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**TO**  
**FORM S-4**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**  
***UNDER***  
***THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933***  
**AT&T INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**  
**(State of Incorporation)**

**4813**  
**(Primary Standard Industrial**

**43-1301883**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Classification Code Number)**  
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**PRELIMINARY SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED DECEMBER 23, 2016**

**MERGER PROPOSED YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT**

[ ], 2017

Dear Fellow Stockholder:

We cordially invite you to attend a special meeting of stockholders of Time Warner Inc., a Delaware corporation, to be held on [ ], 2017, at [ ] Eastern time, at [ ], which we refer to as the special meeting. As previously announced, on October 22, 2016, Time Warner entered into a merger agreement providing for the combination of Time Warner with AT&T Inc., a Delaware corporation. At the special meeting, you will be asked to consider and vote on a proposal to adopt the merger agreement.

If the transaction is completed, you will be entitled to receive for each share of Time Warner common stock an amount equal to \$53.75 in cash plus a number of shares of AT&T common stock equal to the exchange ratio set forth in the merger agreement, which we refer to as the exchange ratio. The exchange ratio depends on the average of the volume weighted averages of the trading price of AT&T common stock on the New York Stock Exchange, which we refer to as the NYSE, on each of the 15 consecutive NYSE trading days ending on and including the trading day that is three trading days prior to the closing of the transaction, which we refer to as the average stock price. If the average stock price is between (or equal to) \$37.411 and \$41.349 per share, the exchange ratio will be equal to \$53.75 divided by the average stock price. If the average stock price is greater than \$41.349, the exchange ratio will be 1.300. If the average stock price is less than \$37.411, the exchange ratio will be 1.437. AT&T common stock is traded on the NYSE under the trading symbol T and we encourage you to obtain quotes for the AT&T common stock, given that part of the merger consideration is payable in shares of AT&T common stock.

The transaction cannot be completed unless Time Warner stockholders holding at least a majority of the shares of Time Warner common stock outstanding as of the close of business on January 3, 2017, the record date for the special meeting, vote in favor of the adoption of the merger agreement at the special meeting.

**Your vote is very important, regardless of the number of shares you own. The transaction cannot be completed unless the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of Time Warner common stock entitled to vote thereon vote to adopt the merger agreement. A failure to vote or an abstention will have the same effect as a vote AGAINST the adoption of the merger agreement.**

Even if you plan to attend the special meeting in person, Time Warner requests that you complete, sign, date and return, as promptly as possible, the enclosed proxy or voting instruction card in the accompanying prepaid reply envelope or submit your proxy by telephone or the Internet prior to the special meeting to ensure that your shares of Time Warner common stock will be represented at the special meeting if you are unable to attend. If you hold your shares in street name through a bank, brokerage firm or other nominee, you should follow the procedures provided by your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee to vote your shares.

**YOUR PROXY IS BEING SOLICITED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TIME WARNER. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, THE TIME WARNER BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**HAS UNANIMOUSLY DETERMINED THAT THE MERGER OF WEST MERGER SUB, INC., A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF AT&T, WITH AND INTO TIME WARNER, WHICH WE REFER TO AS THE INITIAL MERGER, AND THE OTHER TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THE MERGER AGREEMENT ARE FAIR TO AND IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF TIME WARNER AND ITS STOCKHOLDERS, APPROVED AND DECLARED ADVISABLE THE MERGER AGREEMENT, THE INITIAL MERGER AND THE OTHER TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THE MERGER AGREEMENT AND DIRECTED THAT THE MERGER AGREEMENT BE SUBMITTED TO TIME WARNER STOCKHOLDERS. OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE MERGER AGREEMENT AND FOR THE OTHER PROPOSALS DESCRIBED IN THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MADE ITS DETERMINATION AFTER EVALUATING THE TRANSACTION IN CONSULTATION WITH TIME WARNER'S MANAGEMENT AND LEGAL AND FINANCIAL ADVISORS AND CONSIDERING A NUMBER OF FACTORS.** In considering the recommendation of the board of directors of Time Warner, you should be aware that directors and executive officers of Time Warner have certain interests in the transaction that may be different from, or in addition to, the interests of Time Warner stockholders generally. See the sections entitled *Non-Binding, Advisory Vote on Transaction-Related Compensation for Time Warner's Named Executive Officers* beginning on page [ ] of the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus and *Interests of Time Warner's Directors and Executive Officers in the Transaction* beginning on page [ ] of the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus for a more detailed description of these interests.

**In particular, we urge you to read carefully the section entitled Risk Factors beginning on page [ ] of the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus. If you have any questions regarding the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus, you may contact Time Warner's proxy solicitor, Morrow Sodali LLC, at the telephone numbers, email address or address below.**

Morrow Sodali LLC

470 West Avenue 13 floor

Stamford, CT 06902

Banks and Brokerage Firms Call: (203) 658-9400

Stockholders Call Toll Free: (800) 662-5200

Email: [twx.info@morrowsodali.com](mailto:twx.info@morrowsodali.com)

We urge you to read carefully and in its entirety the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus, including the Annexes and the documents incorporated by reference.

On behalf of the board of directors of Time Warner, thank you for your consideration and continued support.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey L. Bewkes

*Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer*

Robert C. Clark

*Lead Independent Director*

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**NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED THE INITIAL MERGER OR OTHER TRANSACTIONS DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS OR THE SECURITIES TO BE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE INITIAL MERGER UNDER THE ATTACHED PROXY STATEMENT/ PROSPECTUS NOR HAVE THEY DETERMINED IF THE ATTACHED PROXY STATEMENT/ PROSPECTUS IS ACCURATE OR ADEQUATE. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.**

The accompanying proxy statement/prospectus is dated [ ], 2017 and is first being mailed to Time Warner stockholders on or about [ ], 2017.



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**TIME WARNER INC.**

**One Time Warner Center**

**New York, New York 10019**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

Dear Fellow Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend a special meeting of Time Warner Inc. ( Time Warner ) stockholders. The special meeting will be held on [ ], 2017, at [ ] Eastern time, at [ ], to consider and vote on the following matters:

1. a proposal to adopt the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 22, 2016, as it may be amended from time to time (the Merger Agreement ), by and among Time Warner, a Delaware corporation, AT&T Inc. ( AT&T ), a Delaware corporation, West Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of AT&T, and West Merger Sub II, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and a wholly owned subsidiary of AT&T. A copy of the merger agreement is attached as **Annex A** to the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus;
2. a proposal to approve, by non-binding, advisory vote, certain compensation that may be paid or become payable to Time Warner s named executive officers in connection with the transaction and the agreements and understandings pursuant to which such compensation may be paid or become payable; and
3. adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement.

The record date for the special meeting is January 3, 2017. Only stockholders of record as of the close of business on January 3, 2017 are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the special meeting. All stockholders of record as of that date are cordially invited to attend the special meeting in person.

**Your vote is very important, regardless of the number of shares of Time Warner common stock that you own.**

The transaction cannot be completed unless the merger agreement is adopted by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of Time Warner common stock entitled to vote thereon. Even if you plan to attend the special meeting in person, Time Warner requests that you complete, sign, date and return, as promptly as possible, the enclosed proxy or voting instruction card in the accompanying prepaid reply envelope or submit your proxy by telephone or the Internet prior to the special meeting to ensure that your shares of Time Warner common stock will be represented at the special meeting if you are unable to attend. If you hold your shares in street name through a bank, brokerage firm or other nominee, you should follow the procedures provided by your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee to vote your shares. If you fail to submit a proxy or to attend the special meeting in person or do not provide your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee with instructions as to how to vote your shares of Time Warner common stock, as applicable, your shares of Time Warner common stock will not be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the special meeting and will have the same effect as a vote **AGAINST** the

adoption of the merger agreement.

Your proxy is being solicited by the board of directors of Time Warner. After careful consideration, our board of directors has unanimously (i) determined that the merger of West Merger Sub, Inc., which we refer to as Corporate Merger Sub, with and into Time Warner, which we refer to as the initial merger, and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement are fair to and in the best interests of Time Warner and its stockholders, (ii) approved and declared advisable the merger agreement, the initial merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement and (iii) directed that the merger agreement be submitted to Time Warner stockholders and recommended the adoption of the merger agreement by Time Warner

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stockholders. Our board of directors unanimously recommends that you vote **FOR** the adoption of the merger agreement and **FOR** the other proposals described in the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus. Our board of directors made its determination after evaluating the transaction in consultation with Time Warner's management and legal and financial advisors and considering a number of factors. In considering the recommendation of the board of directors of Time Warner, you should be aware that the directors and executive officers of Time Warner have certain interests in the transaction that may be different from or in addition to the interests of Time Warner stockholders generally. See the sections entitled **Non-Binding, Advisory Vote on Transaction-Related Compensation for Time Warner's Named Executive Officers** beginning on page [ ] of the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus and **Interests of Time Warner's Directors and Executive Officers in the Transaction** beginning on page [ ] of the accompanying proxy statement/prospectus for a more detailed description of these interests.

To gain admittance to the special meeting, please detach and retain the admission ticket attached to your proxy or voting instruction card. If you are attending the special meeting in person, you will be required to present valid photo identification, such as a driver's license or passport, and an admission ticket to be admitted to the special meeting. If your shares of Time Warner common stock are held through a bank, brokerage firm or other nominee, please visit the website listed in the instructions provided by your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee and follow the instructions to print an admission pass, or bring evidence that you own Time Warner common stock to the special meeting and we will provide you an admission ticket. If you received your special meeting materials electronically and wish to attend the meeting, please follow the instructions provided for attendance. A form of government issued photo ID will be required to enter the special meeting. In addition, packages and bags may be inspected and other measures may be employed to enhance the security of persons attending the special meeting. These procedures may require additional time, so please plan your arrival time accordingly. To avoid disruption, admission may be limited once the special meeting begins.

Under Delaware law, subject to certain limitations, Time Warner stockholders who do not vote in favor of the adoption of the merger agreement will have the right to seek appraisal of the fair value of their shares of Time Warner common stock as determined by the Delaware Court of Chancery if the initial merger is completed, but only if they submit a written demand for such an appraisal prior to the vote on the adoption of the merger agreement and comply with the other Delaware law procedures explained in the accompanying proxy statement. Time Warner stockholders who do not vote in favor of the adoption of the merger agreement and who submit a written demand for such an appraisal prior to the vote on the adoption of the merger agreement and comply with the other Delaware law procedures will not receive the merger consideration, unless they fail to perfect, withdraw or otherwise lose their right to appraisal.

**WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL MEETING, PLEASE COMPLETE, DATE, SIGN AND RETURN, AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE, THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD OR VOTING INSTRUCTION CARD IN THE ACCOMPANYING PREPAID REPLY ENVELOPE, OR SUBMIT YOUR PROXY BY TELEPHONE OR THE INTERNET. IF YOU ATTEND THE SPECIAL MEETING AND VOTE IN PERSON, YOUR VOTE BY BALLOT WILL REVOKE ANY PROXY PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED.**

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Paul F. Washington

*Corporate Secretary*

New York, New York

Dated: [ ], 2017

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**REFERENCES TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

This proxy statement/prospectus incorporates important business and financial information about Time Warner Inc., which we refer to as Time Warner, and AT&T Inc., which we refer to as AT&T, from other documents that Time Warner and AT&T have filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, which we refer to as the SEC, and that are contained in or incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus. For a listing of documents incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus, please see the section entitled "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus. This information is available for you to review at the SEC's public reference room located at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549, and through the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

**You may request copies of this proxy statement/prospectus and any of the documents incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus or other information concerning Time Warner, without charge, by written or telephonic request directed to Time Warner Inc., Attention: Corporate Secretary, One Time Warner Center, New York, New York 10019, Telephone (212)-484-8000; or Time Warner's proxy solicitor, Morrow Sodali LLC, 470 West Avenue 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Stamford, CT 06902 or by email at [twx.info@morrow sodali.com](mailto:twx.info@morrow sodali.com). Banks and brokers call collect: (203) 658-9400; stockholders call toll free: (800) 662-5200.**

**You may also request a copy of this proxy statement/prospectus and any of the documents incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus or other information concerning AT&T, without charge, by written or telephonic request directed to AT&T Inc., Attention: Stockholder Services, One AT&T Plaza, 208 South Akard Street, Dallas, Texas 75202, Telephone (210) 821-4105; or from the SEC through the SEC website at the address provided above.**

**In order for you to receive timely delivery of the documents in advance of the special meeting of Time Warner stockholders to be held on [ ], 2017, you must request the information no later than five business days prior to the date of the special meeting, being [ ], 2017.**

**ABOUT THIS PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS**

This document, which forms part of a registration statement on Form S-4 filed with the SEC by AT&T (File No. 333-214712), constitutes a prospectus of AT&T under Section 5 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which we refer to as the Securities Act, with respect to the shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, of AT&T, which we refer to as AT&T common stock, to be issued to Time Warner stockholders pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 22, 2016, by and among Time Warner, AT&T, West Merger Sub, Inc. and West Merger Sub II, LLC, as it may be amended from time to time, which we refer to as the merger agreement. This document also constitutes a proxy statement of Time Warner under Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which we refer to as the Exchange Act. It also constitutes a notice of meeting with respect to the special meeting, at which Time Warner stockholders will be asked to consider and vote on the adoption of the merger agreement.

