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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **July 1, 2018**

KKR & CO. INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-34820

(Commission File Number)

26-0426107

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

9 West 57th Street, Suite 4200

New York, New York

(Address of principal executive offices)

10019

(Zip Code)

(212) 750-8300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

NOT APPLICABLE

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

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

Introductory Note

KKR & Co. Inc. is providing the disclosure contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K in order to reflect the completion of its conversion (the “Conversion”) from a Delaware limited partnership named KKR & Co. L.P. into a Delaware corporation named KKR & Co. Inc. effective at 12:01 a.m. (Eastern Time) on July 1, 2018. References to “KKR” in this Current Report on Form 8-K mean (i) prior to the effective time of the Conversion, KKR & Co. L.P. and (ii) following the effective time of the Conversion, KKR & Co. Inc.

In addition, KKR is also providing information and details regarding a change in accounting policy for recognizing general partner capital interest and the implementation of amended guidance issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the “FASB”), which would result in the reclassification of certain financial information contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Completion of the Conversion

The Description of Capital Stock set forth in Exhibit 99.1 is being filed for the purpose of providing a description of the capital stock of KKR. The Description of Capital Stock summarizes the material terms of KKR’s capital stock as of the date hereof. This summary is not a complete description of the terms of KKR’s capital stock and is qualified by reference to KKR’s certificate of incorporation and bylaws, each as previously filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), as well as applicable provisions of Delaware law.

The risk factors set forth in Exhibit 99.2 are being filed for the purpose of modifying and supplementing certain of the risk factors disclosed under the heading “Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, filed with the SEC on February 23, 2018, as supplemented and modified by the risk factors disclosed under the heading “Risk Factors” in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2018, filed with the SEC on May 8, 2018 to reflect the Conversion, and should be read in conjunction with the disclosures contained therein.

The unaudited pro forma financial information of KKR set forth in Exhibit 99.3 present the impact of the Conversion on KKR’s financial condition and results of operations.

The information included in Exhibit 99.4 to this Current Report on Form 8-K provides a summary of certain material U.S. federal tax considerations relevant to an investment in the capital stock of KKR. Such information modifies and supersedes the discussion contained under the heading “Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations” contained in or incorporated by reference into prospectuses, and the discussion contained under the heading “Additional Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations” contained in any prospectus supplement, filed by KKR under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, prior to the date hereof.

The Description of Capital Stock set forth in Exhibit 99.1, the risk factors set forth in Exhibit 99.2, the unaudited pro forma financial information set forth in Exhibit 99.3 and the material U.S. federal tax considerations set forth in Exhibit 99.4 are incorporated into this Item 8.01 by reference. The disclosure contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K modifies and supersedes any corresponding discussions included in any registration statement or report previously filed with the SEC pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder to the extent they are inconsistent with such information.

Reclassification of Prior Period Financial Information

Effective January 1, 2018 and subsequent to the filing of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, KKR adopted a change in accounting policy for recognizing carried interest and general partner capital interest with respect to unconsolidated investment funds and implemented amended guidance issued by the FASB with respect to the classification and presentation of restricted cash in the statements of cash flows. As a result, certain financial information contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 would be reclassified to reflect such changes.

Change in Accounting Policy – General Partner Capital Interest

Prior to January 1, 2018, to the extent an investment fund was not consolidated, KKR included carried interest in Revenues and its general partner capital interest in Net Gains (Losses) from Investment Activities for purposes of the consolidated statements of operations. Effective January 1, 2018, KKR has combined the carried interest and its general partner capital interest in unconsolidated investment funds as a single unit of account that is included in Revenues for purposes of the consolidated statements of operations. As a result of this change in accounting policy, \$275.0 million and \$131.9 million would be reclassified from Net Gains (Losses) from Investment Activities to Revenues for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. This change in accounting policy had no impact on the Net Income (Loss) Attributable to KKR & Co. L.P. for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016.

Adoption of ASU No. 2016-18, Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Restricted Cash

In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-18, Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Restricted Cash, which amended the prior guidance to add or clarify guidance on the classification and presentation of restricted cash in the statement of cash flows. The amended guidance requires the following: (i) the inclusion of restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents in the cash and cash equivalents balances in the statement of cash flows; (ii) changes in restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents that result from transfers between cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents should not be presented as cash flow activities in the statement of cash flows; (iii) a reconciliation between the statement of financial position and the statement of cash flows must be disclosed when the statement of financial position includes more than one line item for cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash, and restricted cash equivalents; and (iv) the nature of the restrictions must be disclosed for material restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents amounts. The guidance was effective for KKR beginning on January 1, 2018, and KKR adopted this guidance on that date.

As a result of the adoption of this guidance, for the three years ended December 31, 2017, 2016, and 2015, \$97.9 million, \$121.0 million, and \$160.2 million, respectively, of cash provided by operating activities and \$(155.9) million, \$(1.4) million, and \$164.6 million, respectively, of cash provided (used) by investing activities would be reclassified from net cash provided (used) by operating activities and net cash provided (used) by investing activities, respectively, to net increase/(decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash in the statement of cash flows.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(b) Pro forma financial information .

The unaudited pro forma information required by Item 9.01(b) of this Current Report on Form 8-K is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.3 and is incorporated herein by reference.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
Exhibit 99.1	Description of Capital Stock
Exhibit 99.2	Risk Factors
Exhibit 99.3	Unaudited Pro Forma Financial Information of KKR & Co. Inc.
Exhibit 99.4	Material United States Federal Income Tax Considerations

SIGNATURES

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

KKR & CO. INC.

Date: July 2, 2018

By: /s/ William J. Janetschek

Name: William J. Janetschek

Title: Chief Financial Officer

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK**General**

The following description summarizes the most important terms of our capital stock. This summary does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by the provisions of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, copies of which have been previously filed by us with the Securities and Exchange Commission. For a complete description of our capital stock, you should refer to our certificate of incorporation, our bylaws and applicable provisions of Delaware law. As used in this section, “we,” “us” and “our” mean KKR & Co. Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its successors, but not any of its subsidiaries.

Our authorized capital stock consists of 5,000,000,000 shares, all with a par value of \$0.01 per share, of which:

- 3,500,000,000 are designated as Class A common stock;
- 1 is designated as Class B common stock;
- 499,999,999 are designated as Class C common stock; and
- 1,000,000,000 are designated as preferred stock, of which (x) 13,800,000 shares are designated as “6.75% Series A Preferred Stock” (“Series A Preferred Stock”) and (y) 6,200,000 shares are designated as “6.50% Series B Preferred Stock” (“Series B Preferred Stock”).

Following our conversion on July 1, 2018 from a Delaware limited partnership named KKR & Co. L.P. into a Delaware corporation named KKR & Co. Inc. (the “Conversion”), we had outstanding as of the open of business on July 2, 2018:

- 524,341,874 shares of Class A common stock;
 - 1 share of Class B common stock;
 - 304,107,762 shares of Class C common stock;
 - 13,800,000 shares of Series A Preferred Stock;
 - 6,200,000 shares of Series B Preferred Stock; and
 - 41,267,204 shares of Class A common stock were issuable upon the exercise of outstanding equity awards.
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Common Stock

Our common stock consists of Class A common stock, Class B common stock and Class C common stock. On July 1, 2018, at the effective time of the Conversion (the “Effective Time”) and pursuant to a plan of conversion, (i) each common unit representing limited partner interests in KKR & Co. L.P. outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time converted into one issued and outstanding, fully paid and nonassessable share of Class A common stock, (ii) each managing partner unit of KKR & Co. L.P. outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time converted into one issued and outstanding, fully paid and nonassessable share of Class B common stock, and (iii) each special voting unit of KKR & Co. L.P. outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time converted into one issued and outstanding, fully paid and nonassessable share of Class C common stock. Our certificate of incorporation and our bylaws provide our stockholders following the Conversion with substantially the same rights and obligations that unitholders had pursuant to the limited partnership agreement of KKR & Co. L.P. immediately prior to the Conversion.

Economic Rights

Dividends . Subject to preferences that apply to shares of Series A Preferred Stock and Series B Preferred Stock and any other shares of preferred stock outstanding at the time, the holders of our Class A common stock are entitled to receive dividends out of funds legally available if our board of directors, in its discretion, determines to issue dividends and then only at the times and in the amounts that our board of directors may determine. The holder of our Class B common stock (the “Class B Stockholder”) and holders of our Class C common stock do not have any rights to receive dividends.

Liquidation . If we become subject to an event giving rise to our dissolution, liquidation or winding up, the assets legally available for distribution to our stockholders would be distributable ratably among the holders of our Class A common stock and any participating preferred stock outstanding at that time ranking on a parity with our Class A common stock with respect to such distribution, subject to prior satisfaction of all outstanding debt and liabilities and the preferential rights of and the payment of liquidation preferences, if any, on any outstanding shares of our Series A Preferred Stock, Series B Preferred Stock and any other outstanding shares of preferred stock. The Class B Stockholder and holders of our Class C common stock do not have any rights to receive distributions upon our dissolution, liquidation or winding up.

Voting Rights

Our Class A common stock and our Class C common stock are non-voting and are not entitled to any votes on any matter that is submitted to a vote of our stockholders, except as expressly provided in our certificate of incorporation or required by Delaware law. The Class B common stock is voting and is entitled to one vote per share on any matter that is submitted to a vote of our stockholders generally.

Our certificate of incorporation provides for holders of our Class A common stock and our Class C common stock, voting together as a single class, to have the right to vote on the following matters:

- a transfer of Class B common stock prior to December 31, 2018 (other than to an affiliate of the Class B Stockholder or in connection with certain transactions). See “—Transferability” below;
- any increase in the number of authorized shares of Class B common stock;
- a sale of all or substantially all of our and our subsidiaries’ assets, taken as a whole, in a single transaction or series of related transactions (except (i) for the sole purpose of changing our legal form into another limited liability entity and where the governing instruments of the new entity provide our stockholders with substantially the same rights and obligations and (ii) mortgages, pledges, hypothecations or grants of a security interest by the Class B Stockholder in all or substantially all of our assets (including for the benefit of affiliates of the Class B Stockholder));
- merger, consolidation or other business combination (except for the sole purpose of changing our legal form into another limited liability entity and where the governing instruments of the new entity provide our stockholders with substantially the same rights and obligations); and
- any amendment to our certificate of incorporation that would have a material adverse effect on the rights or preferences of our Class A common stock relative to the other classes of our stock.

In addition, holders of our Class C common stock will be entitled to vote separately as a class on any amendment to our certificate of incorporation that changes certain terms of the Class C common stock or is inconsistent with such terms, changes the par value of the shares of Class C common stock or adversely affects the rights or preferences of the Class C common stock.

