	(1,000)	
Non-GAAP provision for income taxes adjustment(6)	(22,904)	(34,090)	
Non-GAAP net income	\$117,109	\$118,650	
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	45,734	47,220	
Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share	\$ 2.56 \$	2.51	

Represents noncash stock-based compensation charges associated with stock options and restricted stock units granted under our 2016 Incentive Plan and purchase rights issued under our Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Represents additional FICA and related payroll tax expenses incurred by Commvault when employees exercise in the money stock options or vest in restricted stock awards.

3 These restructuring charges relate primarily to severance and related costs associated with headcount reductions and stock-based compensation related to modifications of existing unvested awards granted to certain employees impacted by the restructuring plan.

Represents noncash amortization of intangible assets. 4.

5. Represents noncash impairment charges related to the pending sale of Commvault's owned corporate headquarters.

6. The provision for income taxes is adjusted to reflect Commvault's estimated non-GAAP effective tax rate of 27%.

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07 - Allison Pickens	08 - Shane Sanders 09 - Arien Shenkman
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# **REVOCABLE PROXY - COMMVAULT SYSTEMS, INC.**

#### Annual Meeting of Stockholders August 29, 2023 Proxy Solicited by Board of Directors

The undersigned does hereby appoint Sanjay Mirchandani, Gary Merrill and Danielle Sheer (together, the "Proxies"), and each of them, with full power of substitution, as Proxies to vote, as directed on this card, or, if not so directed, in accordance with the Board of Directors' recommendations, all shares of Commvault Systems, Inc. held of record by the undersigned at the close of business on June 30, 2023 and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Commvault Systems, Inc. to be held at 9:00 a.m., Eastern time, Tuesday, August 29, 2023 virtually via the internet at http://ir.commvault.com/annual-meeting or at any adjournment or postponement thereof, and to vote, in their discretion, upon such other matters as may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

You are encouraged to specify your choices by marking the appropriate boxes, but you need not mark any boxes if you wish to vote in accordance with the Board of Directors' recommendations. The Proxies cannot vote your shares unless you sign and return this card.

THIS PROXY WHEN PROPERLY EXECUTED WILL BE VOTED IN THE MANNER DIRECTED HEREIN. IF NO DIRECTION IS MADE, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED "FOR" ALL NOMINEES IN PROPOSAL 1 AND "FOR" PROPOSALS 2, 3, 5, 6 AND "1 YEAR" ON PROPOSAL 4.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE BY TELEPHONE OR THE INTERNET OR COMPLETE, DATE, SIGN, AND MAIL THIS PROXY CARD PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE.

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The 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Commvault Systems, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time virtually via the internet at http://ir.commvault.com/annual-meeting.

To vote during the virtual meeting, you must verify your identity as a stockholder. Please have the information that is printed on the shaded bar located on the reverse side of this form available.

Important notice regarding the Internet availability of proxy materials for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on August 29, 2023. The material is available at: www.investorvote.com/CVLT



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#### **REVOCABLE PROXY - COMMVAULT SYSTEMS, INC.**

# Annual Meeting of Stockholders August 29, 2023

# Proxy Solicited by Board of Directors

The undersigned does hereby appoint Sanjay Mirchandani, Gary Merrill and Danielle Sheer (together, the "Proxies"), and each of them, with full power of substitution, as Proxies to vote, as directed on this card, or, if not so directed, in accordance with the Board of Directors' recommendations, all shares of Commvault Systems, Inc. held of record by the undersigned at the close of business on June 30, 2023 and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Commvault Systems, Inc. to be held at 9:00 a.m., Eastern time, Tuesday, August 29, 2023 virtually via the internet at http://ir.commvault.com/annual-meeting or at any adjournment or postponement thereof, and to vote, in their discretion, upon such other matters as may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

You are encouraged to specify your choices by marking the appropriate boxes, but you need not mark any boxes if you wish to vote in accordance with the Board of Directors' recommendations. The Proxies cannot vote your shares unless you sign and return this card.

THIS PROXY WHEN PROPERLY EXECUTED WILL BE VOTED IN THE MANNER DIRECTED HEREIN. IF NO DIRECTION IS MADE, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED "FOR" ALL NOMINEES IN PROPOSAL 1 AND "FOR" PROPOSALS 2, 3, 5, 6 AND "1 YEAR" ON PROPOSAL 4.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR INSTRUCTIONS TO YOTE BY TELEPHONE OR THE INTERNET OR COMPLETE, DATE, SIGN, AND MAIL THIS PROXY CARD PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE.

(Continued, and to be marked, dated and signed, on the other side)

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