AT&T has supplied all information contained or incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus relating to AT&T, West Merger Sub, Inc. and West Merger Sub II, LLC and Time Warner has supplied all such information relating to Time Warner.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus. AT&T and Time Warner have not authorized anyone to provide you with information that is

different from that contained in or incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus. This proxy statement/prospectus is dated [ ], 2017, and you should not assume that the information contained in this proxy statement/prospectus is accurate as of any date other than such date. Further, you should not assume that the information incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date of the incorporated document. Neither the mailing of this proxy statement/prospectus to Time Warner stockholders nor the issuance by AT&T of shares of its common stock pursuant to the merger agreement will create any implication to the contrary.

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**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE TRANSACTION AND THE SPECIAL MEETING**

The following questions and answers are intended to briefly address some commonly asked questions regarding the transaction, the merger agreement and the special meeting. These questions and answers may not address all questions that may be important to you as a Time Warner stockholder. Please refer to the section entitled Summary beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus and the more detailed information contained elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus, the annexes to this proxy statement/prospectus and the documents referred to in this proxy statement/prospectus, which you should read carefully and in their entirety. You may obtain the information incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus without charge by following the instructions under the section entitled Where You Can Find More Information beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

**Q: Why am I receiving this proxy statement/prospectus and proxy or voting instruction card?**

A: Time Warner has agreed to merge with AT&T under the terms of the merger agreement that are described in this proxy statement/prospectus. If the merger agreement is adopted by Time Warner stockholders and the other conditions to closing under the merger agreement are satisfied or waived, West Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of AT&T, which we refer to as Corporate Merger Sub, will merge with and into Time Warner, with Time Warner surviving the merger, which we refer to as the initial merger, as a wholly owned subsidiary of AT&T, which we refer to as the initial surviving company. The parties intend that, immediately thereafter, the initial surviving company will merge with and into West Merger Sub II, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of AT&T, which we refer to as LLC Merger Sub, with LLC Merger Sub surviving such merger, which we refer to as the subsequent merger, as a wholly owned subsidiary of AT&T, which we refer to as the final surviving entity. In certain circumstances, AT&T and Time Warner may agree not to consummate the subsequent merger. See the section entitled The Merger Agreement Alternative Structure beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus. We refer to the mergers collectively, and the alternative structure of the initial merger occurring without the consummation of the subsequent merger (as described below), as the transaction.

As a result of the initial merger, Time Warner will no longer be a publicly held company. Following the initial merger, Time Warner common stock will be delisted from the New York Stock Exchange, which we refer to as the NYSE, and deregistered under the Exchange Act, and Time Warner will no longer be required to file periodic reports with the SEC in respect of Time Warner common stock.

Time Warner is holding the special meeting to ask its stockholders to consider and vote on a proposal to adopt the merger agreement. Time Warner stockholders are also being asked (i) to grant authority to proxy holders to vote in favor of adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement and (ii) to consider and vote on a proposal to approve, by non-binding, advisory vote, certain compensation that may be paid or become payable to Time Warner's named executive officers in connection with the transaction and the agreements and understandings pursuant to which such compensation may be paid or become payable, which we refer to as the transaction-related executive compensation.

This proxy statement/prospectus includes important information about the transaction, the merger agreement, a copy of which is attached as **Annex A** to this proxy statement/prospectus, and the special meeting. Time Warner stockholders should read this information carefully and in its entirety. The enclosed voting materials allow stockholders to vote their shares without attending the special meeting in person.



**Q: Does my vote matter?**

A: Yes. The transaction cannot be completed unless the merger agreement is adopted by Time Warner stockholders. If you fail to submit a valid proxy or vote in person at the special meeting, or vote to abstain,

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or you do not provide your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee with instructions, as applicable, this will have the same effect as a vote **AGAINST** the adoption of the merger agreement. The Time Warner board unanimously recommends that stockholders vote **FOR** the adoption of the merger agreement.

**Q: What is the vote required to approve each proposal at the Time Warner special meeting?**

A: The adoption of the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Time Warner common stock entitled to vote thereon. Because the affirmative vote required to adopt the merger agreement is based on the total number of outstanding shares of Time Warner common stock, if you fail to submit a valid proxy or vote in person at the special meeting, or vote to abstain, or you do not provide your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee with instructions, as applicable, this will have the same effect as a vote **AGAINST** the adoption of the merger agreement.

The proposal to approve, by non-binding, advisory vote, the transaction-related executive compensation requires the affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast thereon. If you vote to abstain or if you fail to submit a valid proxy or to vote in person at the special meeting or if your shares of Time Warner common stock are held through a bank, brokerage firm or other nominee and you do not instruct your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee to vote your shares of Time Warner common stock, your shares of Time Warner common stock will not be voted, but this will not have an effect on the proposal to approve, by non-binding, advisory vote, the transaction-related executive compensation.

The approval of adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of shares of Time Warner common stock present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote thereon, whether or not a quorum is present. If your shares of Time Warner common stock are present at the special meeting but are not voted on the proposal, or if you vote to abstain on the proposal, each will have the effect of a vote **AGAINST** adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement. If you fail to submit a valid proxy and to attend the special meeting or if your shares of Time Warner common stock are held through a bank, brokerage firm or other nominee and you do not instruct your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee to vote your shares of Time Warner common stock, your shares of Time Warner common stock will not be voted, but this will not have an effect on the vote to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement.

If you are a participant in the Time Warner Savings Plan and hold an interest in the Time Warner Inc. Stock Fund under the plan, and you (a) sign and return your voting instruction card without indicating your instructions for voting your interest, Fidelity Management Trust Company, as trustee, will vote your interest in the Time Warner Inc. Stock Fund **FOR** each of Proposals 1, 2 and 3 or (b) do not return your voting instruction card, Fidelity Management Trust Company, as trustee, will vote your interest in the Time Warner Inc. Stock Fund in the same proportion as other participants' interests for which Fidelity receives voting instructions (excluding interests attributable to accounts transferred from the Time Incorporated Payroll-Based Employee Stock Ownership Plan or the WCI Employee Stock Ownership Plan), except that any interests you hold attributable to accounts transferred from the Time Incorporated Payroll-Based Employee Stock Ownership Plan or the WCI Employee Stock Ownership Plan will not be voted.

See the section entitled "Information About the Special Meeting - Vote Required" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

**Q: How does the Time Warner board recommend that I vote at the special meeting?**

A: The board of directors of Time Warner, which we refer to as the Time Warner board, unanimously recommends that Time Warner stockholders vote **FOR** the adoption of the merger agreement, **FOR** the approval, by non-binding, advisory vote, of the transaction-related executive compensation and **FOR**

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adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement. See the section entitled "The Transaction Recommendation of the Time Warner Board; Time Warner's Reasons for the Transaction" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

**Q: What will I receive if the initial merger is completed?**

A: If the initial merger is completed, each share of Time Warner common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the completion of the initial merger will be converted into the right to receive \$53.75 in cash, plus a number of shares of AT&T common stock equal to an exchange ratio set forth in the merger agreement and defined below, which we refer to as the exchange ratio.

**Q: What is the exchange ratio?**

A: The exchange ratio is used to determine the number of shares of AT&T common stock Time Warner stockholders will be entitled to receive for each share of Time Warner common stock they hold. The exchange ratio is established in accordance with the merger agreement and depends on the average of the volume weighted averages of the trading price of AT&T common stock on the NYSE, on each of the 15 consecutive NYSE trading days ending on and including the trading day that is three trading days prior to the date of the initial merger, which we refer to as the average stock price. If the average stock price is between (or equal to) \$37.411 and \$41.349 per share, the exchange ratio will be the quotient obtained by dividing \$53.75 by the average stock price. If the average stock price is greater than \$41.349, the exchange ratio will be 1.300. If the average stock price is less than \$37.411, the exchange ratio will be 1.437. Accordingly, the actual number of shares and the value of AT&T common stock delivered to Time Warner stockholders will depend on the average stock price. See the section entitled "The Transaction Merger Consideration" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

**Q: What is the value of the merger consideration?**

A: The exact value of the merger consideration that Time Warner stockholders receive will depend on the price per share of AT&T common stock at the time of the initial merger and the number of shares received will depend on the average price per share at which AT&T common stock trades during a period leading up to the initial merger. Those prices will not be known at the time of the special meeting and may be less than the current price or the price at the time of the special meeting.

Based on the closing stock price of AT&T common stock on the NYSE on [ ], 2017, the latest practicable date before the mailing of this proxy statement/prospectus, of \$[ ], and assuming that such price was to be the average stock price, the applicable exchange ratio would be [ ] and the value of the merger consideration would be \$[ ] for each share of Time Warner common stock. We urge you to obtain current market quotations of AT&T common stock and Time Warner common stock. See the section entitled "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

**Q: What happens if I am eligible to receive a fraction of a share of AT&T common stock as part of the merger consideration?**

A: If the aggregate number of shares of AT&T common stock that you are entitled to receive as part of the merger consideration includes a fraction of a share of AT&T common stock, you will receive cash in lieu of that fractional share. See the section entitled "The Merger Agreement - Fractional Shares" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

**Q: What will holders of Time Warner equity compensation awards receive in the transaction?**

A: At the effective time of the initial merger, which we refer to as the first effective time, each outstanding Time Warner option, whether vested or unvested, will be converted into an AT&T option covering a number of shares of AT&T common stock (rounded down to the nearest whole number) equal to the product of (i) the number of shares of Time Warner common stock subject to such option immediately prior to the

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first effective time and (ii) the option exchange ratio (defined below), at an exercise price per share (rounded up to the nearest whole cent) equal to the result obtained by dividing (A) the exercise price per share of such option immediately prior to the first effective time by (B) the option exchange ratio. After the first effective time, each option will have the same general terms and conditions as were applicable to such option immediately prior to the first effective time, except that each option granted to a non-employee director of Time Warner will vest and become immediately exercisable at the first effective time. The option exchange ratio means a fraction, the numerator of which is the sum of \$53.75 plus an amount equal to the product of the exchange ratio and the average stock price, and the denominator of which is the average stock price.

Additionally, at the first effective time, each Time Warner restricted stock unit award, other than a restricted stock unit award subject to performance conditions, which we refer to as a performance stock unit award, or a restricted stock unit award held by a non-employee director of Time Warner, which we refer to as a director restricted stock unit award, will be converted, on the same general terms and conditions as were applicable immediately prior to the first effective time, into (x) the right to receive a cash amount equal to \$53.75 multiplied by the number of shares of Time Warner common stock underlying such restricted stock unit award, plus any accrued and unpaid retained distributions, in each case, without interest, and (y) an AT&T restricted stock unit award covering a number of shares of AT&T common stock equal to the number of shares of Time Warner common stock underlying such restricted stock unit award multiplied by the exchange ratio. Each director restricted stock unit award will be cancelled at the first effective time in exchange for the merger consideration, which will be paid promptly following the first effective time, for each share underlying such director restricted stock unit award, plus any accrued and unpaid retained distributions, in each case, without interest and less applicable tax withholdings. Each performance stock unit award will be cancelled at the first effective time in exchange for the merger consideration, which will be paid promptly following the first effective time, for each share underlying such performance stock unit award, plus any accrued and unpaid retained distributions, in each case, without interest and less applicable tax withholdings. The number of shares underlying each performance stock unit for purposes of the foregoing sentence will be determined by the Compensation and Human Development Committee of the Time Warner board, in accordance with the terms of the applicable award and subject to review by AT&T.

See the section entitled "Interests of Time Warner's Directors and Executive Officers in the Transaction: Equity Compensation Awards" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus for additional details regarding the Time Warner equity compensation awards.

**Q: What will happen to Time Warner as a result of the transaction?**

A: If the initial merger is completed, Corporate Merger Sub will be merged with and into Time Warner, with Time Warner continuing as the initial surviving company and a wholly owned subsidiary of AT&T. Time Warner will no longer be a public company, its shares will be delisted from the NYSE, deregistered under the Exchange Act and cease to be publicly traded and you will be entitled to receive the merger consideration if you were a Time Warner stockholder of record at the time of the initial merger.

If the subsequent merger is completed, Time Warner will be merged with and into LLC Merger Sub, with LLC Merger Sub continuing as the final surviving entity and a wholly owned subsidiary of AT&T.

**Q: What equity stake will Time Warner stockholders hold in AT&T immediately following the transaction?**

- A: Based on the number of issued and outstanding shares of AT&T common stock and Time Warner common stock as of December 16, 2016, and based on the minimum and maximum potential exchange ratios of 1.300 and 1.437, respectively, holders of shares of Time Warner common stock as of immediately prior to the closing of the initial merger will hold, in the aggregate, between approximately 14.0% and 15.3% of the issued and outstanding shares of AT&T common stock immediately following the closing of the initial merger. The exact number of shares of AT&T common stock that will be issued in the initial merger will not be determined until the exchange ratio is established and the number of outstanding shares of Time Warner common stock, director restricted stock unit awards and performance stock units that will vest at the first effective time is known, which will not be determined until the date of the initial merger is known.

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**Q: When do you expect the transaction to be completed?**

A: Subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the closing conditions described under the section entitled "The Merger Agreement - Conditions to Completion of the Transaction" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus, including the adoption of the merger agreement by Time Warner stockholders at the special meeting, Time Warner and AT&T expect that the transaction will be completed by the end of 2017. However, it is possible that factors outside the control of both companies could result in the transaction being completed at a different time or not at all.