In addition, Delaware law would permit holders of our Class A common stock to vote as a separate class on an amendment to our certificate of incorporation that would:

- change the par value of our Class A common stock; or
- alter or change the powers, preferences, or special rights of the Class A common stock in a way that would adversely affect the holders of our Class A common stock.

Our certificate of incorporation provides that the number of authorized shares of any class of stock, including our Class A common stock, may be increased or decreased (but not below the number of shares of such class then outstanding) solely with the approval of the Class B Stockholder and, in the case of any increase in the number of authorized shares of our Class B common stock, the holders of a majority in voting power of the Class A common stock and Class C common stock, voting together as a single class. As a result, the Class B Stockholder can approve an increase or decrease in the number of authorized shares of Class A common stock and Class C common stock without a separate vote of the holders of the applicable class of common stock. This could allow us to increase and issue additional shares of Class A common stock and/or Class C common stock beyond what is currently authorized in our certificate of incorporation without the consent of the holders of the applicable class of common stock.

Except as described below under “Anti-Takeover Provisions—Loss of voting rights,” each record holder of Class A common stock will be entitled to a number of votes equal to the number of shares of Class A common stock held with respect to any matter on which the Class A common stock is entitled to vote. In addition, so long as the ratio at which KKR Group Partnership Units (as defined below) are exchangeable for our Class A common stock remains on a one-for-one basis, holders of our Class C common stock shall vote together with holders of our Class A common stock as a single class and on an equivalent basis. If the ratio at which KKR Group Partnership Units are exchangeable for our Class A common stock changes from a one-for-one basis, the number of votes to which the holders of the Class C common stock are entitled will be adjusted accordingly. Additional classes of common stock having special voting rights could also be issued.

No Preemptive or Similar Rights

Our Class A common stock, Class B common stock and Class C common stock are not entitled to preemptive rights, and, except in the case of impermissible transfers of the Class B common stock, which would result in our redemption of such Class B common stock, are not subject to conversion, redemption or sinking fund provisions.

Transferability

Prior to December 31, 2018, the Class B Stockholder may not transfer all or any part of the Class B common stock held by it to another person without the approval of the holders of at least a majority of the voting power of our Class A common stock and Class C common stock, excluding shares of common stock held by the Class B Stockholder and its affiliates, subject to certain exceptions for transfers of all, but not less than all, of the Class B common stock to an affiliate, or to another entity as part of the merger or consolidation of the Class B Stockholder with or into such entity or the transfer by the Class B Stockholder of all or substantially all of its assets to another entity, in which case, written approval of our board of directors and a majority of the controlling interest of the Class B Stockholder would be required, among other things. On or after December 31, 2018, the Class B Stockholder may transfer all or any part of the Class B common stock held by it with the written approval of our board of directors and a majority of the controlling interest of the Class B Stockholder without first obtaining approval of any other stockholder so long as the transferee assumes the rights and duties of the Class B Stockholder under our certificate of incorporation, agrees to be bound by the provisions of our certificate of incorporation and furnishes an opinion of counsel regarding limited liability matters. The foregoing limitations do not preclude the members of the Class B Stockholder from selling or transferring all or part of their limited liability company interests in the Class B Stockholder at any time.

Exchange

Units held by KKR Holdings L.P. (the “KKR Group Partnership Units”) in KKR Management Holdings L.P., KKR Fund Holdings L.P. and KKR International Holdings L.P. (collectively, the “KKR Group Partnerships”) are exchangeable for our Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to customary adjustments for splits, unit dividends and reclassifications and compliance with applicable lock-up, vesting and transfer restrictions. When a KKR Group Partnership Unit is exchanged for a share of Class A common stock, the corresponding share of Class C common stock shall automatically be cancelled and retired with no consideration being paid or issued with respect thereto.

Limited Call Right

If at any time:

- (i) less than 10% of the then issued and outstanding shares of any class (other than Class B common stock, Class C common stock and preferred stock) are held by persons other than the Class B Stockholder and its affiliates; or
- (ii) we are subjected to registration under the provisions of the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended,

we will have the right, which we may assign in whole or in part to the Class B Stockholder or any of its affiliates, to acquire all, but not less than all, of the remaining shares of the class held by unaffiliated persons.

As a result of our right to purchase outstanding shares of common stock, a stockholder may have their shares purchased at an undesirable time or price.

Preferred Stock

Our board of directors is authorized, subject to limitations prescribed by Delaware law, to issue preferred stock in one or more series, to establish from time to time the number of shares to be included in each series, and to fix the designation, powers (including voting powers), preferences and rights of the shares of each series and any of its qualifications, limitations or restrictions, in each case without further vote or action by our stockholders (except as may be required by the terms of any preferred stock then outstanding). Our board of directors can also increase or decrease the number of shares of any series of preferred stock (other than the Series A Preferred Stock and Series B Preferred Stock or, so long as any shares of Series A Preferred Stock or Series B Preferred Stock remain outstanding, increases in the authorized number of shares of Series A senior stock or Series B senior stock (as each is defined below), respectively), but not below the number of shares of that series then outstanding, without any further vote or action by our stockholders. Our board of directors may authorize the issuance of preferred stock with voting or conversion rights that could adversely affect the proportion of voting power held by, or other relative rights of, the holders of our Class A common stock. The issuance of preferred stock, while providing flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions and other corporate purposes, could, among other things, have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in our control of our company and might adversely affect the market price of the Class A common stock or the proportion of voting power held by, or other relative rights of, the holders of the Class A common stock.

As of July 1, 2018, our certificate of incorporation has designated two series of preferred stock, Series A Preferred Stock and Series B Preferred Stock, each of which is outstanding.

Series A Preferred Stock

In March 2016, KKR & Co. L.P. issued 13,800,000 6.75% Series A Preferred Units (“Series A Preferred Units”). In connection with the Conversion, each Series A Preferred Unit outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time converted into one issued and outstanding, fully paid and nonassessable share of Series A Preferred Stock. Our certificate of incorporation provides holders of the Series A Preferred Stock following the Conversion with substantially the same rights and obligations that holders of the Series A Preferred Units had in the limited partnership agreement of KKR & Co. L.P.

Economic rights . Dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock are payable when, as and if declared by our board of directors out of funds legally available, at a rate per annum equal to 6.75% of the \$25.00 liquidation preference per share. Dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock are payable quarterly on March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 of each year, when, as and if declared our board of directors.

Dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock are non-cumulative.

Ranking . Shares of the Series A Preferred Stock rank senior to our common stock and equally with shares of our Series B Preferred Stock and any of our other equity securities, including any other preferred stock, that we may issue in the future, whose terms provide that such securities will rank equally with the Series A Preferred Stock respect to payment of dividends and distribution of our assets upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up (“Series A parity stock”). Shares of the Series A Preferred Stock include the same provisions with respect to restrictions on declaration and payment of dividends as the Series B Preferred Stock. Holders of the Series A Preferred Stock do not have preemptive or subscription rights.

Shares of the Series A Preferred Stock rank junior to (i) all of our existing and future indebtedness and (ii) any of our equity securities, including preferred stock, that we may issue in the future, whose terms provide that such securities will rank senior to the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to payment of dividends and distribution of our assets upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up (such equity securities, “Series A senior stock”). We currently have no Series A senior stock outstanding. While any shares of Series A Preferred Stock are outstanding, we may not authorize or create any class or series of Series A senior stock without the approval of two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of outstanding Series A Preferred Stock and all other series of Series A voting preferred stock (defined below), acting as a single class. See “—Voting rights” below for a discussion of the voting rights applicable if we seek to create any class or series of Series A senior stock.

Maturity . The Series A Preferred Stock does not have a maturity date, and we are not required to redeem or repurchase the Series A Preferred Stock.

Optional redemption . We may not redeem the Series A Preferred Stock prior to June 15, 2021 except as provided below under “—Change of control redemption.” At any time or from time to time on or after June 15, 2021, we may, at our option, redeem the Series A Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, at a price of \$25.00 per share of Series A Preferred Stock plus declared and unpaid dividends, if any, to, but excluding, the redemption date, without payment of any undeclared dividends.

Holders of the Series A Preferred Stock will have no right to require the redemption of the Series A Preferred Stock.

Change of control redemption . If a change of control event occurs prior to June 15, 2021, we may, at our option, redeem the Series A Preferred Stock, in whole but not in part, at a price of \$25.25 per share of Series A Preferred Stock, plus declared and unpaid dividends to, but excluding, the redemption date, without payment of any undeclared dividends.

If we do not give a redemption notice within the time periods specified in our certificate of incorporation following a change of control event (whether before, on or after June 15, 2021), the dividend rate per annum on the Series A Preferred Stock will increase by 5.00%.

A change of control event would occur if a change of control is accompanied by the lowering of the rating on certain series of our senior notes that are guaranteed by us and the KKR Group Partnerships (or, if no such series of our senior notes are outstanding, our long-term issuer rating) in respect of such change of control and any series of such senior notes or our long-term issuer rating, as applicable, is rated below investment grade.

The change of control redemption feature of the Series A Preferred Stock may, in certain circumstances, make more difficult or discourage a sale or takeover of us or a KKR Group Partnership and, thus, the removal of incumbent management. We have no present intention to engage in a transaction involving a change of control, although it is possible that we could decide to do so in the future.

Voting rights . Except as indicated below, the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock will have no voting rights.

Whenever six quarterly dividends (whether or not consecutive) payable on the Series A Preferred Stock have not been declared and paid, the number of directors on our board of directors will be increased by two and the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock, voting together as a single class with the holders of the Series B Preferred Stock and any other series of Series A parity stock then outstanding upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable (any such other series, together with the Series B Preferred Stock, the “Series A voting preferred stock”), will have the right to elect these two additional directors at a meeting of the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock and such Series A voting preferred stock. These voting rights will continue until four consecutive quarterly dividends have been declared and paid on the Series A Preferred Stock.

The approval of two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of outstanding Series A Preferred Stock and all series of Series A voting preferred units, acting as a single class, either at a meeting of stockholders or by written consent, is required in order:

(i) to amend, alter or repeal any provision of our certificate of incorporation relating to the Series A Preferred Stock or series of Series A voting preferred stock so as to materially and adversely affect the voting powers, rights or preferences of the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock or series of Series A voting preferred stock, or

(ii) to authorize, create or increase the authorized amount of, any class or series of preferred stock having rights senior to the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to the payment of distributions or amounts upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up,

provided that in the case of clause (i) above, if such amendment materially and adversely affects the rights, preferences, privileges or voting powers of one or more but not all of the classes or series of Series A voting preferred stock (including the Series A Preferred Stock for this purpose), only the consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of the classes or series so affected, voting as a class, is required in lieu of (or, if such consent is required by law, in addition to) the consent of the holders of two-thirds of the Series A voting preferred stock (including the Series A Preferred Stock for this purpose) as a class.

