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 Subject:
 Paramount Global Class A (Election Merger) - Anticipated Adjustment<br/>Option Symbol: PARAA<br/>New Symbol: PARA1<br/>Date: ??? (Election Deadline: ???)

On July 7, 2024, National Amusements, Inc. and its subsidiaries (collectively Specified NAI Entities), which beneficially owned approximately 77.4% of the aggregate voting power of the outstanding Paramount Global (PARAA) Class A common shares, delivered to Paramount Global a written consent adopting and approving the two-step transaction agreement between Paramount Global and Skydance Media, LLC to form "New Paramount".

After the consummation of the transactions, New Paramount will be renamed "Paramount Skydance Corporation". Paramount Skydance Corporation Class B Common Shares are anticipated to be listed on NASDAQ under the ticker symbol "PARA".

### The Merger: Aggregate Terms

Elections made by Paramount Global Class A (PARAA) Common Shareholders will not be prorated. The maximum amount of cash consideration that holders of Paramount Class B common stock will be entitled to receive pursuant to the transaction approximately \$4.3 billion in the aggregate, and a maximum of 285,889,212 shares of Paramount Class B common stock will be entitled to receive the Class B Cash Consideration. The elections to receive Class B Cash Consideration will be prorated as necessary to ensure that these limits are not exceeded.

### The Merger: Individual Share Elections

Within the terms of the Merger, individual PARAA Shareholders may:

- Elect to receive 1.5333 (New) Paramount Skydance Corporation (PARA) Class B Common Shares ("Class A Stock Consideration"). Cash will be paid in lieu of fractional shares. OR,
- Elect to receive \$23.00 in cash ("Class A Cash Consideration"). OR,
- Register no preference by not making an election ("Class A Non-Election Shares"). Under the terms of the election, shares which are not subject to an effective election will be treated as non-electing shares and converted into the right to receive the Class A Stock Consideration.

Elections must be submitted to the exchange agent. The election deadline will be at 5:00 p.m. local time (in the city in which the principal office of the Exchange Agent is located) on the date that is five (5) Business Days prior to the Parties' good faith estimate of the Closing Date or such other date as may be mutually

agreed to by the Parties. PARAA Shareholders must observe all terms and conditions for the election as specified in the Information Statement dated February 13, 2025. It should be noted that it is unknown if PARAA shares may be delivered pursuant to an election under "Notices of Guaranteed Delivery". In all cases, Call option holders exercising in order to obtain stock for an election must exercise in sufficient time to be able to make valid delivery pursuant to the election procedures.

## The Merger Consideration: Prorations

Neither the Class A Share Consideration nor the Class A Cash Consideration will be subject to proration.

Contract Adjustment	
Date:	Effective the opening of the business day after the merger is consummated. Contract adjustment is expected to occur in the first half of 2025.
Option Symbol:	PARAA changes to PARA1
Strike Divisor:	1
Contract Multiplier:	1
New Multiplier:	100 (e.g., a premium or strike price extensions, 1.00 yields \$100)
New Deliverable Per Contract:	<ul> <li>The deliverable for adjusted PARAA options will be BASED ON THE MERGER CONSIDERATION WHICH ACCRUES TO CLASS A NON-ELECTION PARAA SHAREHOLDERS (stated in terms of a current 100-Share deliverable).</li> <li>1) 153 Paramount Skydance Corporation (PARA) Class B Common</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>2) Cash in lieu of 0.33 fractional PARA shares</li></ul>
	Note: Once determined the cash in lieu of fractional share portion of the option deliverable remains fixed and does not vary with price changes of any security.
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Until the cash in lieu amount is determined, the underlying price for PARA1 will be determined as follows:

PARA1 = 1.5333 (PARA)

# **Delayed Settlement**

The PARA component of the PARA1 deliverable will settle through National Securities Clearing Corporation (NSCC). OCC will delay settlement of the cash portion of the PARA1 deliverable until the cash in lieu of fractional PARA shares is determined. Upon determination of the cash in lieu amount, OCC will require Put exercisers and Call assignees to deliver the appropriate cash amount.

# Important Exercise Considerations

Holders of PARAA Call options who wish to make their own elections with respect to PARAA shares received through exercise (for example, to receive a consideration other than the Non-Electing consideration) bear sole responsibility in determining when to exercise their options to permit a valid election. After the merger is consummated and the contract adjustment described above is effected, adjusted PARAA options will no longer call for the delivery of PARAA shares upon exercise. Call option holders will receive upon exercise (and Put holders deliver upon exercise) the non-electing merger consideration (on a per contract basis).

## **Delivery Settlement and Protect Provisions**

Option contracts which are exercised, and physically-settled security futures contracts which mature, will require the settlement of all component securities included in the contract deliverable at the time of the futures contract maturation or option contract exercise, including rights, warrants, or similar instruments. Additional PARAA entitlements (such as due bills, eligibility to participate in tender offers, elections, etc.) may also automatically attach to securities deliverable upon physically-settled futures contract maturity or option exercise. Conversely, securities not included in the contract deliverable at the time of the option exercise or futures contract maturity, or other entitlements not associated with the underlying deliverable securities, may preclude holders of long futures contracts from realizing the benefit of such entitlements. For example, if a physically-settled security futures underlying security is the subject of a tender offer, exchange offer, or similar event which expires *before* the futures contract reaches its maturity, the securities due to long futures holders upon maturity *will not* be eligible for participation in the tender/exchange offer. Conversely, if such tender offer, exchange offer or similar event expires *after* the futures contract matures, securities deliverable to long futures holders *will* be eligible for participation in these events.

Except in unusual cases, securities deliverable as a result of equity option exercise or the maturity of physically-settled security futures are settled through National Securities Clearing Corporation (NSCC).

Rights and obligations of Members with respect to securities settling at NSCC as a result of an option exercise or assignment or a physically-settled security future delivery or receipt obligation are governed by the rules of NSCC. NSCC has its own rules which enable purchasers of securities to protect themselves for value which may be lost if timely delivery is not made to them of securities subject to specific deadlines, such as the expiration of a tender offer, rights subscription, election, or similar event. These rules are generally called protect or liability notice procedures, and are intended to protect purchasers by binding the delivering parties to liability if such value is lost because timely delivery is not effected. Purchasers of securities must observe the rules and procedures of NSCC to avail themselves of such "protect" provisions of NSCC. Questions regarding these provisions should be addressed to NSCC.

# Special Risks

Writers of call options and holders of short positions in physically-settled security futures at maturity who are uncovered with respect to deliverable securities subject to deadlines or cut-off times (such as expirations of tender offers, rights subscriptions, elections, or similar events) should be aware of a risk associated with the timing of their possible assignments or physically-settled security futures delivery obligations: Equity option exercise settlement and settlement of physically-settled security futures delivery obligations normally occurs on the business day after the option exercise date or the security-futures maturity date. An uncovered call writer or uncovered short futures holder who has an obligation to deliver, and who waits until after assignment or futures maturity to effect purchase of the underlying security, may not be able to effect timely delivery by a regular-way purchase (1 business-day settlement) or call option exercise (1 business-day settlement after exercise). Such uncovered writer or short futures holder may nevertheless be subject to liability under the protect provisions of NSCC (see above) with respect to his delivery obligation, because he cannot make timely delivery. Additionally, Cash Markets (same-day) may not be available, or may be expensive for buyers of the underlying security.

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