**Q: What are the material United States federal income tax consequences of the transaction to Time Warner stockholders?**

A: It is intended that, for United States federal income tax purposes, the initial merger, together with the subsequent merger, will constitute a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Internal Revenue Code), which we refer to as the Intended Tax Treatment. As described below, if the transaction qualifies for the Intended Tax Treatment, a holder of Time Warner common stock generally will recognize any taxable gain with respect to such stock up to the amount of cash received pursuant to the transaction, but will not recognize any taxable gain in excess of the amount of cash received.

However, the completion of the transaction is not conditioned on the transaction qualifying for the Intended Tax Treatment or upon the receipt of an opinion from counsel to that effect, and whether or not the transaction will qualify for the Intended Tax Treatment depends on facts that will not be known until the transaction is completed. In particular, the Intended Tax Treatment requires that the value of the shares of AT&T common stock issued to holders of Time Warner common stock in the transaction, determined as of completion of the transaction, represents at least a minimum percentage of the total consideration paid to holders of Time Warner common stock in the transaction.

While there is no specific guidance as to precisely what minimum percentage is necessary to satisfy this requirement, it would be satisfied if the AT&T common stock (valued as of completion of the transaction) represents at least 40% of the total consideration. Because this test is based on the value of AT&T common stock as of completion of the transaction, a decline in the value of the AT&T common stock could cause this requirement not to be met.

Accordingly, no assurance can be given that the transaction will qualify for the Intended Tax Treatment. In addition, neither AT&T nor Time Warner intends to request a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service regarding the United States federal income tax consequences of the transaction. Accordingly, even if AT&T and Time Warner conclude that the transaction qualifies for the Intended Tax Treatment, no assurance can be given that the Internal Revenue Service will not challenge that conclusion or that a court would not sustain such a challenge.

Assuming the transaction qualifies for the Intended Tax Treatment, subject to the limitations and qualifications described in the section entitled "Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences" of this proxy statement/prospectus, a holder of Time Warner common stock whose shares of Time Warner common stock are exchanged in the initial merger for shares of AT&T common stock and cash generally will recognize capital gain (but not loss) realized on the exchange in an amount not exceeding the amount of cash received by the holder (except with respect to any cash received in lieu of a fractional share of AT&T common stock, as discussed below under the section entitled "Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences - Cash Received Instead of a Fractional Share of AT&T Common Stock" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus).

In the event the transaction will reasonably be likely to fail to qualify for the Intended Tax Treatment, AT&T and Time Warner will cooperate in good faith to explore alternative structures that would permit the transactions



contemplated by the merger agreement to qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, as discussed below in the section entitled "The Merger Agreement - Alternative Structure" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus. However, the failure of the parties to the merger agreement to agree to an alternative structure will not cause any condition to the closing of the transaction set forth in the merger agreement not to be satisfied or otherwise cause any

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breach of the merger agreement. In addition, in the event the transaction will reasonably be likely to fail to qualify for the Intended Tax Treatment, the parties may agree not to consummate the subsequent merger. The initial merger would still be completed if the subsequent merger is not consummated. In that event, holders of Time Warner common stock would still receive the merger consideration and Time Warner would still become a wholly owned subsidiary of AT&T.

If the transaction fails to qualify for the Intended Tax Treatment, a holder of Time Warner common stock generally would recognize gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between (1) the fair market value of the shares of AT&T common stock and the amount of cash received in the transaction by the holder (including cash received in lieu of a fractional share of AT&T common stock) and (2) the holder's basis in the Time Warner common stock surrendered.

It will not be known at the time of the special meeting whether the requirements for the transaction to qualify for the Intended Tax Treatment will be met. AT&T will make a public announcement no later than 45 days after the first effective time as to whether or not the transaction will be reported as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. **HOWEVER, TIME WARNER WILL NOT RESOLICIT STOCKHOLDER VOTES IN THE EVENT THAT THE TRANSACTION FAILS TO QUALIFY FOR THE INTENDED TAX TREATMENT.**

For a more detailed discussion of the material United States federal income tax consequences of the transaction, please see the section entitled "Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

In addition, for a description of the actions required in connection with the tax treatment of the transaction, please see the section entitled "The Merger Agreement Alternative Structure" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

The tax consequences of the transaction to any particular stockholder will depend on that stockholder's particular facts and circumstances. Accordingly, you are urged to consult your tax advisor to determine your tax consequences from the transaction.

**Q: What are the conditions to completion of the transaction?**

A: In addition to the adoption of the merger agreement by Time Warner stockholders as described above, completion of the transaction is subject to the satisfaction or, to the extent permitted by applicable law, waiver of a number of other conditions, including the receipt of required regulatory approvals, the accuracy of AT&T's and Time Warner's respective representations and warranties under the merger agreement (subject to certain materiality exceptions) and AT&T's and Time Warner's performance of their respective obligations under the merger agreement. For a more complete summary of the conditions that must be satisfied or waived prior to completion of the transaction, see the section entitled "The Merger Agreement Conditions to Completion of the Transaction" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

**Q: What happens if the transaction is not completed?**

- A: If the merger agreement is not adopted by Time Warner stockholders or if the initial merger is not completed for any other reason, Time Warner stockholders will not receive any consideration for their shares of Time Warner common stock. Instead, Time Warner will remain an independent public company, Time Warner common stock will continue to be listed and traded on the NYSE and registered under the Exchange Act and Time Warner will continue to file periodic reports with the SEC. Under specified circumstances, Time Warner may be required to pay AT&T a termination fee of \$1,725,000,000, or AT&T may be required to pay Time Warner a payment of \$500,000,000. See the section entitled "The Merger Agreement Termination of the Merger Agreement Termination Fee & AT&T Payment" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

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**Q: What happens if the subsequent merger is not completed?**

A: In the event the transaction will reasonably be likely to fail to qualify for the Intended Tax Treatment, the parties may agree, in their respective reasonable business discretion, not to consummate the subsequent merger. AT&T is also not required to cause the subsequent merger to occur if it would, among other things, constitute or result in a breach or violation of, a default or termination or modification under, any agreement, instrument or indenture with respect to indebtedness for borrowed money to which Time Warner or any of its subsidiaries is a party. If the parties agree not to consummate the subsequent merger, the initial merger will still be completed, the Time Warner stockholders will still receive the merger consideration and Time Warner will still become a wholly owned subsidiary of AT&T. However, the transaction likely would not qualify for the Intended Tax Treatment, in which case a holder of Time Warner common stock generally would recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between (i) the fair market value of the shares of AT&T common stock and the amount of cash received in the transaction by the holder, including cash received in lieu of fractional shares of AT&T common stock, and (ii) the holder's basis in the Time Warner common stock surrendered in connection with the transaction. See the section entitled "The Merger Agreement Alternative Structure" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

**Q: Who can vote at the special meeting?**

A: All holders of record of Time Warner common stock as of the close of business on January 3, 2017, the record date for the special meeting, which we refer to as the record date, are entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the special meeting. Each holder of Time Warner common stock is entitled to cast one vote on each matter properly brought before the special meeting for each share of Time Warner common stock that such holder owned of record as of the record date.

**Q: When and where is the special meeting?**

A: The special meeting will be held on [ ], 2017, at [ ] Eastern time, at [ ]. To gain admittance to the special meeting, please detach and retain the admission ticket attached to your proxy or voting instruction card. If your shares of Time Warner common stock are held through a bank, brokerage firm or other nominee, please visit the website listed in the instructions provided by your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee and follow the instructions to print an admission pass, or bring evidence that you own Time Warner common stock to the special meeting and we will provide you an admission ticket. If you received your special meeting materials electronically and wish to attend the meeting, please follow the instructions provided for attendance. If you are attending the special meeting in person, you will be required to present valid, government-issued photo identification, such as a driver's license or passport, and an admission ticket to be admitted to the special meeting. For additional information about the special meeting, see the section entitled "Information About the Special Meeting" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

**Q: How will I receive the merger consideration to which I am entitled?**

- A: If you hold physical share certificates of Time Warner common stock, you will be sent a letter of transmittal promptly after the first effective time describing how you may exchange your shares of Time Warner common stock for the merger consideration, and the exchange agent will forward to you the AT&T common stock (or applicable evidence of ownership) and cash to which you are entitled after receiving the proper documentation from you. If you hold your shares of Time Warner common stock in uncertificated book-entry form, you are not required to take any specific actions to exchange your shares of Time Warner common stock, and after the completion of the transaction, such shares will be automatically exchanged for the merger consideration. For more information on the documentation you are required to deliver to the exchange agent, see the section entitled The Merger Agreement Exchange and Payment Procedures beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

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**Q: Will my shares of AT&T common stock acquired in the initial merger receive a dividend?**

A: After the closing of the initial merger, as a holder of AT&T common stock you will receive the same dividends on shares of AT&T common stock that all other holders of shares of AT&T common stock will receive with any dividend record date that occurs after the first effective time.

Prior to the closing of the initial merger, Time Warner will coordinate with AT&T regarding the declaration and payment of dividends on Time Warner common stock so that you will not receive dividends on shares of both Time Warner common stock and AT&T common stock received in the transaction, or fail to receive any dividend on shares of Time Warner common stock and AT&T common stock received in the initial merger, in each case, in respect of the same calendar quarter.

Former Time Warner stockholders who hold Time Warner share certificates will not be entitled to be paid dividends otherwise payable on the shares of AT&T common stock into which their shares of Time Warner common stock are exchangeable until they surrender their Time Warner share certificates according to the instructions provided to them. Dividends will be accrued for these stockholders and they will receive the accrued dividends when they surrender their Time Warner share certificates. AT&T most recently paid a quarterly dividend on November 1, 2016, in an amount equal to \$0.48 per share of AT&T common stock, and announced on October 22, 2016 that it would be increasing its dividend to \$0.49 per share beginning in the first quarter of 2017.

All future AT&T dividends will remain subject to approval by the board of directors of AT&T, which we refer to as the AT&T board.

**Q: What am I being asked to vote on at the special meeting?**

A: You are being asked to consider and vote on (i) a proposal to adopt the merger agreement, (ii) a proposal to approve, by non-binding, advisory vote, the transaction-related executive compensation and (iii) adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement.

**Q: Why am I being asked to consider and vote on a proposal to approve, by non-binding, advisory vote, the transaction-related executive compensation?**

A: Under SEC rules, Time Warner is required to seek a non-binding, advisory vote with respect to the transaction-related executive compensation.

**Q: What will happen if Time Warner stockholders do not approve this transaction-related executive compensation?**

A: Approval of the transaction-related executive compensation is not a condition to completion of the transaction. The vote is an advisory vote and will not be binding on Time Warner, the initial surviving company, the final

surviving entity or AT&T. If the transaction is completed, the transaction-related executive compensation may be paid to Time Warner's named executive officers to the extent payable in accordance with the terms of their compensation agreements and arrangements even if Time Warner stockholders do not approve, by non-binding, advisory vote, the transaction-related executive compensation.

**Q: What is the difference between holding shares as a stockholder of record and as a beneficial owner?**

A: If your shares of Time Warner common stock are registered directly in your name with the transfer agent of Time Warner, Computershare Trust Company, N.A., you are considered the stockholder of record with respect to those shares. As the stockholder of record, you have the right to vote or to grant a proxy for your vote directly to Time Warner or to a third party to vote at the special meeting.

If your shares are held by a bank, brokerage firm or other nominee, you are considered the beneficial owner of shares held in street name, and your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee is considered the

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stockholder of record with respect to those shares. Your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee will send you, as the beneficial owner, a package describing the procedure for voting your shares. You should follow the instructions provided by them to vote your shares. You are invited to attend the special meeting; however, you may not vote these shares in person at the special meeting unless you obtain a legal proxy from your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee that holds your shares, giving you the right to vote the shares at the special meeting.

**Q: If my shares of Time Warner common stock are held in street name by my bank, brokerage firm or other nominee, will my bank, brokerage firm or other nominee automatically vote those shares for me?**

A: Your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee will only be permitted to vote your shares of Time Warner common stock if you instruct your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee how to vote. You should follow the procedures provided by your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee regarding the voting of your shares of Time Warner common stock. In accordance with the rules of the NYSE, banks, brokerage firms and other nominees who hold shares of Time Warner common stock in street name for their customers have authority to vote on routine proposals when they have not received instructions from beneficial owners. However, banks, brokerage firms and other nominees are precluded from exercising their voting discretion with respect to non-routine matters, such as the adoption of the merger agreement, the proposal to approve, by non-binding, advisory vote, the transaction-related executive compensation, and adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement. As a result, absent specific instructions from the beneficial owner of such shares, banks, brokerage firms and other nominees are not empowered to vote such shares.

The effect of not instructing your bank, broker or other nominee how you wish your shares to be voted will be the same as a vote **AGAINST** the adoption of the merger agreement, and will not have an effect on either the proposal to approve, by non-binding, advisory vote, the transaction-related executive compensation or on the vote to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement.

**Q: How many votes do I have?**

A: Each Time Warner stockholder is entitled to one vote for each share of Time Warner common stock held of record as of the record date. As of the close of business on the record date, there were [ ] outstanding shares of Time Warner common stock.

**Q: What constitutes a quorum for the special meeting?**

A: The presence, in person or represented by proxy, of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of Time Warner common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting constitutes a quorum for the purposes of the special meeting. Abstentions are considered for purposes of establishing a quorum. A quorum is necessary to transact business at the special meeting. The Time Warner bylaws and the Delaware General Corporation Law, which we refer to as the DGCL, provide that if a quorum shall fail to attend any meeting, the Chairman of the



meeting or the holders of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the stockholders who are present in person or by proxy may adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting, to another date, place, if any, and time until a quorum shall be present, unless the adjournment is for more than 30 days or, after adjournment, a new record date is fixed for the adjourned meeting.