However, we may create additional series or classes of Series A parity stock and any equity securities that rank junior to our Series A Preferred Stock and issue additional series of such stock without the consent of any holder of the Series A Preferred Stock.

In addition, if at any time any person or group (other than the Class B Stockholder and its affiliates, or a direct or subsequently approved transferee of the Class B Stockholder or its affiliates) acquires, in the aggregate, beneficial ownership of 20% or more of the Series A Preferred Stock then outstanding, that person or group will lose voting rights on all of its stock and the stock may not be voted on any matter and will not be considered to be outstanding when calculating required votes or for other similar purposes. See “Anti-Takeover Provisions—Loss of voting rights.”

Amount payable in liquidation . Upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of us, each holder of the Series A Preferred Stock will be entitled to a payment equal to the sum of the \$25.00 liquidation preference per share of Series A Preferred Stock and declared and unpaid dividends, if any, to, but excluding the date of the liquidation, dissolution or winding up. Such payment will be made out of our assets available for distribution (to the extent available) to the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock following the satisfaction of all claims ranking senior to the Series A Preferred Stock.

No conversion rights . The shares of Series A Preferred Stock are not convertible into any class of common stock or any other class or series of our capital stock or any other security.

Series A GP Mirror Units. We contributed the net proceeds from the sale of the Series A Preferred Units in March 2016 to the KKR Group Partnerships and, in consideration of our contribution, each KKR Group Partnership issued to us a new series of preferred units with economic terms designed to mirror those of the Series A Preferred Units and, following the Conversion, the Series A Preferred Stock, which we refer to as the “Series A GP Mirror Units.” The terms of the Series A GP Mirror Units provide that unless distributions have been declared and paid or declared and set apart for payment on all Series A GP Mirror Units issued by each KKR Group Partnership for the then-current quarterly dividend period, then during such quarterly dividend period only, each KKR Group Partnership may not repurchase its common units or any junior units and may not declare or pay or set apart payment for distributions on its junior units, other than distributions paid in junior units or options, warrants or rights to subscribe for or purchase junior units. The terms of the Series A GP Mirror Units also provide that, in the event that any KKR Group Partnership liquidates, dissolves or winds up, no KKR Group Partnership may declare or pay or set apart payment on its common units or any other units ranking junior to the Series A GP Mirror Units unless the outstanding liquidation preference on all outstanding Series A GP Mirror Units of each KKR Group Partnership have been repaid via redemption or otherwise. The foregoing is subject to certain exceptions, including, (i) in the case of a merger or consolidation of one or more KKR Group Partnerships in a transaction whereby the surviving person, if not a KKR Group Partnership immediately prior to such transaction, expressly assumes all of the obligations under the Series A GP Mirror Units and satisfies certain other conditions, (ii) the KKR Group Partnership being sold or disposed of does not constitute a “significant subsidiary” under Rule 1-02(w) of Regulation S-X promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission or (iii) the Series A Preferred Stock have been fully redeemed. The Series B GP Mirror Units (as defined below) rank equally with the Series A GP Mirror Units.

Series B Preferred Stock

In June 2016, KKR & Co. L.P. issued 6,200,000 6.50% Series B Preferred Units (“Series B Preferred Units”). In connection with the Conversion, each Series B Preferred Unit outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time converted into one issued and outstanding, fully paid and nonassessable share of Series B Preferred Stock. Our certificate of incorporation provides holders of the Series B Preferred Stock following the Conversion with substantially the same rights and obligations that holders of the Series B Preferred Units had in the limited partnership agreement of KKR & Co. L.P.

Economic rights. Dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock are payable when, as and if declared by our board of directors out of funds legally available, at a rate per annum equal to 6.50% of the \$25.00 liquidation preference per share. Dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock are payable quarterly on March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15 of each year, when, as and if declared our board of directors.

Dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock are non-cumulative.

Ranking. Shares of the Series B Preferred Stock rank senior to our Class A common stock and equally with shares of our Series A Preferred Stock and any of our other equity securities, including any other preferred stock, that we may issue in the future, whose terms provide that such securities will rank equally with the Series B Preferred Stock respect to payment of dividends and distribution of our assets upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up (“Series B parity stock”). Shares of the Series B Preferred Stock include the same provisions with respect to restrictions on declaration and payment of dividends as the Series A Preferred Stock. Holders of the Series B Preferred Stock do not have preemptive or subscription rights.

Shares of the Series B Preferred Stock rank junior to (i) all of our existing and future indebtedness and (ii) any of our equity securities, including preferred stock, that we may issue in the future, whose terms provide that such securities will rank senior to the Series B Preferred Stock with respect to payment of dividends and distribution of our assets upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up. We currently have no Series B senior stock outstanding (such equity securities, “Series B senior stock”). While any shares of Series B Preferred Stock are outstanding, we may not authorize or create any class or series of Series B senior stock without the approval of two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of outstanding Series B Preferred Stock and all other series of Series B voting preferred stock (defined below), acting as a single class. See “—Voting rights” below for a discussion of the voting rights applicable if we seek to create any class or series of Series B senior stock.

Maturity . The Series B Preferred Stock does not have a maturity date, and we are not required to redeem or repurchase the Series B Preferred Stock.

Optional redemption . We may not redeem the Series B Preferred Stock prior to September 15, 2021 except as provided below under “—Change of control redemption.” At any time or from time to time on or after September 15, 2021, we may, at our option, redeem the Series B Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, at a price of \$25.00 per share of Series B Preferred Stock plus declared and unpaid dividends, if any, to, but excluding, the redemption date, without payment of any undeclared dividends.

Holders of the Series B Preferred Stock will have no right to require the redemption of the Series B Preferred Stock.

Change of control redemption . If a change of control event occurs prior to September 15, 2021, we may, at our option, redeem the Series B Preferred Stock, in whole but not in part, at a price of \$25.25 per share of Series B Preferred Stock, plus declared and unpaid dividends to, but excluding, the redemption date, without payment of any undeclared dividends.

If we do not give a redemption notice within the time periods specified in our certificate of incorporation following a change of control event (whether before, on or after September 15, 2021), the dividend rate per annum on the Series B Preferred Stock will increase by 5.00%.

A change of control event would occur if a change of control is accompanied by the lowering of the rating on certain series of our senior notes that are guaranteed by us and the KKR Group Partnerships (or, if no such series of our senior notes are outstanding, our long-term issuer rating) in respect of such change of control and any series of such senior notes or our long-term issuer rating, as applicable, is rated below investment grade.

The change of control redemption feature of the Series B Preferred Stock may, in certain circumstances, make more difficult or discourage a sale or takeover of us or a KKR Group Partnership and, thus, the removal of incumbent management. We have no present intention to engage in a transaction involving a change of control, although it is possible that we could decide to do so in the future.

Voting rights . Except as indicated below, the holders of the Series B Preferred Stock will have no voting rights.

Whenever six quarterly dividends (whether or not consecutive) payable on the Series B Preferred Stock have not been declared and paid, the number of directors on our board of directors will be increased by two and the holders of the Series B Preferred Stock, voting together as a single class with the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock and any other series of Series B parity stock then outstanding upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable (any such other series, together with the Series A Preferred Stock, the “Series B voting preferred stock”), will have the right to elect these two additional directors at a meeting of the holders of the Series B Preferred Stock and such Series B voting preferred stock. These voting rights will continue until four consecutive quarterly dividends have been declared and paid on the Series B Preferred Stock.

The approval of two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of outstanding Series B Preferred Stock and all series of Series B voting preferred units, acting as a single class, either at a meeting of stockholders or by written consent, is required in order:

(i) to amend, alter or repeal any provision of our certificate of incorporation relating to the Series B Preferred Stock or series of Series B voting preferred stock so as to materially and adversely affect the voting powers, rights or preferences of the holders of the Series B Preferred Stock or series of Series B voting preferred stock, or

(ii) to authorize, create or increase the authorized amount of, any class or series of preferred stock having rights senior to the Series B Preferred Stock with respect to the payment of distributions or amounts upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up,

provided that in the case of clause (i) above, if such amendment materially and adversely affects the rights, preferences, privileges or voting powers of one or more but not all of the classes or series of Series B voting preferred stock (including the Series B Preferred Stock for this purpose), only the consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of the classes or series so affected, voting as a class, is required in lieu of (or, if such consent is required by law, in addition to) the consent of the holders of two-thirds of the Series B voting preferred stock (including the Series B Preferred Stock for this purpose) as a class.

However, we may create additional series or classes of Series B parity stock and any equity securities that rank junior to our Series B Preferred Stock and issue additional series of such stock without the consent of any holder of the Series B Preferred Stock

In addition, if at any time any person or group (other than the Class B Stockholder and its affiliates, or a direct or subsequently approved transferee of the Class B Stockholder or its affiliates) acquires, in the aggregate, beneficial ownership of 20% or more of the Series B Preferred Stock then outstanding, that person or group will lose voting rights on all of its stock and the stock may not be voted on any matter and will not be considered to be outstanding when calculating required votes or for other similar purposes. See “Anti-Takeover Provisions—Loss of voting rights.”

Amount payable in liquidation . Upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of us, each holder of the Series B Preferred Stock will be entitled to a payment equal to the sum of the \$25.00 liquidation preference per share of Series B Preferred Stock and declared and unpaid dividends, if any, to, but excluding the date of the liquidation, dissolution or winding up. Such payment will be made out of our assets available for distribution (to the extent available) to the holders of the Series B Preferred Stock following the satisfaction of all claims ranking senior to the Series B Preferred Stock.

No conversion rights . The shares of Series B Preferred Stock are not convertible into any class of common stock or any other class or series of our capital stock or any other security.

Series B GP Mirror Units . We contributed the net proceeds from the sale of the Series B Preferred Units in June 2016 to the KKR Group Partnerships and, in consideration of our contribution, each KKR Group Partnership issued to us a new series of preferred units with economic terms designed to mirror those of the Series B Preferred Units and, following the Conversion, the Series B Preferred Stock, which we refer to as the “Series B GP Mirror Units.” The terms of the Series B GP Mirror Units provide that unless distributions have been declared and paid or declared and set apart for payment on all Series B GP Mirror Units issued by each KKR Group Partnership for the then-current quarterly dividend period, then during such quarterly dividend period only, each KKR Group Partnership may not repurchase its common units or any junior units and may not declare or pay or set apart payment for distributions on its junior units, other than distributions paid in junior units or options, warrants or rights to subscribe for or purchase junior units. The terms of the Series B GP Mirror Units also provide that, in the event that any KKR Group Partnership liquidates, dissolves or winds up, no KKR Group Partnership may declare or pay or set apart payment on its common units or any other units ranking junior to the Series B GP Mirror Units unless the outstanding liquidation preference on all outstanding Series B GP Mirror Units of each KKR Group Partnership have been repaid via redemption or otherwise. The foregoing is subject to certain exceptions, including, (i) in the case of a merger or consolidation of one or more KKR Group Partnerships in a transaction whereby the surviving person, if not a KKR Group Partnership immediately prior to such transaction, expressly assumes all of the obligations under the Series B GP Mirror Units and satisfies certain other conditions, (ii) the KKR Group Partnership being sold or disposed of does not constitute a “significant subsidiary” under Rule 1-02(w) of Regulation S-X promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission or (iii) the Series B Preferred Stock have been fully redeemed. The Series A GP Mirror Units rank equally with the Series B GP Mirror Units.

Forum selection . The federal district courts of the United States of America are the exclusive forums for resolving any complaint brought by any holder of Series B Preferred Stock (including any holder of beneficial interests in shares of Series B Preferred Stock) asserting a cause of action arising under the United States federal securities laws.

Conflicts of Interest

Delaware law permits corporations to adopt provisions renouncing any interest or expectancy in certain opportunities that are presented to the corporation or its officers, directors or stockholders. Our certificate of incorporation, to the maximum extent permitted from time to time by Delaware law, renounces any interest or expectancy that we have in any business ventures of the Class B Stockholder and its affiliates and any member, partner, Tax Matters Partner (as defined in U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), in effect prior to 2018), Partnership Representative (as defined in the Code), officer, director, employee agent, fiduciary or trustee of any of KKR or its subsidiaries, any KKR Group Partnership, the Class B Stockholder or any of our or the Class B Stockholder’s affiliates and certain other specified persons (collectively, the “Indemnitees”). Our certificate of incorporation provides that each Indemnitee has the right to engage in businesses of every type and description, including business interests and activities in direct competition with our business and activities. Our certificate of incorporation also waives and renounces any interest or expectancy that we may have in, or right to be offered an opportunity to participate in, business opportunities that are from time to time presented to the Indemnitees. Notwithstanding the foregoing, pursuant to our certificate of incorporation, the Class B Stockholder has agreed that its sole business will be to act as the Class B Stockholder and as a general partner or managing member of any partnership or limited liability company that we may hold an interest in and that it will not engage in any business or activity or incur any debts or liabilities except in connection therewith.

Anti-Takeover Provisions

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws and Delaware General Corporation Law (the “DGCL”) contain provisions, which are summarized in the following paragraphs, that are intended to enhance the likelihood of continuity and stability in the composition of our board of directors and to discourage certain types of transactions that may involve an actual or threatened acquisition of our company. These provisions are intended to avoid costly takeover battles, reduce our vulnerability to a hostile change in control or other unsolicited acquisition proposal, and enhance the ability of our board of directors to maximize stockholder value in connection with any unsolicited offer to acquire us. However, these provisions may have the effect of delaying, deterring or preventing a merger or acquisition of our company by means of a tender offer, a proxy contest or other takeover attempt that a stockholder might consider in its best interest, including attempts that might result in a premium over the prevailing market price for the shares of Class A common stock held by stockholders.

Non-voting common stock. Our Class A common stock is generally non-voting. In addition, our certificate of incorporation provides that generally, with respect to any matter on which the Class A common stock is entitled to vote, such vote shall require a majority or more of all the outstanding Class A common stock and Class C common stock voting together as a single class. As of the open of business on July 2, 2018, KKR Holdings L.P. owned 304,107,762 shares of Class C common stock, representing approximately 36.7% of the total combined voting power of the Class A common stock and Class C common stock. As a result, with respect to any matter as to which Class A common stock may be entitled to vote, depending on the number of shares of outstanding shares of Class A common stock and Class C common stock actually voted, our senior employees should generally have sufficient voting power to substantially influence matters subject to the vote.

Election of directors. Subject to the rights granted to one or more series of preferred stock then outstanding, the Class B Stockholder has the sole authority to elect directors.

Removal of directors . Subject to the rights granted to one or more series of preferred stock then outstanding, the Class B Stockholder has the sole authority to remove and replace any director, with or without cause, at any time.

Vacancies . In addition, our bylaws also provide that, subject to the rights granted to one or more series of preferred stock then outstanding, any newly created directorship on the board of directors that results from an increase in the number of directors and any vacancies on our board of directors will be filled by the Class B Stockholder.

Loss of voting rights. If at any time any person or group (other than the Class B Stockholder and its affiliates, or a direct or subsequently approved transferee of the Class B Stockholder or its affiliates) acquires, in the aggregate, beneficial ownership of 20% or more of any class of our stock then outstanding, that person or group will lose voting rights on all of its shares of stock and such shares of stock may not be voted on any matter as to which such shares may be entitled to vote and will not be considered to be outstanding when sending notices of a meeting of stockholders, calculating required votes, determining the presence of a quorum or for other similar purposes, in each case, as applicable and to the extent such shares of stock are entitled to any vote.

Requirements for advance notification of stockholder proposals . Our bylaws establish advance notice procedures with respect to stockholder proposals relating to the limited matters on which our Class A common stock may be entitled to vote. Generally, to be timely, a stockholder's notice must be received at our principal executive offices not less than 90 days or more than 120 days prior to the first anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting of stockholders. Our bylaws also specify requirements as to the form and content of a stockholder's notice. Our bylaws allow the chairman of the meeting at a meeting of the stockholders to adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of meetings, which may have the effect of precluding the conduct of certain business at a meeting if the rules and regulations are not followed. These provisions may deter, delay or discourage a potential acquirer from attempting to influence or obtain control of our company.

Special stockholder meetings . Our certificate of incorporation provides that special meetings of our stockholders may be called at any time only by or at the direction of our board of directors, the Class B Stockholder or, if at any time any stockholders other than the Class B Stockholder are entitled under applicable law or our certificate of incorporation to vote on specific matters proposed to be brought before a special meeting, stockholders representing 50% or more of the voting power of the outstanding stock of the class or classes of stock which are entitled to vote at such meeting. Class A common stock and Class C common stock are considered the same class of common stock for this purpose.

Stockholder action by written consent . Pursuant to Section 228 of the DGCL, any action required to be taken at any annual or special meeting of the stockholders may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote if a consent or consents in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by the holders of outstanding stock having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all shares of our stock entitled to vote thereon were present and voted, unless the certificate of incorporation provides otherwise or it conflicts with the rules of the New York Stock Exchange. Our certificate of incorporation permits stockholder action by written consent by stockholders other than the Class B Stockholder only if consented to by the board of directors in writing.

Actions requiring Class B Stockholder approval . Certain actions require the prior approval of the Class B Stockholder, including, without limitation:

- entry into a debt financing arrangement in an amount in excess of 10% of our then existing long-term indebtedness (other than with respect to intercompany debt financing arrangements);
- issuances of securities that would (i) represent at least 5% of any class of equity securities or (ii) have designations, preferences, rights priorities or powers that are more favorable than the Class A common stock;
- adoption of a shareholder rights plan;
- amendment of our certificate of incorporation, certain provisions of our bylaws relating our board of directors and officers and the operating agreements of the KKR Group Partnerships;
- the appointment or removal of our Chief Executive Officer or a Co-Chief Executive Officer;
- merger, sale or other dispositions of all or substantially all of the assets, taken as a whole, of us and our subsidiaries, and the liquidation or dissolution of us or any KKR Group Partnership; and
- the withdrawal, removal or substitution of any person as the general partner of a KKR Group Partnership or the transfer of beneficial ownership of all or any part of a general partner interest in a KKR Group Partnership to any person other than a wholly-owned subsidiary.

Amendments to our certificate of incorporation requiring Class B Stockholder approval. Except as otherwise expressly provided by applicable law, only the vote of the Class B Stockholder, together with the approval of our board of directors, shall be required in order to amend certain provisions of our certificate of incorporation and none of our other stockholders shall have the right to vote with respect to any such amendments, which include, without limitation:

- (1) amendments to provisions relating to approvals of the transfer of the Class B units in the KKR Group Partnerships, Class B Stockholder approvals for certain actions and the appointment or removal of the Chief Executive Officer or Co-Chief Executive Officers;
- (2) a change in our name, our registered agent or our registered office;

- (3) an amendment that our board of directors determines to be necessary or appropriate to address certain changes in U.S. federal, state and local income tax regulations, legislation or interpretation;
- (4) an amendment that is necessary, in the opinion of our counsel, to prevent us or our indemnitees from having a material risk of being in any manner subjected to the provisions of the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, the U.S. Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, or “plan asset” regulations adopted under the U.S. Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, whether or not substantially similar to plan asset regulations currently applied or proposed by the U.S. Department of Labor;
- (5) a change in our fiscal year or taxable year;
- (6) an amendment that our board of directors has determined to be necessary or appropriate for the creation, authorization or issuance of any class or series of our capital stock or options, rights, warrants or appreciation rights relating to our capital stock;
- (7) any amendment expressly permitted in our certificate of incorporation to be made by the Class B Stockholder acting alone;
- (8) an amendment effected, necessitated or contemplated by an agreement of merger, consolidation or other business combination agreement that has been approved under the terms of our certificate of incorporation;
- (9) an amendment effected, necessitated or contemplated by an amendment to the partnership agreement of a KKR Group Partnership that requires unitholders of the KKR Group Partnership to provide a statement, certification or other proof of evidence regarding whether such unitholder is subject to U.S. federal income taxation on the income generated by the KKR Group Partnership;
- (10) any amendment that our board of directors has determined is necessary or appropriate to reflect and account for our formation of, or our investment in, any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other entity, as otherwise permitted by our certificate of incorporation;
- (11) a merger into, or conveyance of all of our assets to, another limited liability entity that is newly formed and has no assets, liabilities or operations at the time of the merger or conveyance other than those it receives by way of the merger or conveyance consummated solely to effect a mere change in our legal form, the governing instruments of which provide the stockholders with substantially the same rights and obligations as provided by our certificate of incorporation;
- (12) any amendment that our board of directors determines to be necessary or appropriate to cure any ambiguity, omission, mistake, defect or inconsistency; or

(13) any other amendments substantially similar to any of the matters described in (1) through (12) above.