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**Q: How do I vote?**

A: *Stockholder of Record.* If you are a stockholder of record, you may have your shares of Time Warner common stock voted on the matters to be presented at the special meeting in any of the following ways:

by telephone or over the Internet, by accessing the telephone number or Internet website specified on the enclosed proxy card. The control number provided on your proxy card is designed to verify your identity when voting by telephone or by Internet. Proxies delivered over the Internet or by telephone must be submitted by [ ], 2017. Please be aware that if you vote by telephone or over the Internet, you may incur costs such as telephone and Internet access charges for which you will be responsible;

by completing, signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the accompanying prepaid reply envelope; or

in person you may attend the special meeting and cast your vote there.

*Beneficial Owner.* If you are a beneficial owner, please refer to the instructions provided by your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee to see which of the above choices are available to you. Please note that if you are a beneficial owner and wish to vote in person at the special meeting, you must obtain a legal proxy from your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee.

*Time Warner Savings Plan.* If you are a participant in the Time Warner Savings Plan, which we refer to as the 401(k) savings plan, and you hold an interest in the Time Warner Stock Fund, you are a named fiduciary for voting purposes under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, which we refer to as ERISA. As a named fiduciary, you direct the trustee of the 401(k) savings plan on how to vote the shares allocated to your account as well as a portion of the shares for which timely instructions are not received. If you do not provide instructions on how to vote your shares held in the Time Warner Stock Fund, those shares may be voted by the trustee in the same proportion as the shares for which the trustee receives instructions from all other participants (excluding interests attributable to accounts transferred from the Time Incorporated Payroll-Based Employee Stock Ownership Plan or the WCI Employee Stock Ownership Plan), except that any interests you hold attributable to accounts transferred from the Time Incorporated Payroll-Based Employee Stock Ownership Plan and the WCI Employee Stock Ownership Plan will not be voted. For stock held through the Time Warner Stock Fund, whether you submit voting instructions for your stock by telephone, through the mail or by Internet, your directions must be received by no later than [ ], 2017. Please note that while you may attend the special meeting, you may not vote stock held through the Time Warner Stock Fund at the meeting.

**Q: How can I change or revoke my vote?**

A: You have the right to revoke a proxy, whether delivered over the Internet, by telephone or by mail, at any time before it is exercised, by voting again at a later date through any of the methods available to you, by signing and returning a new proxy card with a later date, by attending the special meeting and voting in person or by giving written notice of revocation to Time Warner prior to the time the special meeting begins. Written notice of revocation should be mailed to: Time Warner Inc., Attention: Corporate Secretary, One Time Warner Center,

New York, New York 10019-8016.

**Q: If a stockholder gives a proxy, how are the shares of Time Warner common stock voted?**

A: Regardless of the method you choose to vote, the individuals named on the enclosed proxy card will vote your shares of Time Warner common stock in the way that you indicate. When completing the Internet or telephone processes or the proxy card, you may specify whether your shares of Time Warner common stock should be voted **FOR** or **AGAINST** or to **ABSTAIN** from voting on all, some or none of the specific items of business to come before the special meeting.

If you properly sign your proxy card but do not mark the boxes showing how your shares should be voted on a matter, the shares represented by your properly signed proxy will be voted **FOR** the adoption of the

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merger agreement, **FOR** the proposal to approve, by non-binding, advisory vote, the transaction-related executive compensation, and **FOR** adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement.

**Q: What should I do if I receive more than one set of voting materials?**

A: If you hold shares of Time Warner common stock in street name and also directly as a record holder or otherwise or if you hold shares of Time Warner common stock in more than one brokerage account, you may receive more than one set of voting materials relating to the special meeting. Please complete, sign, date and return each proxy card (or cast your vote by telephone or Internet as provided on your proxy card) or otherwise follow the voting instructions provided in this proxy statement/prospectus in order to ensure that all of your shares of Time Warner common stock are voted. If you hold your shares in street name through a bank, brokerage firm or other nominee, you should follow the procedures provided by your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee to vote your shares.

**Q: What happens if I sell my shares of Time Warner common stock before the special meeting?**

A: The record date is earlier than both the date of the special meeting and the first effective time. If you transfer your shares of Time Warner common stock after the record date but before the special meeting, you will, unless the transferee requests a proxy from you, retain your right to vote at the special meeting but will transfer the right to receive the merger consideration to the person to whom you transfer your shares. In order to receive the merger consideration, you must hold your shares at the first effective time.

**Q: Who will solicit and pay the cost of soliciting proxies?**

A: Time Warner has engaged Morrow Sodali LLC, which we refer to as Morrow Sodali, to assist in the solicitation of proxies for the special meeting. Time Warner estimates that it will pay Morrow Sodali a fee of approximately \$75,000. Time Warner has agreed to reimburse Morrow Sodali for certain out-of-pocket fees and expenses and also will indemnify Morrow Sodali against certain losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses. Time Warner also may reimburse banks, brokerage firms, other nominees or their respective agents for their expenses in forwarding proxy materials to beneficial owners of Time Warner common stock. Time Warner's directors, officers and employees also may solicit proxies by telephone, by facsimile, by mail, on the Internet or in person. They will not be paid any additional amounts for soliciting proxies.

**Q: What do I need to do now?**

A: Even if you plan to attend the special meeting in person, after carefully reading and considering the information contained in this proxy statement/prospectus, please vote promptly to ensure that your shares are represented at the special meeting.

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If you hold your shares of Time Warner common stock in your own name as the stockholder of record, you may submit a proxy to have your shares of Time Warner common stock voted at the special meeting in one of three ways:

by telephone or over the Internet, by accessing the telephone number or Internet website specified on the enclosed proxy card. The control number provided on your proxy card is designed to verify your identity when voting by telephone or by Internet. Proxies delivered over the Internet or by telephone must be submitted by [ ], 2017. Please be aware that if you vote by telephone or over the Internet, you may incur costs such as telephone and Internet access charges for which you will be responsible;

by completing, signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the accompanying prepaid reply envelope; or

in person you may attend the special meeting and cast your vote there.

If you decide to attend the special meeting and vote in person, your vote by ballot will revoke any proxy previously submitted.

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If you are a beneficial owner, please refer to the instructions provided by your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee to see which of the above choices are available to you. Please note that if you are a beneficial owner and wish to vote in person at the special meeting you must obtain a legal proxy from the bank, brokerage firm or other nominee that holds your shares of Time Warner common stock.

**Q: If I hold physical share certificates representing my shares of Time Warner common stock, should I send in my share certificates now?**

A: **No, please do NOT return your share certificate(s) with your proxy.** If the merger agreement is adopted by Time Warner stockholders and the initial merger is completed, and you hold physical share certificates, you will be sent a letter of transmittal promptly after the first effective time describing how you may exchange your shares of Time Warner common stock for the merger consideration.

**Q: Where can I find the voting results of the special meeting?**

A: The preliminary voting results will be announced at the special meeting. In addition, within four business days following certification of the final voting results, Time Warner intends to file the final voting results with the SEC on a Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Q: Am I entitled to exercise appraisal rights instead of receiving the merger consideration for my shares of Time Warner common stock?**

A: Yes. Time Warner stockholders are entitled to appraisal rights under Section 262 of the DGCL provided they follow the procedures and satisfy the conditions set forth in Section 262 of the DGCL. For more information regarding appraisal rights, see the section entitled *Appraisal Rights of Time Warner Stockholders* beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus. In addition, a copy of Section 262 of the DGCL is attached as **Annex E** to this proxy statement/prospectus. Failure to strictly comply with Section 262 of the DGCL may result in your waiver of, or inability to, exercise appraisal rights.

**Q: Are there any risks that I should consider in deciding whether to vote for the adoption of the merger agreement?**

A: Yes. You should read and carefully consider the risk factors set forth in the section entitled *Risk Factors* beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus. You also should read and carefully consider the risk factors of AT&T and Time Warner contained in the documents that are incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus.

**Q: Do AT&T shareholders have to vote on anything in connection with the transaction?**

A: No, AT&T shareholders do not have to vote in connection with the transaction (including the initial merger); accordingly, AT&T shareholders will not vote on approval of the merger agreement or the other proposals contained in this proxy statement/prospectus.

**Q: Who can help answer any other questions I have?**

A: If you have additional questions about the transaction, need assistance in submitting your proxy or voting your shares of Time Warner common stock, or need additional copies of this proxy statement/prospectus or the enclosed proxy card, please contact Morrow Sodali, Time Warner's proxy solicitor, at the telephone numbers, email address or address below.

Morrow Sodali LLC

470 West Avenue 19 floor

Stamford, CT 06902

Banks and Brokerage Firms Call: (203) 658-9400

Stockholders Call Toll Free: (800) 662-5200

Email: [twx.info@morrowsodali.com](mailto:twx.info@morrowsodali.com)

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**SUMMARY**

*The following summary highlights selected information in this proxy statement/prospectus and may not contain all the information that may be important to you as a Time Warner stockholder. Accordingly, we encourage you to read carefully this entire proxy statement/prospectus, its annexes and the documents referred to in this proxy statement/prospectus. Each item in this summary includes a page reference directing you to a more complete description of that topic. You may obtain the information incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus without charge by following the instructions under the section entitled "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.*

**Parties to the Transaction (Page [ ])**

*Time Warner Inc.*

*One Time Warner Center*

*New York, New York 10019*

*(212) 484-8000*

Time Warner, a Delaware corporation, is one of the world's leading providers of media and entertainment services. Through its three reportable segments, Turner, Home Box Office and Warner Bros., Time Warner provides digital and premium pay television and streaming services and produces television programs, feature films and videogames. Time Warner's home page on the Internet is [www.timewarner.com](http://www.timewarner.com). The information provided on Time Warner's website is not part of this proxy statement and is not incorporated herein by reference.

Time Warner's common stock is listed on the NYSE under the symbol TWX.

*AT&T Inc.*

*One AT&T Plaza*

*208 South Akard Street*

*Dallas, Texas 75202*

*(210) 821-4105*

AT&T is a holding company incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware in 1983. AT&T's home page on the Internet is [www.att.com](http://www.att.com). AT&T is a leading provider of communications and digital entertainment services in both the United States and the world. The information provided on AT&T's website is not part of this proxy statement and is not incorporated herein by reference.

AT&T's common stock is listed on the NYSE under the symbol T.

*West Merger Sub, Inc.*

*c/o AT&T Inc.*



*One AT&T Plaza*

*208 South Akard Street*

*Dallas, Texas 75202*

*(210) 821-4105*

Corporate Merger Sub, a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of AT&T, was formed solely for the purpose of facilitating the initial merger. Corporate Merger Sub has not carried on any activities or

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operations to date, except for those activities incidental to its formation and undertaken in connection with the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. By operation of the initial merger, Corporate Merger Sub will be merged with and into Time Warner, with Time Warner surviving the initial merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of AT&T.

*West Merger Sub II, LLC*

*c/o AT&T Inc.*

*One AT&T Plaza*

*208 South Akard Street*

*Dallas, Texas 75202*

*(210) 821-4105*

LLC Merger Sub, a Delaware limited liability company and a wholly owned subsidiary of AT&T, was formed solely for the purpose of facilitating the subsequent merger. LLC Merger Sub acceded to the merger agreement on October 28, 2016. LLC Merger Sub has not carried on any activities or operations to date, except for those activities incidental to its formation and undertaken in connection with the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. By operation of the subsequent merger, Time Warner will be merged with and into LLC Merger Sub, with LLC Merger Sub surviving the subsequent merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of AT&T.

## **The Transaction and the Merger Agreement**

The terms and conditions of the transaction are contained in the merger agreement, a copy of which is attached as **Annex A** to this proxy statement/prospectus. We encourage you to read the merger agreement carefully and in its entirety, as it is the legal document that governs the transaction.

The merger agreement provides for two mergers, which will occur in immediate succession and which we refer to collectively as the mergers. First, Corporate Merger Sub will merge with and into Time Warner, which we refer to as the initial merger. Time Warner will survive the initial merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of AT&T. The parties intend that, immediately thereafter, Time Warner will merge with and into LLC Merger Sub, which we refer to as the subsequent merger. LLC Merger Sub will survive the subsequent merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of AT&T. Under certain circumstances the subsequent merger may not occur. See the section entitled "The Merger Agreement Alternative Structure" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus. We refer to the mergers collectively, and the alternative structure of the initial merger occurring without the consummation of the subsequent merger, as the transaction.

Following the effective time of the initial merger, which we refer to as the first effective time, Time Warner common stock will be delisted from the NYSE, deregistered under the Exchange Act and cease to be publicly traded.

## **Merger Consideration (Page [ ])**

Upon completion of the initial merger, each issued and outstanding share of Time Warner common stock other than shares owned by AT&T or Time Warner and not held on behalf of third parties, or by stockholders that have perfected and not withdrawn a demand for appraisal rights pursuant to Section 262 of the DGCL, will be converted into the right

to receive (i) an amount equal to \$53.75 in cash plus (ii) a number of shares of AT&T common stock equal to the exchange ratio, which we refer to together as the merger consideration. The exchange ratio depends on the average of the volume weighted averages of the trading prices of AT&T common stock on the NYSE on each of the 15 consecutive NYSE trading days ending on and including the trading day that is three trading days prior to the first effective time, which we refer to as the average stock price. If the average stock

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price is between (or equal to) \$37.411 and \$41.349 per share, the exchange ratio will be the quotient obtained by dividing \$53.75 by the average stock price. If the average stock price is greater than \$41.349, the exchange ratio will be 1.300. If the average stock price is less than \$37.411, the exchange ratio will be 1.437.