In addition, except as otherwise provided by applicable law, the Class B Stockholder, together with the approval of our board of directors, can amend our certificate of incorporation without the approval of any other stockholder to adopt any amendments that our board of directors has determined:

- (1) do not adversely affect the stockholders considered as a whole (or adversely affect any particular class or series of stock as compared to another class or series) in any material respect;
- (2) are necessary or appropriate to satisfy any requirements, conditions or guidelines contained in any opinion, directive, order, ruling or regulation of any federal, state, local or non-U.S. agency or judicial authority or contained in any federal, state, local or non-U.S. statute (including the DGCL);
- (3) are necessary or appropriate to facilitate the trading of our stock or to comply with any rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of any securities exchange on which our stock are or will be listed for trading;
- (4) are necessary or appropriate for any action taken by us relating to splits or combinations of shares of our capital stock under the provisions of our certificate of incorporation; or
- (5) are required to effect the intent of or are otherwise contemplated by our certificate of incorporation.

Super-majority requirements for certain amendments to our certificate of incorporation. Except for amendments to our certificate of incorporation that require the sole approval of the Class B Stockholder, any amendments to our certificate of incorporation require the vote or consent of stockholders holding at least 90% in voting power of our Class A common stock and Class C common stock unless we obtain an opinion of counsel confirming that such amendment would not affect the limited liability of such stockholder under the DGCL. Any amendment of this provision of our certificate of incorporation also requires the vote or consent of stockholders holding at least 90% in voting power of our Class A common stock and Class C common stock.

Merger, sale or other disposition of assets. Our certificate of incorporation provides that we may, with the approval of the Class B Stockholder and with the approval of the holders of at least a majority in voting power of our Class A common stock and Class C common stock, sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, or consummate any merger, consolidation or other similar combination, or approve the sale, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of our subsidiaries, except that no approval of our Class A common stock and Class C common stock shall be required in the case of certain limited transactions involving our reorganization into another limited liability entity. See “—Common Stock—Voting Rights.” We may in our sole discretion mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or grant a security interest in all or substantially all of our assets (including for the benefit of persons other than us or our subsidiaries) without the prior approval of the holders of our Class A common stock and Class C common stock. We may also sell all or substantially all of our assets under any forced sale of any or all of our assets pursuant to the foreclosure or other realization upon those encumbrances without the prior approval of the holders of our Class A common stock and Class C common stock.

Preferred stock . The rights of holders of our Series A Preferred Stock and Series B Preferred Stock requiring us to redeem all or a portion of their series of preferred stock upon the occurrence of a change of control event could have the effect of discouraging third parties from pursuing certain transactions with us, which may otherwise be in the best interest of our stockholders. See “Preferred Stock” above.

Choice of forum . The Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware (or, solely to the extent that the Court of Chancery lacks subject matter jurisdiction, any other court in the State of Delaware with subject matter jurisdiction) is the exclusive forum for resolving any claims, suits, actions or proceedings arising out of or relating in any way to our certificate of incorporation (including any claims, suits or actions to interpret, apply or enforce (i) the provisions of our certificate of incorporation or our bylaws, (ii) our duties, obligations or liabilities to our stockholders, or of our stockholders to us, or among our stockholders, (iii) the rights or powers of, or restrictions on, us or any of our stockholders, (iv) any provision of the DGCL or (v) any other instrument, document, agreement or certificate contemplated by any provision of the DGCL relating to us (regardless of whether such claims, suits, actions or proceedings (x) sound in contract, tort, fraud or otherwise, (y) are based on common law, statutory, equitable, legal or other grounds or (z) are derivative or direct claims)), except as otherwise provided in our certificate of incorporation for any series of our preferred stock.

Business Combinations

We have opted out of Section 203 of the DGCL, which provides that an “interested stockholder” (a person other than the corporation or any direct or indirect majority-owned subsidiary who, together with affiliates and associates, owns, or, if such person is an affiliate or associate of the corporation, within three years did own, 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of a corporation) may not engage in “business combinations” (which is broadly defined to include a number of transactions, such as mergers, consolidations, asset sales and other transactions in which an interested stockholder receives or could receive a financial benefit on other than a pro rata basis with other stockholders) with the corporation for a period of three years after the date on which the person became an interested stockholder without certain statutorily mandated approvals.

Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our Class A common stock, Class A Preferred Stock and Class B Preferred Stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC. The transfer agent and registrar’s address is 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11219, and its telephone number is (718) 921-8300.

Listing

Our Class A common, Class A Preferred Stock and Class B Preferred Stock are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbols “KKR”, “KKR PRA” and “KKR PRB,” respectively.

The risk factors set forth below are being filed for the purpose of modifying and supplementing certain of the risk factors disclosed under the heading “Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on February 23, 2018 (our “2017 Annual Report”) as supplemented and modified by the risk factors disclosed under the heading “Risk Factors” in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2018, filed with the SEC on May 8, 2018 (the “Existing Risk Factors”) to reflect our conversion from a Delaware limited partnership named KKR & Co. L.P. to a Delaware corporation named KKR & Co. Inc. (the “Conversion”) and should be read in conjunction with the disclosures contained therein.

For the purposes of the risk factors set forth below, (i) as of any time prior to the Conversion, references to “KKR,” “we,” “us,” “our” and similar terms mean KKR & Co. L.P. and its subsidiaries and, as of any time after the Conversion, KKR & Co. Inc. and its subsidiaries and (ii) as of any time prior to the Conversion, “KKR & Co. L.P.” and/or “our partnership” mean KKR & Co. L.P. and its subsidiaries and, as of any time after the Conversion, if the context requires, KKR & Co. Inc. and its subsidiaries.

References to “KKR Group Partnership Units” refer, collectively, to Class A partner interests in each of KKR Management Holdings L.P., KKR Fund Holdings L.P. and KKR International Holdings L.P. (collectively, the “KKR Group Partnerships”), each of which have an identical number of partner interests.

Our Class A common stock is generally non-voting, except as provided in our certificate of incorporation and bylaws or required by Delaware law or the rules of the NYSE.

Holders of our Class A common stock generally have no voting rights, unless provided in our certificate of incorporation and bylaws or required by Delaware law or the rules of the New York Stock Exchange (the “NYSE”). As a result, practically all matters submitted to stockholders will be decided by the vote of the holder of the sole share of our Class B common stock, KKR Management LLC (in such capacity, the “Class B Stockholder”). Our certificate of incorporation provides for holders of our Class A common stock, voting together with the holders of our Class C common stock as a single class, unless required otherwise by Delaware law, to have the right to vote only with respect to the transfer of Class B common stock prior to December 31, 2018 (subject to exceptions for, among other things, transfers of all shares of Class B common stock to an affiliate of the Class B Stockholder), any increase in the number of authorized shares of Class B common stock, certain sales of all or substantially all of our assets, a merger, consolidation or other business combination and any amendment to our certificate of incorporation that would have a material adverse effect on our Class A common stock relative to the other classes of our stock. See “Description of Capital Stock—Common Stock—Voting Rights” included in Exhibit 99.1 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 2, 2018. Our certificate of incorporation also provides that the number of authorized shares of our Class A common stock may be increased solely with the approval of the Class B Stockholder. As a result, holders of our Class A common stock will have very limited or no ability to influence stockholder decisions, including decisions regarding our business.

The voting rights of holders of our Class A common stock are further restricted by provisions in our certificate of incorporation stating that any of our shares of stock held by a person that beneficially owns 20% or more of any class of stock then outstanding (other than the Class B Stockholder or its affiliates, or a direct or subsequently approved transferee of the Class B Stockholder or its affiliates) cannot be voted on any matter. KKR Holdings L.P. (“KKR Holdings”), the holder of our Class C common stock, is exempt from this limitation. Our certificate of incorporation and our bylaws also contain provisions limiting the ability of the holders of our Class A common stock to call meetings, to acquire information about our operations and to influence the manner or direction of our management.

These limits on the ability of the holders of the Class A common stock to exercising voting rights restrict the ability of the holders of our Class A common stock to influence matters subject to the vote of our stockholders.

Our founders are able to significantly influence the outcome of any matter that may be submitted for a vote of holders of our Class A common stock.

Generally, to the extent that any matters are required to be submitted to a vote of the holders of our Class A common stock, they will require the approval of a majority or more of all the outstanding designated stock, which refers to classes of common stock designated under our certificate of incorporation to have voting rights with respect to such matters (the “outstanding designated stock”). Currently, our outstanding designated stock consists of our Class A common stock and Class C common stock voting together. As a result, the holders of our Class C common stock, which has been issued to holders of KKR Group Partnership Units, will vote on an equivalent basis with the holders of our Class A common stock on such matters. As of the open of business on July 2, 2018, KKR Holdings owned 304,107,762 shares of Class C common stock, representing approximately 36.7% of the total combined voting power of the Class A common stock and Class C common stock. Depending upon the number of shares of outstanding designated stock actually voted, we believe our senior employees should generally have sufficient voting power to substantially influence matters subject to a vote of our outstanding designated stock, including amendments that could materially and adversely affect the holders of our Class A common stock. See “Description of Capital Stock—Common Stock—Voting Rights” included in Exhibit 99.1 to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 2, 2018.

Because our Class A common stock is generally non-voting, we are not required to comply with certain provisions of U.S. securities laws relating to proxy statements and other annual meeting materials. This may limit the information available to holders of our Class A common stock.

Our Class A common stock is registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), and is generally non-voting. As a result, we will not be required to file proxy statements or information statements under Section 14 of the Exchange Act, unless a vote of holders of our Class A common stock is required by applicable law. Accordingly, legal causes of action and remedies under Section 14 of the Exchange Act for inadequate or misleading information in proxy statements may not be available to holders of our Class A common stock. If we do not deliver any proxy statements, information statements, annual reports, and other information and reports to the Class B Stockholder, then we will similarly not provide any of this information to the holders of our Class A common stock. Because we are generally not required to file proxy statements or information statements under Section 14 of the Exchange Act, any proxy statement, information statement, or notice of our annual meeting may not include all information under Section 14 of the Exchange Act that a public company with voting securities registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act would be required to provide to its stockholders. Most of that information, however, will be reported in other public filings. For example, disclosures required by Part III of Form 10-K as well as certain disclosures required by the NYSE that are customarily included in a proxy statement will be included in our Form 10-K, rather than a proxy statement. But some information required in a proxy statement or information statement is not required in any other public filing. In addition, we will generally not be subject to the “say-on-pay” and “say-on-frequency” provisions of the Dodd–Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. As a result, our stockholders will not have an opportunity to provide a non-binding vote on the compensation of our named executive officers. Moreover, holders of our Class A common stock will be unable to bring matters before our annual meeting of stockholders or nominate directors at such meeting, nor can they generally submit stockholder proposals under Rule 14a-8 of the Exchange Act.