**Financing of the Transaction (Page [ ])**

AT&T's obligation to complete the transaction is not contingent on the receipt by AT&T of any financing. AT&T estimates that it will need approximately \$42.9 billion in order to pay Time Warner stockholders the cash amounts due to them as merger consideration under the merger agreement and to pay related fees and expenses in connection with the transaction. AT&T anticipates that the funds needed to pay the foregoing amounts will be derived from (i) cash on hand, (ii) borrowings under its existing and new credit facilities, (iii) the proceeds from the sale of debt securities or (iv) any combination of the foregoing.

In connection with entry into the merger agreement, on October 22, 2016, AT&T entered into a \$40 billion term loan credit agreement, which we refer to as the bridge credit agreement, with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as agent, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and Bank of America, N.A., as lenders. On November 15, 2016, AT&T entered into a \$10 billion term loan credit agreement, which we refer to as the new term loan credit agreement and, together with the bridge credit agreement, the credit agreements. The entry into the new term loan credit agreement resulted in the reduction of the aggregate commitments under the bridge credit agreement from \$40 billion to \$30 billion. In the event advances are made under the bridge credit agreement or the new term loan credit agreement, those advances would be used solely to finance a portion of the cash consideration to be paid in the initial merger, refinance the debt of Time Warner and its subsidiaries, and pay related fees and expenses.

The obligations of the lenders under each of the credit agreements to provide advances will terminate on the earliest of (i) October 23, 2017 or, if the termination date (as defined below) of the merger agreement is extended, the date that is one day following such extended termination date (but in no event later than April 23, 2018), (ii) the consummation of the transaction without the borrowing of advances under such credit agreement and (iii) the termination of the merger agreement.

**Recommendation of the Time Warner Board; Time Warner's Reasons for the Transaction (Page [ ])**

At a meeting held on October 22, 2016, the Time Warner board unanimously (i) determined that the initial merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement are fair to and in the best interests of Time Warner and its stockholders, (ii) approved and declared advisable the merger agreement, the initial merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement and (iii) directed that the merger agreement be submitted to Time Warner's stockholders and recommended the adoption of the merger agreement by Time Warner's stockholders. In doing so, the Time Warner board considered the business, assets and liabilities, results of operations, financial performance, strategic direction and prospects of each of Time Warner and AT&T and certain anticipated effects of the transaction on the combined company. In making its determination, the Time Warner board considered a number of factors, which are described in greater detail in the section entitled "The Transaction Recommendation of the Time Warner Board; Time Warner's Reasons for the Transaction" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

**Opinions of Time Warner's Financial Advisors (Page [ ])**

*Opinion of Allen & Company LLC*

Time Warner has engaged Allen & Company LLC, which we refer to as Allen & Company, as a financial advisor in connection with the transaction. On October 22, 2016, at a meeting of the Time Warner board held to



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evaluate the transaction, Allen & Company rendered an oral opinion, which was confirmed by delivery of a written opinion dated October 22, 2016, to the Time Warner board as to the fairness, from a financial point of view and as of the date of the opinion, of the merger consideration to be paid to holders of Time Warner common stock pursuant to the merger agreement. The full text of Allen & Company's written opinion, dated October 22, 2016, which describes the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered and qualifications and limitations on the review undertaken, is attached to this proxy statement/prospectus as **Annex B**. The description of Allen & Company's opinion set forth in this proxy statement/prospectus is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of Allen & Company's opinion. **Allen & Company's opinion was intended for the benefit and use of the Time Warner board (in its capacity as such) in connection with its evaluation of the merger consideration from a financial point of view and did not address any other terms, aspects or implications of the transaction. Allen & Company's opinion did not constitute a recommendation as to the course of action that the Time Warner board or Time Warner should pursue in connection with the transaction, or otherwise address the merits of the underlying decision by Time Warner to engage in the transaction, including in comparison to other strategies or transactions that might be available to Time Warner or in which Time Warner might engage or consider. Allen & Company's opinion does not constitute advice or a recommendation to any stockholder as to how such stockholder should vote or act on any matter relating to the transaction or otherwise.**

*Opinion of Citigroup Global Markets Inc.*

Time Warner also has engaged Citigroup Global Markets Inc., which we refer to as Citi, as a financial advisor in connection with the transaction. On October 22, 2016, at a meeting of the Time Warner board held to evaluate the transaction, Citi rendered an oral opinion, confirmed by delivery of a written opinion dated October 22, 2016, to the Time Warner board as to the fairness, from a financial point of view and as of the date of the opinion, of the merger consideration to be received by holders of Time Warner common stock pursuant to the merger agreement. The full text of Citi's written opinion, dated October 22, 2016, which describes the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered and qualifications and limitations on the review undertaken, is attached as **Annex C** to this proxy statement/prospectus and is incorporated herein by reference. The description of Citi's opinion set forth in this proxy statement/prospectus is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of Citi's opinion. **Citi's opinion was provided for the information of the Time Warner board (in its capacity as such) in connection with its evaluation of the merger consideration from a financial point of view and did not address any other terms, aspects or implications of the transaction. Citi expressed no view as to, and its opinion did not address, the underlying business decision of Time Warner to effect or enter into the transaction, the relative merits of the transaction as compared to any alternative business strategies that might exist for Time Warner or the effect of any other transaction in which Time Warner might engage or consider. Citi's opinion is not intended to be and does not constitute a recommendation to any stockholder as to how such stockholder should vote or act on any matters relating to the transaction or otherwise.**

*Opinion of Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC*

Time Warner also has engaged Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, which we refer to as Morgan Stanley and, together with Allen & Company and Citi, collectively, the Time Warner financial advisors, as a financial advisor in connection with the transaction. As part of that engagement, on October 22, 2016, at a meeting of the Time Warner board held to evaluate the transaction, Morgan Stanley rendered an oral opinion, confirmed by delivery of a written opinion dated October 22, 2016, to the Time Warner board to the effect that, as of that date and based on and subject to the procedures followed, assumptions made, matters considered and qualifications and limitations on the review undertaken by Morgan Stanley as set forth in its opinion, the merger consideration to be received by the holders of shares of Time Warner common stock pursuant to the merger agreement was fair, from a financial point of view, to such holders. The full text of Morgan Stanley's written opinion, dated October 22, 2016, which sets forth, among other

things, the procedures followed, assumptions made, matters

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considered and qualifications and limitations on the review undertaken by Morgan Stanley in connection with its opinion, is attached as **Annex D** to, and is incorporated by reference into, this proxy statement/prospectus. The description of Morgan Stanley's opinion set forth in this proxy statement/prospectus is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of Morgan Stanley's opinion. **Morgan Stanley's opinion was for the information of the Time Warner board and was limited to and addressed only the fairness, from a financial point of view and as of the date of the opinion, of the merger consideration and did not address any other terms, aspects or implications of the transaction. Morgan Stanley's opinion did not address Time Warner's underlying business decision to proceed with or effect the transaction, or the relative merits of the transaction as compared to any other alternative transactions or other alternatives, whether or not such alternatives could be achieved or were available. Morgan Stanley expressed no opinion or recommendation as to how the stockholders of Time Warner should vote at the stockholders' meeting to be held in connection with the transaction or otherwise.**

**Information About the Special Meeting (Page [ ])***Time, Place and Purpose of the Special Meeting (Page [ ])*

The special meeting to consider and vote on the adoption of the merger agreement, which we refer to as the special meeting, will be held on [ ], 2017, at [ ] Eastern time, at [ ].

At the special meeting, Time Warner stockholders will be asked to consider and vote on (i) a proposal to adopt the merger agreement, (ii) a proposal to approve, by non-binding, advisory vote, certain compensation that may be paid or become payable to Time Warner's named executive officers in connection with the transaction and the agreements and understandings pursuant to which such compensation may be paid or become payable, which we refer to as the transaction-related executive compensation and (iii) one or more adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement.

*Record Date and Quorum (Page [ ])*

You are entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the special meeting if you are a stockholder of record of shares of Time Warner common stock as of the close of business on January 3, 2017, the record date. On the record date, there were [ ] shares of Time Warner common stock outstanding and entitled to vote. You will have one vote on all matters properly coming before the special meeting for each share of Time Warner common stock that you owned on the record date.

The presence, in person or represented by proxy, of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of Time Warner common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting constitutes a quorum for the purposes of the special meeting. Abstentions are considered for purposes of establishing a quorum. A quorum is necessary to transact business at the special meeting.

Additionally, the Time Warner bylaws and the DGCL provide that if a quorum shall fail to attend any meeting, the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting, to another date, place, if any, and time until a quorum shall be present.

*Vote Required (Page [ ])*

The adoption of the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Time Warner common stock entitled to vote thereon. Votes to abstain will not be counted





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as votes cast in favor of the adoption of the merger agreement, but will count for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present. If you fail to submit a proxy or to vote in person at the special meeting or if you vote to abstain, each will have the same effect as a vote **AGAINST** the adoption of the merger agreement.

The proposal to approve, by non-binding, advisory vote, the transaction-related executive compensation requires the affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast thereon. For purposes of the proposal, if your shares of Time Warner common stock are present at the special meeting but are not voted on this proposal, or if you have given a proxy and abstained on this proposal or if you fail to submit a proxy or to vote in person at the special meeting, as applicable, the shares of Time Warner common stock held by you or your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee will not be counted in respect of, and will not have an effect on, the proposal to approve, by non-binding, advisory vote, the transaction-related executive compensation.

If the Chairman of the special meeting does not adjourn the special meeting, an adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement, requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of Time Warner common stock present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote thereon, whether or not a quorum is present. If your shares of Time Warner common stock are present at the special meeting but are not voted on this proposal, or if you vote to abstain on this proposal, this will have the effect of a vote **AGAINST** adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement. If you fail to submit a proxy or to attend the special meeting or if your shares of Time Warner common stock are held through a bank, brokerage firm or other nominee and you do not instruct your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee to vote your shares of Time Warner common stock, your shares of Time Warner common stock will not be voted, but this will not have an effect on the vote to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement.

If you are a participant in the Time Warner Savings Plan and hold an interest in the Time Warner Inc. Stock Fund under the plan, and you (a) sign and return your voting instruction card without indicating your instructions for voting your interest, Fidelity Management Trust Company, as trustee, will vote your interest in the Time Warner Inc. Stock Fund **FOR** each of Proposals 1, 2 and 3 or (b) do not return your voting instruction card, Fidelity Management Trust Company, as trustee, will vote your interest in the Time Warner Inc. Stock Fund in the same proportion as other participants' interests for which Fidelity receives voting instructions (excluding interests attributable to accounts transferred from the Time Incorporated Payroll-Based Employee Stock Ownership Plan or the WCI Employee Stock Ownership Plan), except that any interests you hold attributable to accounts transferred from the Time Incorporated Payroll-Based Employee Stock Ownership Plan or the WCI Employee Stock Ownership Plan will not be voted.

As of the record date, the directors and executive officers of Time Warner beneficially owned and were entitled to vote, in the aggregate, [ ] shares of Time Warner common stock, representing approximately [ ]% of the outstanding shares of Time Warner common stock as of the close of business on the record date. The directors and executive officers of Time Warner have informed Time Warner that they currently intend to vote all such shares of Time Warner common stock **FOR** the adoption of the merger agreement, **FOR** adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement and **FOR** the approval, by non-binding, advisory vote, of the transaction-related executive compensation. As of November 8, 2016, AT&T directors and executive officers beneficially owned approximately 1,070 shares of Time Warner common stock, representing less than 0.01% of the shares of Time Warner common stock then outstanding and entitled to vote.

*Proxies and Revocations (Page [ ])*

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Any stockholder of record entitled to vote at the special meeting may submit a proxy by telephone, over the Internet, by returning the enclosed proxy card in the accompanying prepaid reply envelope or may vote in person by appearing at the special meeting. If your shares of Time Warner common stock are held in street name

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through a bank, brokerage firm or other nominee, you should instruct your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee on how to vote your shares of Time Warner common stock using the instructions provided by your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee. If you fail to submit a proxy or to vote in person at the special meeting, or do not provide your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee with instructions as to how to vote your shares, as applicable, your shares of Time Warner common stock will not be voted on the adoption of the merger agreement, which will have the same effect as a vote **AGAINST** the adoption of the merger agreement, and your shares of Time Warner common stock will not be voted on and will not have an effect on the proposal to approve, by non-binding, advisory vote, the transaction-related executive compensation or on the vote to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement.

You have the right to revoke a proxy, whether delivered over the Internet, by telephone or by mail, at any time before it is exercised, by voting again at a later date through any of the methods available to you, by signing and returning a new proxy card with a later date, by attending the special meeting and voting in person, or by giving written notice of revocation to Time Warner prior to the time the special meeting begins. Written notice of revocation should be mailed to: Time Warner Inc., Attention: Corporate Secretary, One Time Warner Center, New York, New York 10019-8016.