As a “controlled company”, we qualify for some exemptions from the corporate governance and other requirements of the NYSE.

We are a “controlled company” within the meaning of the corporate governance standards of the NYSE. Under the NYSE rules, a company of which more than 50% of the voting power for the election of directors is held by an individual, group or another company is a “controlled company” and may elect, and we have elected, not to comply with certain corporate governance requirements of the NYSE, including the requirements: (i) that the listed company have a nominating and corporate governance committee that is composed entirely of independent directors, (ii) that the listed company have a compensation committee that is composed entirely of independent directors and (iii) that the compensation committee be required to consider certain independence factors when engaging compensation consultants, legal counsel and other committee advisers. Accordingly, holders of our Class A common stock do not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to all of the corporate governance requirements of the NYSE.

Certain actions by our board of directors require the approval of the Class B Stockholder, which is controlled by our senior employees.

Although the affirmative vote of a majority of our directors is required for any action to be taken by our board of directors, certain specified actions will also require the approval of the Class B Stockholder, which is controlled by our senior employees. These actions consist of the following:

- the entry into a debt financing arrangement by us in an amount in excess of 10% of our then existing long-term indebtedness (other than the entry into certain intercompany debt financing arrangements);
- the issuance by us or our subsidiaries of any securities that would (i) represent, after such issuance, or upon conversion, exchange or exercise, as the case may be, at least 5% on a fully diluted, as converted, exchanged or exercised basis, of any class of our or their equity securities or (ii) have designations, preferences, rights, priorities or powers that are more favorable than those of the Class A common stock;
- the adoption by us of a shareholder rights plan;
- the amendment of our certificate of incorporation, certain provisions of our bylaws relating to our board of directors and officers or the operating agreements of the KKR Group Partnerships;
- the exchange or disposition of all or substantially all of our assets or the assets of any KKR Group Partnership;
- the merger, sale or other combination of our company or any KKR Group Partnership with or into any other person;
- the transfer, mortgage, pledge, hypothecation or grant of a security interest in all or substantially all of the assets of the KKR Group Partnerships;
- the appointment or removal of our Chief Executive Officer or a Co-Chief Executive Officer;

- the termination of our employment of any of our officers or the officers of any of our subsidiaries or the termination of the association of a partner with any of our subsidiaries, in each case, without cause;
- the liquidation or dissolution of us or any KKR Group Partnership; and
- the withdrawal, removal or substitution of any person as the general partner of a KKR Group Partnership or the transfer of beneficial ownership of all or any part of a general partner interest in a KKR Group Partnership to any person other than a wholly-owned subsidiary

Potential conflicts of interest may arise among the Class B Stockholder and the holders of our Class A common stock.

The Class B Stockholder is controlled by our senior employees. Our founders, who also serve as our Co-Chairmen and Co-Chief Executive Officers, are the designated members of the Class B Stockholder and are deemed to represent a majority of the total voting power of the Class B Stockholder when acting together. As a result, conflicts of interest may arise among the Class B Stockholder and its controlling persons, on the one hand, and us and the holders of our Class A common stock, on the other hand.

The Class B Stockholder has the ability to influence our business and affairs through its ownership of the sole share of voting stock, its general ability to appoint our board of directors and provisions under our certificate of incorporation requiring Class B Stockholder approval for certain corporate actions (in addition to approval by our board of directors). If the holders of our Class A common stock are dissatisfied with the performance of our board of directors, they have no ability to remove any of our directors, with or without cause.

Further, through its ability to elect our board of directors, the Class B Stockholder has the ability to indirectly influence the determination of the amount and timing of the KKR Group Partnerships' investments and dispositions, cash expenditures, including those relating to compensation, indebtedness, issuances of additional partner interests, tax liabilities and amounts of reserves, each of which can affect the amount of cash that is available for distribution to holders of KKR Group Partnership Units.

In addition, conflicts may arise relating to the selection and structuring of investments or transactions, declaring dividends and other distributions and other matters due to the fact that certain of our principals indirectly hold their KKR Group Partnership Units through KKR Holdings and its subsidiaries, which are not subject to corporate income taxation.

Our certificate of incorporation states that the Class B Stockholder is under no obligation to consider the separate interests of the other stockholders and contains provisions limiting the liability of the Class B Stockholder.

Our Class A common stock is generally non-voting. As a result, nearly all matters required to be submitted to stockholders will be determined solely by the vote of the Class B Stockholder. Although controlling stockholders may owe duties to minority stockholders, our certificate of incorporation contains provisions limiting the duties owed by the Class B Stockholder and contains provisions allowing the Class B Stockholder to favor its own interests and the interests of its controlling persons over us and the holders of our Class A common stock. Our certificate of incorporation contains provisions stating that the Class B Stockholder is under no obligation to consider the separate interests of the other stockholders (including the tax consequences to such stockholders) in deciding whether or not to cause us to take (or decline to take) any action as well as provisions stating that the Class B Stockholder shall not be liable to the other stockholders for damages or equitable relief for any losses, liabilities or benefits not derived by such stockholders in connection with such decisions. See “— Potential conflicts of interest may arise among the Class B Stockholder and the holders of our Class A common stock.”

The Class B Stockholder will not be liable to KKR or holders of our Class A common stock for any acts, or omissions unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment determining that the Class B Stockholder acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud or willful misconduct and we have also agreed to indemnify the Class B Stockholder to a similar extent.

Even if there is deemed to be a breach of the obligations set forth in our certificate of incorporation, our certificate of incorporation provides that the Class B Stockholder will not be liable to us or the holders of our Class A common stock for any acts or omissions unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that the Class B Stockholder or its officers and directors acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud or willful misconduct. These provisions are detrimental to the holders of our Class A common stock because they restrict the remedies available to stockholders for actions of the Class B Stockholder.

In addition, we have agreed to indemnify the Class B Stockholder and its affiliates and any member, partner, Tax Matters Partner (as defined in U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in effect prior to 2018), Partnership Representative (as defined in the Code), officer, director, employee agent, fiduciary or trustee of any of KKR or its subsidiaries, any KKR Group Partnership, the Class B Stockholder or any of our or the Class B Stockholder's affiliates and certain other specified persons (collectively, the "Indemnitees"), to the fullest extent permitted by law, against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, joint or several, expenses (including legal fees and expenses), judgments, fines, penalties, interest, settlements or other amounts incurred by any Indemnitee. We have agreed to provide this indemnification unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that the Indemnitee acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud or willful misconduct. We have also agreed to provide this indemnification for criminal proceedings.

The provision of our certificate of incorporation requiring exclusive venue in the Court of Chancery in the State of Delaware for certain types of lawsuits may have the effect of discouraging lawsuits against us and our directors, officers and stockholders.

Our certificate of incorporation requires, to the fullest extent permitted by law, that any claims, suits, actions or proceedings arising out of or relating in any way to our certificate of incorporation may only be brought in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware or, if such court does not have subject matter jurisdiction thereof, any other court in the State of Delaware with subject matter jurisdiction. This provision may have the effect of discouraging lawsuits against us and our directors, officers and stockholders.

The Class B Stockholder may transfer its interest in the sole share of Class B Common Stock which could materially alter our operations.

The Class B Stockholder may transfer the share of our Class B common stock held by it to a third party upon receipt of approval to do so by our board of directors and satisfaction of certain other requirements and, effective January 1, 2019, without the consent of the holders of our Class A common stock and Class C common stock. Further, the members of the Class B Stockholder may sell or transfer all or part of their limited liability company interests in the Class B Stockholder at any time without restriction. A new holder of our Class B common stock or new controlling members of the Class B Stockholder may appoint directors to our board of directors who may not be willing or able to cause us to form new funds and could cause us to form funds that have investment objectives and governing terms that differ materially from those of our current funds. A new holder of our Class B common stock, new controlling members of the Class B Stockholder and/or the directors they appoint to our board of directors could also have a different investment philosophy, cause us or our affiliates to employ investment professionals who are less experienced, be unsuccessful in identifying investment opportunities or have a track record that is not as successful as our track record. If any of the foregoing were to occur, we could experience difficulty in making new investments, and the value of our existing investments, our business, our results of operations and our financial condition could materially suffer.

Our certificate of incorporation also provides us with a right to acquire shares of Class A common stock under specified circumstances, which may adversely affect the price of our shares of Class A common stock.

Our certificate of incorporation provides that, if at any time, either (i) less than 10% of the total shares of any class our stock then outstanding (other than Class B common stock, Class C common stock and preferred stock) is held by persons other than the Class B Stockholder and its affiliates or (ii) we are subjected to registration under the provisions of the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, we may exercise our right to call and purchase shares of Class A common stock or assign this right to the Class B Stockholder or any of its affiliates. As a result, a stockholder may have his or her shares of Class A common stock purchased from him or her at an undesirable time or price.

Other anti-takeover provisions in our charter documents could delay or prevent a change in control.

In addition to the provisions described elsewhere relating to the Class B Stockholder's control, other provisions in our certificate of incorporation and bylaws may discourage, delay or prevent a merger or acquisition that a stockholder may consider favorable by, for example:

- permitting our board of directors to issue one or more series of preferred stock,
- requiring advance notice for stockholder proposals and nominations if they are ever permitted by applicable law, and
- placing limitations on convening stockholder meetings.

These provisions may also discourage acquisition proposals or delay or prevent a change in control.

We will be required to pay our principals for most of the benefits relating to our use of tax attributes we receive from prior and future exchanges of our Class A common stock for KKR Group Partnership Units and related transactions.

We are required to acquire KKR Group Partnership Units from time to time pursuant to our exchange agreement with KKR Holdings. To the extent this occurs, the exchanges are expected to result in an increase in our share of the tax basis of the tangible and intangible assets of the KKR Group Partnerships that would not otherwise have been available. This increase in tax basis may increase (for tax purposes) depreciation and amortization and therefore reduce the amount of income tax we would otherwise be required to pay in the future. This increase in tax basis may also decrease gain (or increase loss) on future dispositions of certain capital assets to the extent tax basis is allocated to those capital assets.

We are party to a tax receivable agreement with KKR Holdings requiring us to pay to KKR Holdings or transferees of its KKR Group Partnership Units 85% of the amount of cash tax savings, if any, in U.S. federal, state and local income tax that we actually realize as a result of this increase in tax basis, as well as 85% of the amount of any such savings we actually realize as a result of increases in tax basis that arise due to future payments under the agreement. A termination of the agreement or a change of control could give rise to similar payments based on tax savings that we would be deemed to realize in connection with such events. The reduction in the statutory corporate tax rate from 35% to 21% would generally reduce the amount of cash tax savings and thus reduce the amount of the payments to KKR Holdings or transferees of its KKR Group Partnership Units. On the other hand, due to our election to be treated as a U.S. corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, a greater percentage of our income will be subject to corporate taxation and thus generally increase the amount payable under the tax receivable agreement. This payment obligation will be ours and not of any KKR Group Partnership. While the actual increase in tax basis, as well as the amount and timing of any payments under the tax receivable agreement, will vary depending upon a number of factors, including the timing of exchanges, the price of our Class A common stock at the time of the exchange, the extent to which such exchanges are taxable and the amount and timing of our taxable income, we expect that as a result of the size of the increases in the tax basis of the tangible and intangible assets of the KKR Group Partnerships, the payments that we may be required to make to KKR Holdings or transferees of its KKR Group Partnership Units will be substantial. We may need to incur debt to finance payments under the tax receivable agreement to the extent our cash resources are insufficient to meet our obligations under the tax receivable agreement as a result of timing discrepancies or otherwise. In particular, our obligations under the tax receivable agreement would be effectively accelerated in the event of an early termination of the tax receivable agreement by us or in the event of certain mergers, asset sales and other forms of business combinations or other changes of control. In these situations, our obligations under the tax receivable agreement could have a substantial negative impact on our liquidity.

Payments under the tax receivable agreement will be based upon the tax reporting positions that we will determine. We are not aware of any issue that would cause the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") to challenge a tax basis increase. However, neither KKR Holdings nor its transferees will reimburse us for any payments previously made under the tax receivable agreement if such tax basis increase, or the tax benefits we claim arising from such increase, is successfully challenged by the IRS. As a result, in certain circumstances, payments to KKR Holdings or its transferees under the tax receivable agreement could be in excess of our cash tax savings. Our ability to achieve benefits from any tax basis increase, and the payments to be made under the tax receivable agreement, will depend upon a number of factors, as discussed above, including the timing and amount of our future income.

KKR & CO. INC.
UNAUDITED PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION

On July 1, 2018, KKR & Co. Inc. (the “Company”) completed its conversion (the “Conversion”) from a Delaware limited partnership named KKR & Co. L.P. into a Delaware corporation named KKR & Co. Inc.

The following unaudited pro forma financial information is based on the historical consolidated financial statements of the Company and is intended to provide information about how the Conversion may have affected the Company’s historical consolidated financial statements if it had occurred as of January 1, 2017, in the case of the unaudited pro forma statements of operations for the year ended December 31, 2017 and for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, and as of March 31, 2018, in the case of the unaudited pro forma statement of financial condition as of March 31, 2018. The unaudited pro forma statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2017 does not reflect the one-time tax benefit to record the initial deferred tax asset that was realized upon Conversion. Additionally, the unaudited pro forma statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2017 has been adjusted to exclude the impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which was enacted in December 2017 (the “2017 Tax Act”), in order to present the pro forma tax expense based on the statutory rate in effect for 2017, which included the U.S. federal corporate tax rate of 35%.

The unaudited pro forma financial information and the pro forma adjustments described in the footnotes should be read in conjunction with the Company’s historical financial statements and the accompanying notes contained in the Company’s annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 and its quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2018. The unaudited pro forma financial information is based on available information and assumptions that the Company believes are reasonable. The unaudited pro forma financial information is for illustrative and informational purposes only and is not intended to represent or be indicative of what the Company’s financial condition or results of operations would have been had the Conversion occurred on the dates indicated. The unaudited pro forma financial information also should not be considered indicative of the Company’s future financial condition or results of operations.

KKR & CO. INC.
UNAUDITED PRO FORMA STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
(Amounts in Thousands, Except Share and Per Share Data)

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2017			
	As Reported	Adjustment relating to the Conversion	Adjustments relating to the Change in Statutory Tax Rate	Pro Forma
Statement of Operations Data:				
Total Revenues	\$ 3,282,265			\$ 3,282,265
Less: Total Expenses	2,336,692			2,336,692
Total Investment Income (Loss)	1,838,795		(67,221) (3)	1,771,574
Income (Loss) Before Taxes	2,784,368		(67,221)	2,717,147
Income Taxes	224,326	366,347 (1)	(97,915) (4)	492,758
Net Income (Loss)	2,560,042	(366,347) (1)	30,694	2,224,389
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Redeemable Non-controlling Interests	73,972			73,972
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Non-controlling Interests	1,467,765			1,467,765
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to KKR & Co. Inc.	1,018,305	(366,347) (1)	30,694	682,652
Net Income Attributable to Series A Preferred Stockholders	23,288			23,288
Net Income Attributable to Series B Preferred Stockholders	10,076			10,076
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to KKR & Co. Inc. Class A Common Stockholders	\$ 984,941	(366,347) (1)(2)	30,694 (3)(4)	\$ 649,288
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to KKR & Co. Inc. Per Share of Class A Common Stock				
Basic	\$ 2.10	\$ (0.78) (1)	\$ 0.07	\$ 1.39
Diluted	\$ 1.95	\$ (0.73) (1)	\$ 0.06	\$ 1.28
Weighted Average Shares of Class A Common Stock Outstanding				
Basic	468,282,642			468,282,642
Diluted	506,288,971			506,288,971

(1) This adjustment represents the incremental tax expense that would have been incurred had the Company been classified as a corporation for U.S. federal tax purposes as of January 1, 2017. This amount includes only the incremental tax expense using the U.S. federal corporate tax rate of 35% prior to the 2017 Tax Act, and excludes the impact of the 2017 Tax Act as well as the one-time tax benefit to record the initial deferred tax asset that was recognized upon the Conversion.

(2) The one-time tax benefit and one-time tax expense that were recognized upon the Conversion and the impact of the 2017 Tax Act are not included in the pro forma adjustments. The one-time tax benefit that was recognized upon the Conversion has been excluded because, due to the 2017 Tax Act and the change in the U.S. federal corporate tax rate from 35% to 21% effective January 1, 2018, the amount of deferred taxes that would have been recorded had the Conversion occurred as of January 1, 2017 would not be representative of the deferred tax asset that was recorded as of the Conversion date of July 1, 2018. Similarly, including the one-time tax expense that would have been realized in order to reflect the reduction of the deferred tax asset due to the change in the U.S. federal corporate tax rate would also not be representative of the incremental tax expense the Company may incur as a result of the Conversion.

(3) As a result of the 2017 Tax Act, the as-reported Total Investment Income included approximately \$67 million of income to reflect lower expected tax benefit payments under the tax receivable agreement resulting from the change in the U.S. federal corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%. In order to present the pro forma net income based on the statutory tax rate in effect for 2017, this amount is reversed.

(4) As a result of the 2017 Tax Act, the as-reported Income Taxes included additional tax expense of approximately \$98 million related to the reduction of the deferred tax asset resulting from the change in the U.S. federal corporate tax rate from 35% to 21% and the estimated one-time tax on previously unremitted foreign earnings. In order to present the pro forma tax expense based on the statutory tax rate in effect for 2017, this amount is reversed.

KKR & CO. INC.
UNAUDITED PRO FORMA STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
(Amounts in Thousands, Except Share and Per Share Data)

Statement of Operations Data:	For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2018		
	As Reported	Adjustment	Pro Forma
Total Revenues	\$ 472,606		\$ 472,606
Less: Total Expenses	436,601		436,601
Total Investment Income (Loss)	584,530		584,530
Income (Loss) Before Taxes	620,535		620,535
Income Taxes	17,641	36,384 (1)	54,025
Net Income (Loss)	602,894	(36,384) (1)	566,510
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Redeemable Non-controlling Interests	25,674		25,674
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Non-controlling Interests	398,777		398,777
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to KKR & Co. Inc.	178,443	(36,384) (1)	142,059
Net Income Attributable to Series A Preferred Stockholders	5,822		5,822
Net Income Attributable to Series B Preferred Stockholders	2,519		2,519
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to KKR & Co. Inc. Class A Common Stockholders	\$ 170,102	(36,384) (1)	\$ 133,718
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to KKR & Co. Inc. Per Share of Class A Common Stock			
Basic	\$ 0.36	\$ (0.08) (1)	\$ 0.28
Diluted	\$ 0.32	\$ (0.06) (1)	\$ 0.26
Weighted Average Shares of Class A Common Stock Outstanding			
Basic	487,704,838		487,704,838
Diluted	535,918,274		535,918,274

(1) This adjustment represents the incremental tax expense that would have been incurred had the Company been classified as a corporation as of January 1, 2017. The pro forma tax expense for this period reflects the tax rates enacted under the 2017 Tax Act.

KKR & CO. INC.
UNAUDITED PRO FORMA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
(Amounts in Thousands)

	As of March 31, 2018		
	As Reported	Adjustments	Pro Forma
Statement of Financial Condition Data (period end):			
Total Assets	\$ 47,579,153	192,866 (1)(2)	\$ 47,772,019
Total Liabilities	\$ 25,810,215		\$ 25,810,215
Redeemable Non-controlling Interests	\$ 690,630		\$ 690,630
Non-controlling Interests	\$ 13,677,569		\$ 13,677,569
Total Class A Common Stockholders' Equity	\$ 7,400,739	192,866 (1)(2)	\$ 7,593,605

(1) This adjustment represents the estimated initial deferred tax asset that would have been recorded upon the Conversion, had the Conversion occurred on March 31, 2018. The deferred tax asset has been determined using the tax rates enacted under the 2017 Tax Act.

(2) The total stockholder basis amount used to determine the total step-up in tax basis that was recognized upon the Conversion is assumed based on the best available information as of December 31, 2017, which is the most recent date such information was available. The actual amounts used in determining the step-up in tax basis could significantly vary from the assumed amounts used in calculating the pro forma adjustments due to investor activity that occurred up to the date of the Conversion.

MATERIAL UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following is a summary of the material United States federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of our common stock and preferred stock, which we refer to collectively as “stock,” as of the date hereof. Except where noted, this summary deals only with stock that is held as a capital asset.