**Interests of Time Warner's Directors and Executive Officers in the Transaction (Page [ ])**

The directors and executive officers of Time Warner have certain interests in the transaction that may be different from or in addition to those of Time Warner stockholders generally. These interests include the treatment in the transaction of Time Warner equity compensation awards, severance protections under the applicable executive officer's employment agreement, retention awards, and certain other rights held by Time Warner's directors and executive officers, and the indemnification of former Time Warner directors and officers by AT&T. The Time Warner board was aware of and considered these interests, among other matters, in reaching its decisions to (i) approve the transaction, (ii) approve and declare advisable the merger agreement, and (iii) resolve to recommend the adoption of the merger agreement by Time Warner stockholders. See the sections entitled **Non-Binding, Advisory Vote on Transaction-Related Compensation for Time Warner's Named Executive Officers** beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus and **Interests of Time Warner's Directors and Executive Officers in the Transaction** beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus for a more detailed description of these interests.

**Regulatory Approvals (Page [ ])**

Completion of the transaction is conditioned on (i) the expiration of the applicable waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, which we refer to as the HSR Act; (ii) receipt of any consents from the Federal Communications Commission, which we refer to as the FCC, if required in connection with the consummation of the transaction, which we refer to as the FCC consent and (iii) receipt of consents from certain state public utility commissions, if required in connection with the transaction, which we refer to as the PUC consents, and (iv) receipt of consents from foreign regulators in Brazil, Canada, China, the European Union and Mexico, which we refer to as the foreign regulator consents. It is also a condition to AT&T's obligation to consummate the transaction that all governmental consents described in the foregoing sentence and all other governmental consents required under applicable law in connection with the consummation of the transaction not have imposed any regulatory conditions that, individually or in the aggregate, would be reasonably likely to have a regulatory material adverse effect (as defined below).

Time Warner and AT&T have agreed to cooperate with each other and use, and cause their respective subsidiaries to use, their respective reasonable best efforts to obtain all regulatory approvals required to complete



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the transaction. In furtherance of the foregoing, AT&T and Time Warner have agreed, as promptly as reasonably practicable, to:

prepare and file all documentation to effect all necessary notices, reports and other filings; and

obtain all consents, registrations, approvals, permits, expirations of waiting periods and authorizations necessary or advisable to be obtained from any third party and/or any governmental entity in order to consummate the transaction.

However, AT&T's and Time Warner's respective obligations to use reasonable best efforts to obtain all regulatory approvals required to complete the transaction do not require AT&T and its subsidiaries, including Time Warner and its subsidiaries, to take or refrain from taking, or agree to take or refrain from taking, any action or actions that, individually or in the aggregate, would:

be reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the financial condition, properties, assets, business or results of operations of the businesses included in AT&T's Entertainment Group Segment Results as of the date of the merger agreement, together with the businesses of Time Warner and its subsidiaries, which we refer to collectively as the combined entertainment group, treating for this purpose the effects of all regulatory actions wherever imposed (whether on AT&T, its subsidiaries, Time Warner and/or its subsidiaries) as if they affected a company the size of, and having the financial and operating metrics of, the combined entertainment group;

result in a material increase in the aggregate capital expenditures of AT&T and its subsidiaries from the closing date of the transaction through 2021 relative to the aggregate corresponding amounts in AT&T's consolidated 2017-2021 capital budget as provided to Time Warner prior to the date of the merger agreement; or

require AT&T or its subsidiaries to divest, dispose of or hold separate any businesses or assets of AT&T or its subsidiaries (not including any businesses or assets of Time Warner or its subsidiaries) that are more than *de minimis*.

We refer to the occurrence of any of the matters specified in any of the above bullets as a regulatory material adverse effect.

Time Warner and AT&T filed their notification and report forms under the HSR Act on November 4, 2016. On December 8, 2016, the Department of Justice issued a request for additional information under the HSR Act, which we refer to as a Second Request.

**Appraisal Rights of Time Warner Stockholders (Page [ ])**

Time Warner stockholders have appraisal rights under the DGCL in connection with the initial merger. Time Warner stockholders who do not vote in favor of the adoption of the merger agreement and who otherwise comply with the applicable provisions of Section 262 of the DGCL will be entitled to exercise appraisal rights thereunder, subject to

certain limitations in the DGCL. Any shares of Time Warner common stock held by a Time Warner stockholder on the date of making an appraisal demand, who continues to own shares through the effective date of the initial merger, who has not voted in favor of the adoption of the merger agreement and who has demanded appraisal for such shares in accordance with the DGCL will not be converted into a right to receive the merger consideration, unless such Time Warner stockholder fails to perfect, withdraws or otherwise loses such stockholder's appraisal rights under the DGCL. If, after the consummation of the initial merger, such holder of Time Warner common stock fails to perfect, withdraws or otherwise loses his, her or its appraisal rights, each such share will be treated as if it had been converted as of the consummation of the initial merger into a right to receive the merger consideration. The relevant provisions of the DGCL are included as **Annex E** to this proxy statement/prospectus.

You are encouraged to read these provisions carefully and in their entirety. Due to the complexity of the procedures for exercising your appraisal rights, Time Warner stockholders who are considering exercising such

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rights are encouraged to seek the advice of legal counsel. Failure to strictly comply with these provisions will result in the loss of appraisal rights. See the section entitled "Appraisal Rights of Time Warner Stockholders" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus for additional information and the text of Section 262 of the DGCL reproduced in its entirety as **Annex E** to this proxy statement/prospectus.

**Conditions to Completion of the Transaction (Page [ ])**

Each party's obligation to consummate the transaction is subject to the satisfaction or waiver, to the extent applicable, at or prior to the closing of the transaction of the following conditions:

the adoption of the merger agreement by the holders of shares of Time Warner common stock constituting at least a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote thereon, which we refer to as the Time Warner stockholder approval;

the shares of AT&T common stock to be issued in the initial merger must have been approved for listing on the NYSE upon official notice of issuance;

any applicable waiting period under the HSR Act must have expired or been terminated;

receipt of the FCC consent (if required), the PUC consents (if required) and the foreign regulator consents;

no domestic, foreign or transnational governmental entity of competent jurisdiction shall have enacted, issued, promulgated, enforced or entered any law or order (whether temporary, preliminary or permanent) that is in effect and restrains, enjoins or otherwise prohibits consummation of the transaction; and

the effectiveness of, and absence of an initiated or threatened stop order with respect to, the registration statement on Form S-4 filed by AT&T in respect of the shares of AT&T common stock to be issued in the initial merger, of which this proxy statement/prospectus forms a part.

The obligations of AT&T and Merger Subs to effect the transaction also are subject to the satisfaction or waiver by AT&T and Merger Subs, at or prior to the closing of the transaction, of the following conditions:

the accuracy of the representations and warranties of Time Warner in the manner described in the merger agreement;

the performance, in all material respects, by Time Warner of its obligations under the merger agreement at or prior to the closing of the transaction; and



none of the required governmental consents or any other governmental consents required under applicable law in connection with the consummation of the transaction will have imposed any regulatory actions that, individually or in the aggregate, would be reasonably likely to have a regulatory material adverse effect.

Time Warner's obligation to effect the transaction is also subject to the satisfaction or waiver by Time Warner at or prior to the closing of the transaction of the following additional conditions:

the accuracy of the representations and warranties of AT&T to the extent required under the merger agreement; and

the performance, in all material respects, by each of AT&T and Merger Subs of its obligations under the merger agreement at or prior to the closing of the transaction.

For a more complete summary of the conditions that must be satisfied or waived prior to the closing of the transaction, see the section entitled "The Merger Agreement Conditions to Completion of the Transaction" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

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**No Solicitation or Negotiation of Acquisition Proposals (Page [ ])**

The merger agreement provides that neither Time Warner nor any of its subsidiaries nor any of their respective officers, directors and employees will, and Time Warner will instruct and use its reasonable best efforts to cause its and its subsidiaries' representatives, not to, directly or indirectly:

initiate, solicit, knowingly encourage or otherwise knowingly facilitate any inquiries or the making of any proposal or offer that constitutes, or would reasonably be expected to lead to, any acquisition proposal (as defined below);

engage or otherwise participate in any discussions or negotiations relating to any acquisition proposal or any proposal or offer that would reasonably be expected to lead to an acquisition proposal;

provide any information or data to any person in connection with any acquisition proposal or any proposal, inquiry or offer that would reasonably be expected to lead to an acquisition proposal; or

otherwise knowingly facilitate any effort or attempt to make an acquisition proposal.

The merger agreement provides that an acquisition proposal means (i) any proposal or offer from any person or group of persons with respect to a merger, joint venture, partnership, consolidation, dissolution, liquidation, tender offer, recapitalization, reorganization, spin-off, extraordinary dividend, share exchange, business combination or similar transaction involving Time Warner or any of its subsidiaries which is structured to permit such person or group of persons (or their stockholders) to acquire, directly or indirectly, beneficial ownership of 15% or more of Time Warner's consolidated total assets or any class of Time Warner's equity interests and (ii) any acquisition by any person or group of persons (or their stockholders) resulting in, or proposal or offer, which, if consummated would result in, any person or group of persons (or their stockholders) obtaining control over or becoming the beneficial owner of, directly or indirectly, in one or a series of related transactions, 15% or more of the total voting power of any class of equity securities of Time Warner, or 15% or more of the consolidated total assets (including equity securities of its subsidiaries) of Time Warner, in each case other than the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

*Fiduciary Exception (Page [ ])*

Prior to the time, but not after, the Time Warner stockholder approval is obtained, Time Warner may do any of the following in response to an unsolicited bona fide written acquisition proposal made after the date of the merger agreement:

contact the person who made such acquisition proposal and its representatives solely to clarify the terms and conditions thereof; and

if the Time Warner board has determined in good faith that (A) based on the information available and after consultation with outside legal counsel, the unsolicited proposal either constitutes a superior proposal (as

defined below) or could be reasonably likely to result in a superior proposal and (B) the failure to take such action would be inconsistent with the directors' fiduciary duties under applicable law:

provide access to information regarding Time Warner or any of its subsidiaries in response to a request to the person who made such acquisition proposal and such person's representatives, provided that such information has previously been, or is substantially concurrently, made available to AT&T and that, prior to furnishing any such non-public information, Time Warner receives from the person making such acquisition proposal an executed confidentiality agreement with terms at least as restrictive in all material respects on such person as the confidentiality agreement between Time Warner and AT&T (it being understood that such confidentiality agreement need not contain a "standstill" or similar obligations to the extent that AT&T is,

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concurrently with the entry by Time Warner or its subsidiaries into such confidentiality agreement, released from any standstill or similar obligations in its confidentiality agreement with Time Warner), provided, further, that if the person making such acquisition proposal is a competitor of Time Warner and its subsidiaries, Time Warner will not provide information that in the good faith determination of Time Warner constitutes commercially sensitive non-public information to such person in connection with such permitted actions other than in accordance with a clean room or other similar procedures designated to limit any potential adverse effect on Time Warner from sharing such information; and

engage or participate in any discussions or negotiations with any such person and its representatives regarding such acquisition proposal.

The merger agreement provides that a superior proposal means an unsolicited bona fide acquisition proposal made after the date of the merger agreement that would result in a person or group (or their stockholders) becoming, directly or indirectly, the beneficial owner of, all or substantially all of Time Warner's consolidated total assets or more than 50% of the total voting power of the equity securities of Time Warner or the successor person of Time Warner, that the Time Warner board has determined in its good faith judgment is reasonably likely to be consummated in accordance with its terms, taking into account all legal, financial and regulatory aspects of the proposal and the person or group of persons making the proposal, and, if consummated, would result in a transaction more favorable to Time Warner's stockholders from a financial point of view than the transaction contemplated by the merger agreement (after taking into account any revisions to the terms of the transaction and the time likely to be required to consummate the acquisition proposal).

**No Change in Recommendation or Alternative Acquisition Agreement (Page [ ])**

Subject to certain exceptions described in the section entitled "The Merger Agreement - No Change in Recommendation or Alternative Acquisition Agreement - Fiduciary Exception" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus, the Time Warner board and each committee of the Time Warner board may not:

withhold, withdraw, qualify or modify (or publicly propose or resolve to withhold, withdraw, qualify or modify), in a manner adverse to AT&T, its recommendation to Time Warner stockholders that they vote in favor of the adoption of the merger agreement, which we refer to as the Time Warner recommendation (it being understood that if any acquisition proposal structured as a tender or exchange offer is commenced, the Time Warner board failing to recommend against acceptance of such tender or exchange offer by Time Warner's stockholders within 10 business days after commencement thereof pursuant to Rule 14d-2 of the Exchange Act will be considered a modification adverse to AT&T);

approve or recommend, or publicly declare advisable or publicly propose to enter into an alternative acquisition agreement relating to any acquisition proposal; or

cause or permit Time Warner to enter into an alternative acquisition agreement.

*Fiduciary Exception (Page [ ])*

However, at any time before the Time Warner stockholder approval is obtained, the Time Warner board may:

make a change in recommendation in connection with an acquisition proposal if:

the acquisition proposal did not result from or in connection with a material breach of the merger agreement and the acquisition proposal is not withdrawn; and

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the Time Warner board determines in good faith, after consultation with outside counsel and a financial advisor of nationally recognized reputation, that (A) such acquisition proposal constitutes a superior proposal and (B) the failure to take such action would be inconsistent with its fiduciary duties under applicable law;

make a change in recommendation other than in connection with an acquisition proposal if (i) a development or change in circumstances occurs or arises after the date of the merger agreement that was not known by nor was reasonably foreseeable to the Time Warner board as of the date of the merger agreement and (ii) the Time Warner board determines in good faith and after consultation with outside counsel and a financial advisor of nationally recognized reputation that the failure to take such action would be inconsistent with its fiduciary duties under applicable law; and/or

terminate the merger agreement and concurrently cause Time Warner to enter into an alternative acquisition agreement providing for a superior proposal, which superior proposal did not result from or in connection with a material breach of the merger agreement, which termination we refer to as a superior proposal termination event.