This summary does not contain a detailed description of all the United States federal income tax consequences to you in light of your particular circumstances and does not address the Medicare tax on net investment income or the effects of any state, local or non-United States tax laws. In addition, it does not represent a detailed description of the United States federal income tax consequences applicable to you if you are subject to special treatment under the United States federal income tax laws, including if you are:

- a dealer in securities or currencies;
 - a financial institution;
 - a regulated investment company;
 - a real estate investment trust;
 - an insurance company;
 - a tax-exempt organization;
 - a person holding the stock as part of a hedging, integrated or conversion transaction, a constructive sale or a straddle;
 - a trader in securities that has elected the mark-to-market method of accounting for its securities;
 - a person liable for alternative minimum tax;
 - a partnership or other pass-through entity for United States federal income tax purposes;
 - a controlled foreign corporation;
 - a passive foreign investment company;
 - a person required to accelerate the recognition of any item of gross income with respect to the stock as a result of such income being recognized on an applicable financial statement;
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- a U.S. expatriate; or
- a U.S. Holder (as defined below) whose “functional currency” is not the United States dollar.

As used herein, a “U.S. Holder” means a beneficial owner of our stock (other than an entity treated as a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes) that is, for United States federal income tax purposes, any of the following:

- an individual citizen or resident of the United States;
- a corporation (or any other entity treated as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;
- an estate, the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source; or
- a trust if it (1) is subject to the primary supervision of a court within the United States and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (2) has a valid election in effect under applicable United States Treasury regulations to be treated as a United States person.

As used herein, a “non-U.S. Holder” means a beneficial owner of our stock that is neither a U.S. Holder nor a partnership (or other entity treated as a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes).

We cannot assure you that a change in law will not significantly alter the tax considerations that we describe in this summary. This summary is based upon provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and regulations, rulings and judicial decisions as of the date hereof. Those authorities may be changed, perhaps retroactively, so as to result in United States federal income and estate tax consequences different from those summarized below.

If a partnership (or other entity treated as a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes) holds our stock, the tax treatment of a partner will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. If you are a partner of a partnership holding our stock, you should consult your tax advisors.

If you are considering the purchase of our stock, you should consult your own tax advisors concerning the particular United States federal income tax consequences to you of the purchase, ownership and disposition of our stock, as well as the consequences to you arising under other United States tax laws and the laws of any other taxing jurisdiction.

U.S. Holders

The following is a summary of the material United States federal income tax consequences that will apply to holders of our stock that are U.S. Holders.

Taxation of Dividends

The gross amount of distributions by us in respect of our stock will be taxable to a U.S. Holder as dividend income to the extent the distributions are paid out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under United States federal income tax principles. Such income will be included in a U.S. Holder's gross income on the day actually or constructively received by such holder. Subject to certain holding period and other requirements, such dividend income will generally be eligible for the dividends received deduction in the case of corporate U.S. Holders and will generally be treated as "qualified dividend income" eligible for reduced rates of taxation for non-corporate U.S. Holders (including individuals). Corporate U.S. Holders should also consider the effect of Section 1059 of the Code, which, under certain circumstances, requires a U.S. Holder to reduce the basis of stock for purposes of calculating gain or loss in a subsequent disposition by the portion of any "extraordinary dividend" that is eligible for the dividends received deduction.

To the extent that the amount of any distribution exceeds our current and accumulated earnings and profits for a taxable year, as determined under United States federal income tax principles, the distribution will first be treated as a tax-free return of capital, causing a reduction in the adjusted basis of our stock (thereby increasing the amount of gain, or decreasing the amount of loss, to be recognized by a U.S. Holder on a subsequent disposition of our stock), and the balance in excess of adjusted basis will be taxed as capital gain. Any such capital gain will be long-term capital gain if such U.S. Holder has held the applicable stock for more than one year. Since our current and accumulated earnings and profits will first be used to pay dividends on our preferred stock, distributions in excess of such earnings and profits, if any, will generally be made disproportionately to holders of our common stock.

Taxation of Capital Gains

A U.S. Holder generally will recognize taxable gain or loss on any sale, exchange, redemption or other disposition of our stock in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized for the stock and the holder's adjusted tax basis in such stock. Generally, a U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in its stock will be equal to the cost of the holder's stock, reduced by adjustments for distributions paid by us in excess of our earnings and profits (i.e., returns of capital). Such gain or loss will generally be capital gain or loss and will generally be long-term capital gain or loss if our stock been held for more than one year, although if a non-corporate U.S. Holder has received an "extraordinary dividend" on our stock (as described above), such U.S. Holder will be required to treat any loss on the sale or other disposition of the stock as a long-term capital loss to the extent of the extraordinary dividends received that qualified for treatment as qualified dividend income. Long-term capital gains of non-corporate U.S. Holders (including individuals) derived with respect to capital assets held for more than one year are eligible for reduced rates of taxation. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

In general, information reporting will apply to distributions in respect of our stock and the proceeds from the sale, exchange or other disposition of our stock that are paid to a U.S. Holder within the United States (and in certain cases, outside the United States), unless the holder is an exempt recipient. A backup withholding tax (currently at a maximum rate of 24%) may apply to such payments if the holder fails to provide a taxpayer identification number (generally on an Internal Revenue Service Form W-9) or certification of exempt status or fails to report in full dividend and interest income. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or as a credit against a U.S. Holder's United States federal income tax liability provided the required information is timely furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

Non-U.S. Holders

The following discussion is a summary of the material United States federal income tax consequences that will apply to holders of our stock that are non-U.S. Holders.

Taxation of Dividends

The gross amount of distributions by us in respect of our stock will be treated as dividends to the extent paid out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under United States federal income tax principles. Dividends paid to a non-U.S. Holder generally will be subject to withholding of United States federal income tax at a 30% rate or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty. However, dividends that are effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business by a non-U.S. Holder within the United States (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, are attributable to a United States permanent establishment) are not subject to the withholding tax, provided certain certification and disclosure requirements (generally on an Internal Revenue Service Form W-8ECI) are satisfied. Instead, such dividends are subject to United States federal income tax on a net income basis in the same manner as if the non-U.S. Holder were a United States person as defined under the Code. Any such effectively connected dividends received by a foreign corporation may be subject to an additional "branch profits tax" at a 30% rate or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty.

A non-U.S. Holder who wishes to claim the benefits of an applicable income tax treaty (and avoid backup withholding, as discussed below) for dividends will be required (a) to complete Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN or Form W-8BEN-E (or other applicable form) and certify under penalty of perjury that such holder is not a United States person as defined under the Code and is eligible for treaty benefits or (b) our stock is held through certain foreign intermediaries, to satisfy the relevant certification requirements of applicable United States Treasury regulations. Special certification and other requirements apply to certain non-U.S. Holders that are pass-through entities rather than corporations or individuals.

A non-U.S. Holder eligible for a reduced rate of United States withholding tax pursuant to an income tax treaty may obtain a refund of any excess amounts withheld by filing an appropriate claim for refund with the Internal Revenue Service.

If the amount of a distribution to a non-U.S. Holder exceeds our current and accumulated earnings and profits, such excess will be treated first as a tax-free return of capital to the extent of the non-U.S. Holder's tax basis in our stock, and then as capital gain. Capital gain recognized by a non-U.S. Holder as a consequence of a distribution by us in excess of our current and accumulated earnings and profits will generally not be subject to United States federal income tax, except as described below under the caption "—Taxation of Capital Gains."

Taxation of Capital Gains

A non-U.S. Holder generally will not be subject to United States federal income tax on any gain realized on the sale or other disposition of our stock unless:

- the gain is effectively connected with a trade or business of the non-U.S. Holder in the United States (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a United States permanent establishment of the non-U.S. Holder);
- the non-U.S. Holder is an individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of that disposition, and certain other conditions are met; or
- We are or have been a "United States real property holding corporation" for United States federal income tax purposes and certain other conditions are met.

A non-U.S. Holder described in the first bullet point immediately above will be subject to tax on the gain derived from the sale or other disposition in the same manner as if the non-U.S. Holder were a United States person as defined under the Code. In addition, if any non-U.S. Holder described in the first bullet point immediately above is a foreign corporation, the gain realized by such non-U.S. Holder may be subject to an additional "branch profits tax" at a 30% rate or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty. An individual non-U.S. Holder described in the second bullet point immediately above will be subject to a 30% (or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty) tax on the gain derived from the sale or other disposition, which gain may be offset by United States source capital losses, even though the individual is not considered a resident of the United States.

Generally, a corporation is a "United States real property holding corporation" if the fair market value of its United States real property interests equals or exceeds 50% of the sum of the fair market value of its worldwide real property interests and its other assets used or held for use in a trade or business (all as determined for United States federal income tax purposes). We believe we are not a "United States real property holding corporation" for United States federal income tax purposes.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Payors must report annually to the Internal Revenue Service and to each non-U.S. Holder the amount of distributions paid to such holder (whether treated as dividends or a return of capital) and the tax withheld with respect to such distributions. Copies of the information returns reporting such distributions and withholding may also be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which the non-U.S. Holder resides under the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty.

A non-U.S. Holder will be subject to backup withholding for dividends paid to such holder unless such holder certifies under penalty of perjury that it is a non-U.S. Holder (and the payor does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that such holder is a United States person as defined under the Code), or such holder otherwise establishes an exemption. Dividends subject to withholding of United States federal income tax as described under the caption “—Taxation of Dividends” above will not be subject to backup withholding.

Information reporting and, depending on the circumstances, backup withholding will apply to the proceeds of a sale of our stock within the United States or conducted through certain United States-related financial intermediaries, unless the beneficial owner certifies under penalty of perjury that it is a non-U.S. Holder (and the payor does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that the beneficial owner is a United States person as defined under the Code), or such owner otherwise establishes an exemption.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or as a credit against a non-U.S. Holder’s United States federal income tax liability provided the required information is timely furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisor regarding the application of the information reporting and backup withholding rules to them.

Additional Withholding Requirements

Under Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code (such Sections commonly referred to as “FATCA”), a 30% United States federal withholding tax may apply to any dividends paid on our stock and, for a disposition of our stock occurring after December 31, 2018, the gross proceeds from such disposition, in each case paid to (i) a “foreign financial institution” (as specifically defined in the Code) which does not provide sufficient documentation, typically on Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN-E, evidencing either (x) an exemption from FATCA, or (y) its compliance (or deemed compliance) with FATCA (which may alternatively be in the form of compliance with an intergovernmental agreement with the United States) in a manner which avoids withholding, or (ii) a “non-financial foreign entity” (as specifically defined in the Code) which does not provide sufficient documentation, typically on Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN-E, evidencing either (x) an exemption from FATCA, or (y) adequate information regarding certain substantial United States beneficial owners of such entity (if any). If a dividend payment is both subject to withholding under FATCA and subject to the withholding tax discussed above under “—Non-U.S. Holders—Taxation of Dividends,” the withholding under FATCA may be credited against, and therefore reduce, such other withholding tax. You should consult your own tax advisors regarding these requirements and whether they may be relevant to your ownership and disposition of our stock.