The Time Warner board is in no event permitted to take, or agree or resolve to take, any such action other than in compliance with this provision of the merger agreement. Additionally, the Time Warner board may not make a change in recommendation and/or effect a superior proposal termination until after at least five business days following AT&T's receipt of written notice from Time Warner advising that the Time Warner board intends to take such action and the basis for doing so (which notice will include a copy of any such superior proposal and a copy of any relevant proposed transaction agreements, the identity of the party making such superior proposal and the material terms of the superior proposal or, in the case of notice given other than in connection with a superior proposal, a reasonably detailed description of the development or change in connection with which the Time Warner board has given such notice). After providing such notice and prior to effecting such change in recommendation and/or a superior proposal termination event:

Time Warner must, during such five business day period negotiate in good faith with AT&T and its representatives, to the extent AT&T wishes to negotiate, with respect to any revisions to the terms of the transaction contemplated by the merger agreement proposed by AT&T; and

in determining whether it may still under the terms of the merger agreement make a change in recommendation and/or effect a superior proposal termination, the Time Warner board must take into account any changes to the terms of the merger agreement proposed by AT&T and any other information provided by AT&T in response to such notice during such five business day period.

Any amendment to the financial terms or conditions or other material terms of any acquisition proposal will be deemed to be a new acquisition proposal except that the five business day notice period for such new acquisition proposal will be three business days. Subject to its right to change its recommendation described above, the Time Warner board is required to include its recommendation in this proxy statement/prospectus and recommend at the special meeting that Time Warner's stockholders adopt the merger agreement, and use its reasonable best efforts to obtain and solicit such adoption.

**Termination of the Merger Agreement (Page [ ])**

The merger agreement may be terminated and the transaction may be abandoned at any time prior to the first effective time:

by mutual written consent of AT&T and Time Warner, by action of their respective boards of directors;

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by either AT&T or Time Warner if, provided in each case that the party terminating the merger agreement has not breached in any material respect its obligations under the merger agreement in any manner that has proximately contributed to the failure of the transaction to be consummated:

whether before or after the Time Warner stockholder approval is obtained, the transaction has not been consummated by October 22, 2017, which we refer to as the termination date, which may be extended one or more times by AT&T or Time Warner to a date not later than April 22, 2018 if on such termination date any required governmental consents have not been obtained, which we refer to as an outside date termination event;

the Time Warner stockholder approval is not obtained at a meeting duly convened therefor or at any adjournment or postponement thereof at which a stockholder vote is taken on the adoption of the merger agreement, which we refer to as a stockholder approval termination event; or

whether before or after the Time Warner stockholder approval is obtained, any law or order permanently restrains, enjoins or otherwise prohibits consummation of the transaction, and such law or order has become final and non-appealable, which we refer to as a final law or order termination event;

by Time Warner if:

whether before or after the Time Warner stockholder approval is obtained, AT&T breaches any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements in the merger agreement, or any of its representations or warranties shall have become untrue after the date of the merger agreement, such that the related conditions to the obligation of Time Warner to close the transaction would not be satisfied and such breach is not curable or, if curable, is not cured by the 30th day following notice to AT&T from Time Warner of such breach or failure, provided that Time Warner is not then in material breach of any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements under the merger agreement; or

before the Time Warner stockholder approval is obtained, Time Warner effects a superior proposal termination, after having complied with the procedures described under the section entitled "The Merger Agreement - No Change in Recommendation or Alternative Acquisition Agreement" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus, provided that prior to or concurrently with such termination Time Warner pays AT&T a termination fee equal to \$1,725,000,000, which we refer to as the termination fee;

by AT&T if:

the Time Warner board effects a change in recommendation, which we refer to as an adverse recommendation change termination event; or



Time Warner breaches any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements in the merger agreement, or any of its representations or warranties shall have become untrue after the date of the merger agreement, such that the related conditions to the obligation of AT&T and Merger Subs to close the transaction would not be satisfied and such breach is not curable or, if curable, is not cured by the 30th day following notice to Time Warner from AT&T of such breach or failure, provided that AT&T is not then in material breach of any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements under the merger agreement, which we collectively refer to as a Time Warner breach termination event.

**Termination Fee & AT&T Payment (Page [ ])**

Time Warner will pay AT&T the termination fee if:

AT&T terminates the merger agreement pursuant to an adverse recommendation change termination event;

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Time Warner terminates the merger agreement pursuant to a stockholder approval termination event at a time when AT&T had the right to terminate pursuant to an adverse recommendation change termination event;

Time Warner terminates the merger agreement pursuant to a superior proposal termination event; or

a tail termination fee event occurs.

A tail termination fee event occurs if:

AT&T or Time Warner terminates the merger agreement pursuant to an outside date termination event at a time when the conditions to closing relating to governmental consents, laws and orders and governmental approval have been satisfied, and between the date of the merger agreement and such termination, any person publicly made an acquisition proposal to Time Warner or any of its subsidiaries;

AT&T or Time Warner terminates the merger agreement pursuant to a stockholder approval termination event, and between the date of the merger agreement and such termination, any person publicly made an acquisition proposal to Time Warner or any of its subsidiaries; or

AT&T terminates the merger agreement pursuant to a Time Warner breach termination event, and between the date of the merger agreement and such termination, any person made an acquisition proposal to Time Warner publicly or privately; and

in each of the above three circumstances, within 12 months after the date of such termination, Time Warner consummates or enters into an agreement contemplating an acquisition proposal.

In defining acquisition proposal for purposes of the tail termination fee event, all references to 15% or more in the definition of acquisition proposal (found on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus) are replaced with references to 50% or more .

AT&T will pay Time Warner an amount equal to \$500,000,000, which we refer to as the AT&T payment, if:

AT&T or Time Warner terminates the merger agreement pursuant to a final law or order termination event as a result of any applicable antitrust law, communications law, utilities law or foreign regulatory law or an order imposed by a governmental entity with jurisdiction over enforcement of any applicable antitrust law, communications law, utilities law or foreign regulatory law with respect to such laws; or

AT&T or Time Warner terminates the merger agreement pursuant to an outside date termination event at a time when one or more of the conditions to closing relating to governmental consents or governmental approvals or laws and orders (to the extent such failure of conditions relating to laws and orders relates to

certain applicable antitrust laws, communications laws, utilities laws or foreign regulatory laws) have not been satisfied; and

In each of the above two circumstances, both of the following requirements are satisfied:

all other conditions to the obligation of AT&T to effect the transaction have been satisfied or waived; and

Time Warner is not in breach in any material respect of its obligations under the merger agreement in any manner that would have proximately contributed to the events giving rise to the right of AT&T or Time Warner to terminate the merger agreement.

In the event that a payment of a termination fee or the AT&T payment is paid in the above circumstances, the recipient may refund such payment to the payer upon giving written notice within five business days after the

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receipt of such payment with the refund of the AT&T payment being paid within five business days of delivery of the written notice, and, in that event, the original recipient of the AT&T payment who makes such refund will be entitled to all remedies available under the merger agreement.

AT&T and Time Warner have agreed that payment of the termination fee or the AT&T payment, if such payment is actually paid and the recipient of such payment fails to exercise its right to refund such payment as described in the preceding paragraph, subject to certain exceptions under the merger agreement, the payer of the termination fee or the AT&T payment will have no further liabilities to the recipient of such payment, and such payer will have no further liabilities to the recipient under the merger agreement.

Under no circumstances will the termination fee or the AT&T payment be payable more than once.

**Accounting Treatment (Page [ ])**

AT&T prepares its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which we refer to as GAAP. The transaction will be accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting. AT&T will be treated as the acquiror for accounting purposes.

**Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences (Page [ ])**

It is intended that, for United States federal income tax purposes, the initial merger, together with the subsequent merger, will constitute a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, which we refer to as the Intended Tax Treatment. As described below, if the transaction qualifies for the Intended Tax Treatment, a holder of Time Warner common stock generally will recognize any taxable gain with respect to such stock up to the amount of cash received pursuant to the transaction, but will not recognize any taxable gain in excess of the amount of cash received.

However, the completion of the transaction is not conditioned on the transaction qualifying for the Intended Tax Treatment or upon the receipt of an opinion from counsel to that effect, and whether or not the transaction will qualify for the Intended Tax Treatment depends on facts that will not be known until the transaction is completed. In particular, the Intended Tax Treatment requires that the value of the shares of AT&T common stock issued to holders of Time Warner common stock in the transaction, determined as of completion of the transaction, represents at least a minimum percentage of the total consideration paid to holders of Time Warner common stock in the transaction. While there is no specific guidance as to precisely what minimum percentage is necessary to satisfy this requirement, it would be satisfied if the AT&T common stock (valued as of completion of the transaction) represents at least 40% of the total consideration. Because this test is based on the value of AT&T common stock as of completion of the transaction, a decline in the value of the AT&T common stock could cause this requirement not to be met. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that the transaction will qualify for the Intended Tax Treatment. In addition, neither AT&T nor Time Warner intends to request a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service regarding the United States federal income tax consequences of the transaction. Accordingly, even if AT&T and Time Warner conclude that the transaction qualifies for the Intended Tax Treatment, no assurance can be given that the Internal Revenue Service will not challenge that conclusion or that a court would not sustain such a challenge.

Assuming the transaction qualifies for the Intended Tax Treatment, subject to the limitations and qualifications described in the section entitled Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus, a holder of Time Warner common stock whose shares of Time Warner common stock are exchanged in the initial merger for shares of AT&T common stock and cash generally will recognize a capital gain (but not loss) realized on the exchange in an amount not exceeding the amount of cash received by the holder (except

with respect to any cash received in lieu of a fractional share of AT&T common stock, as discussed in the section entitled "Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences - Cash Received Instead of a Fractional Share of AT&T Common Stock" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus).

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If the transaction fails to qualify for the Intended Tax Treatment, a holder of Time Warner common stock generally would recognize gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between (1) the fair market value of the shares of AT&T common stock and the amount of cash received in the transaction by the holder (including cash received in lieu of a fractional share of AT&T common stock) and (2) the holder's basis in the Time Warner common stock surrendered.

It will not be known at the time of the special meeting whether the requirements for the transaction to qualify for the Intended Tax Treatment will be met. AT&T will make a public announcement no later than 45 days after the first effective time as to whether or not the transaction will be reported as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. **HOWEVER, TIME WARNER WILL NOT RESOLICIT STOCKHOLDER VOTES IN THE EVENT THAT THE TRANSACTION FAILS TO QUALIFY FOR THE INTENDED TAX TREATMENT.**

For a more detailed discussion of the material United States federal income tax consequences of the transaction, please see the section entitled "Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

**The tax consequences of the transaction to any particular stockholder will depend on that stockholder's particular facts and circumstances. Accordingly, you are urged to consult your tax advisor to determine your tax consequences from the transaction.**

### **Comparison of Stockholders' Rights (Page [ ])**

The rights of Time Warner stockholders are governed by its restated certificate of incorporation, as amended through May 24, 2011, which we refer to as the Time Warner charter, and bylaws as amended through October 22, 2016, which we refer to as the Time Warner bylaws, and by the DGCL. Your rights as a stockholder of AT&T will be governed by AT&T's restated certificate of incorporation, as amended through December 13, 2013, and bylaws, as amended through December 18, 2015, which we refer to as the AT&T charter and the AT&T bylaws, respectively, and by the DGCL. Your rights under the AT&T charter and the AT&T bylaws will differ in some respects from your rights under the Time Warner charter and the Time Warner bylaws. For more detailed information regarding a comparison of your rights as a stockholder of Time Warner and AT&T, see the section entitled "Comparison of Stockholders' Rights" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

**Table of Contents****SELECTED HISTORICAL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA OF TIME WARNER**

The following table presents selected historical consolidated financial data for Time Warner as of and for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011, as of September 30, 2016 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and September 30, 2015. The statement of operations information for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2015 and the balance sheet information as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 have been obtained from Time Warner's audited consolidated financial statements contained in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, which is incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus. The statements of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 and the balance sheet data as of December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 have been derived from Time Warner's audited consolidated financial statements for such years, which have not been incorporated into this document by reference, and have been recast as described in and set forth in Time Warner's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. The financial data as of September 30, 2016 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and September 30, 2015 have been obtained from Time Warner's unaudited consolidated financial statements included in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016, which is incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus.

The information set forth below is not necessarily indicative of future results and should be read together with the other information contained in Time Warner's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 and Time Warner's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016, including Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition and the consolidated financial statements and related notes therein. See the section entitled "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

(Dollar amounts in millions, except per share data)	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Years Ended December 31,				
	2016	2015	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>Selected Statement of Operations Information:</b>							
Total revenues	\$ 21,427	\$ 21,039	\$ 28,118	\$ 27,359	\$ 26,461	\$ 25,325	\$ 25,364
Operating income	5,856	5,479	6,865	5,975	6,268	5,498	5,242
Net income	3,632	2,975	3,832	3,827	3,691	2,922	2,882
<b>Amounts attributable to Time Warner Inc. shareholders:</b>							
Income from continuing operations	\$ 3,598	\$ 2,939	\$ 3,796	\$ 3,894	\$ 3,354	\$ 2,666	\$ 2,521
Discontinued operations, net of tax	35	37	37	(67)	337	259	365
Net income	\$ 3,633	\$ 2,976	\$ 3,833	\$ 3,827	\$ 3,691	\$ 2,925	\$ 2,886
<b>Per share information attributable to Time Warner Inc. common shareholders:</b>							
Basic income per common share from continuing operations	\$ 4.58	\$ 3.57	\$ 4.64	\$ 4.49	\$ 3.63	\$ 2.77	\$ 2.40
Discontinued operations	0.04	0.05	0.05	(0.07)	0.36	0.28	0.34

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Basic net income per common share	\$ 4.62	\$ 3.62	\$ 4.69	\$ 4.42	\$ 3.99	\$ 3.05	\$ 2.74
Diluted income per common share from continuing operations	\$ 4.53	\$ 3.52	\$ 4.58	\$ 4.41	\$ 3.56	\$ 2.73	\$ 2.37
Discontinued operations	0.04	0.04	0.04	(0.07)	0.36	0.27	0.34
Diluted net income per common share	\$ 4.57	\$ 3.56	\$ 4.62	\$ 4.34	\$ 3.92	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.71
Average common shares (in millions):							
Basic	783.8	820.4	814.9	863.3	920.0	954.4	1,046.2
Diluted	795.1	835.5	829.5	882.6	942.6	976.3	1,064.5



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(Dollar amounts in millions)	As of		As of December 31,				
	September 30, 2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	
<b>Selected Balance Sheet Information:</b>							
Cash and equivalents	\$ 2,308	\$ 2,155	\$ 2,618	\$ 1,816	\$ 2,760	\$ 3,381	
Total assets	65,764	63,848	63,146	67,890	67,984	67,698	
Debt due within one year	52	198	1,118	66	749	23	
Long-term debt	24,419	23,594	21,263	19,952	18,975	19,354	
Time Warner Inc. shareholders equity	24,278	23,619	24,476	29,904	29,796	29,957	
	Nine Months Ended		Years Ended December 31,				
	September 30, 2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	
<b>Cash dividends:</b>							
Cash dividends declared per share of common stock	\$ 1.2075	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.27	\$ 1.15	\$ 1.04	\$ 0.94	

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The following table presents selected historical consolidated financial data for AT&T as of and for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011, as of September 30, 2016 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and September 30, 2015. The statement of operations data for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2015 and the balance sheet data as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 have been obtained from AT&T's audited consolidated financial statements contained in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, which are incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus. The statements of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 and the balance sheet data as of December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011 have been derived from AT&T's audited consolidated financial statements for such years, which have not been incorporated into this document by reference, and have been adjusted as described in AT&T's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. The financial data as of September 30, 2016 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and September 30, 2015, have been obtained from AT&T's unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016, which is incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus.

The information set forth below is not necessarily indicative of future results and should be read together with the other information contained in AT&T's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 and AT&T's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016, including Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the consolidated financial statements and related notes therein. See the section entitled "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

<b>(Dollar amounts in millions, except per share data)</b>	<b>Nine Months</b>			<b>Years Ended December 31,</b>			
	<b>Ended September 30, 2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Operating revenues	\$ 121,945	\$ 104,682	\$ 146,801	\$ 132,447	\$ 128,752	\$ 127,434	\$ 126,723
Operating expenses	101,846	87,429	122,016	120,235	98,000	114,380	117,223
Operating income	20,099	17,253	24,785	12,212	30,752	13,054	9,500
Interest expense	(3,689)	(2,977)	4,120	3,613	3,940	3,444	3,535
Equity in net income of affiliates	57	48	79	175	642	752	784
Other income (expense) net	154	61	(52)	1,581	596	134	249
Income tax expense	5,803	4,784	7,005	3,619	9,328	2,922	2,639
Income from continuing operations	10,818	9,601	13,687	6,736	18,722	7,574	4,359
Less: Net Income attributable to Noncontrolling Interest	(279)	(262)	(342)	(294)	(304)	(275)	(240)
Income from continuing operations attributable to Registrant	\$ 10,539	\$ 9,339	\$ 13,345	\$ 6,442	\$ 18,418	\$ 7,299	\$ 4,119
Basic earnings per share attributable to Registrant	\$ 1.70	\$ 1.71	\$ 2.37	\$ 1.24	\$ 3.42	\$ 1.26	\$ 0.69
	\$ 1.70	\$ 1.71	\$ 2.37	\$ 1.24	\$ 3.42	\$ 1.26	\$ 0.69

Diluted earnings per share  
attributable to Registrant

<b>(Dollar amounts in millions)</b>	<b>As of September 30,</b>		<b>As of December 31,</b>			
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Total assets	\$ 402,975	\$ 402,672	\$ 296,834	\$ 281,423	\$ 275,834	\$ 273,467
Long-term debt	\$ 117,239	\$ 118,515	\$ 75,778	\$ 69,091	\$ 66,152	\$ 61,091
Dividends declared per common share	\$ 1.44	\$ 1.89	\$ 1.85	\$ 1.81	\$ 1.77	\$ 1.73

**Table of Contents****SELECTED UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED FINANCIAL DATA**

The selected unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements presented below are derived from the historical consolidated financial statements of AT&T, DIRECTV and Time Warner. The selected unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements do not give effect to (a) the acquisition of Quickplay Media, Inc., which was acquired by AT&T during 2016, nor do they reflect (b) the consolidation of the ROOT SPORTS™ Southwest joint venture between AT&T and DIRECTV, or (c) the acquisitions of GSF Telecom Holdings, S.A.P.I. de C.V. (marketed as Iusacell) and Nextel Mexico, which were acquired by AT&T during 2015. The selected unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements are prepared as a business combination reflecting AT&T's acquisitions of DIRECTV and Time Warner as if those acquisitions had been completed on January 1, 2015 for statement of income purposes and as if AT&T's acquisition of Time Warner acquisition had been completed on September 30, 2016 for balance sheet purposes.

The selected unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements, which are preliminary in nature, have been derived from, and should be read in conjunction with, the more detailed unaudited pro forma combined financial information and the accompanying notes appearing in the section entitled "Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Data" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus. The selected unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial statements are provided for illustrative purposes only and do not purport to represent what the actual consolidated results of operations of AT&T would have been had the DIRECTV and Time Warner acquisitions occurred on the dates assumed, nor are they necessarily indicative of future consolidated results of operations or consolidated financial position.

<b>Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Statements of Income</b>	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
<b>(Dollar amounts in millions, except per share data)</b>	<b>September 30,</b>	<b>Year Ended</b>
	<b>2016</b>	<b>December 31, 2015</b>
Total operating revenues	\$ 141,281	\$ 191,134
Operating Income	23,386	28,489
Income from continuing operations	12,181	13,835
Income from continuing operations attributable to Registrant	\$ 11,903	\$ 13,491
Basic earnings per share attributable to Registrant	\$ 1.64	\$ 1.86
Diluted earnings per share attributable to Registrant	\$ 1.63	\$ 1.85

<b>Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Balance Sheet</b>	<b>As of September 30, 2016</b>
<b>(Dollar amounts in millions)</b>	
Total assets	\$ 548,216
Long-term debt	\$ 188,173
Shares of AT&T common stock outstanding (in millions)	7,249



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The following selected unaudited pro forma per share information for the year ended December 31, 2015 and the nine months ended September 30, 2016 reflects the transaction as if it had occurred on January 1, 2015. The book value per share amounts in the table below reflect the transaction as if it had occurred on September 30, 2016 or December 31, 2015, as applicable. The information in the table is based on, and should be read together with, and the information is qualified in its entirety by (i) the historical financial information that AT&T and Time Warner have presented in their respective filings with the SEC and (ii) the financial information contained in the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Data and the notes thereto included elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus. See the sections entitled Where You Can Find More Information beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus and Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Data beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

The unaudited pro forma combined per share data is presented for illustrative purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of actual or future financial position or results of operations that would have been realized if the transaction had been completed as of the dates indicated or will be realized upon the completion of the transaction.

	Historical		Unaudited Pro Forma Combined	Equivalent Basis Unaudited Pro Forma Combined <sup>(1)</sup>
	AT&T	Time Warner		
<b>Basic Income per Share from Continuing Operations</b>				
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016	\$ 1.70	\$ 4.58	\$ 1.64	\$ 2.35
Year Ended December 31, 2015	\$ 2.37 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 4.64	\$ 1.86	\$ 2.67
<b>Diluted Income per Share from Continuing Operations</b>				
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016	\$ 1.70	\$ 4.53	\$ 1.63	\$ 2.34
Year Ended December 31, 2015	\$ 2.37 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 4.58	\$ 1.85	\$ 2.66
<b>Cash Dividends Per Share</b>				
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016	\$ 1.44	\$ 1.2075	\$ 1.44 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 2.07
Year Ended December 31, 2015	\$ 1.89	\$ 1.4000	\$ 1.89 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 2.72
<b>Book Value Per Share</b>				
At September 30, 2016	\$ 20.29 <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 31.45 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 22.78 <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 32.73 <sup>(6)</sup>
At December 31, 2015	\$ 20.12 <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 29.71 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 22.80 <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 32.76 <sup>(6)</sup>

- (1) The per share amounts are calculated by multiplying the unaudited pro forma combined per share amounts by an exchange ratio of 1.437 shares of AT&T common stock for each share of Time Warner common stock. The actual exchange ratio at the closing of the transaction will be determined based on the average stock price. If the average stock price is between (or equal to) \$37.411 and \$41.349 per share, the exchange ratio will be the quotient of \$53.75 divided by the average stock price. If the average stock price is greater than \$41.349, the exchange ratio will be 1.300. If the average stock price is less than \$37.411, the exchange ratio will be 1.437. Based on the closing stock price of AT&T common stock on the NYSE on November 11, 2016 of \$36.51, and assuming that price was the average stock price, the applicable exchange ratio would be 1.437.

- (2) Basic Earnings per Share and Diluted Earnings per Share for AT&T for the year ended December 31, 2015 only reflect the results of DIRECTV from the acquisition date, July 24, 2015.
- (3) Amounts are the same as historical cash dividends per share since AT&T is not expected to change its dividend policy as a result of the transaction.
- (4) Book value per share represents the total stockholders' equity as of December 31, 2015 or September 30, 2016 divided by the number of shares outstanding as of December 31, 2015 (treasury netted) and September 30, 2016, respectively.

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- (5) Book value per share represents the total stockholders' equity as of December 31, 2015 or September 30, 2016, divided by the number of shares outstanding as of December 31, 2015 or September 30, 2016, respectively.
- (6) Book value per share represents AT&T's total stockholders' equity as of December 31, 2015 or September 30, 2016, plus the estimated value of the stock issued (\$41,710 or \$40,503), based on the closing price of \$36.51 of AT&T common stock on November 11, 2016 and Time Warner's outstanding shares as of December 31, 2015 or September 30, 2016, respectively, divided by the pro forma shares outstanding at the applicable date.



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Time Warner common stock trades on the NYSE under the symbol TWX and AT&T common stock trades on the NYSE under the symbol T. The following table presents the closing prices of Time Warner common stock and AT&T common stock on October 19, 2016, the last trading day prior to the publication of press reports regarding a potential transaction, October 21, 2016, the last trading day before the public announcement of the merger agreement, and [ ], 2017, the last practicable trading day prior to the mailing of this proxy statement/prospectus. The table also shows the estimated equivalent per share value of the merger consideration for each share of Time Warner common stock on the relevant date.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time Warner Closing Price</b>	<b>AT&amp;T Closing Price</b>	<b>Exchange Ratio</b>	<b>Estimated Equivalent Per Share Value<sup>(1)</sup></b>
October 19, 2016	\$ 79.24	\$ 39.38	1.365	\$ 107.50
October 21, 2016	\$ 89.48	\$ 37.49	1.434	\$ 107.50
[ ], 2017	\$ [ ]	\$ [ ]	[ ]	\$ [ ]

- (1) The implied value of the merger consideration represents the sum of \$53.75, the cash portion of the merger consideration, plus the stock portion of the merger consideration, based on the closing prices of AT&T common stock of \$39.38 on October 19, 2016, \$37.49 on October 21, 2016 and \$[ ] on [ ], 2017, respectively, and, in each case, the applicable exchange ratio, assuming that such closing price was equal to the average stock price. The actual exchange ratio at the closing of the transaction will be determined based on the average stock price and there can be no assurance that the average stock price will be greater or less than, or equal to, \$39.38, \$37.49 or [ ]. If the average stock price is between (or equal to) \$37.411 and \$41.349 per share, the exchange ratio will be the quotient of \$53.75 divided by the average stock price. If the average stock price is greater than \$41.349, the exchange ratio will be 1.300. If the average stock price is less than \$37.411, the exchange ratio will be 1.437. The average stock price from October 3, 2016 through October 21, 2016 was \$39.21. The average stock price from [ ], 2016 through [ ], 2017 assuming [ ], 2017 was the closing date, was \$[ ].

The above table shows only historical comparisons. These comparisons may not provide meaningful information to Time Warner stockholders in determining whether to adopt the merger agreement. Time Warner stockholders are urged to obtain current market quotations for AT&T common stock and Time Warner common stock and to review carefully the other information contained in this proxy statement/prospectus or incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus in considering whether to adopt the merger agreement. See the section entitled "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.



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The following tables present, for the periods indicated, the intra-day high and low sales prices per share for Time Warner and AT&T common stock and the cash dividends declared per share of Time Warner and AT&T common stock. This information should be read together with the consolidated financial statements and related notes of Time Warner and AT&T that are incorporated by reference in this document and with the unaudited pro forma combined financial data included under Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Data beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

	<b>Time Warner common stock</b>		
	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Cash Dividends Declared</b>
<b><u>Calendar Year 2014</u></b>			
First quarter	\$ 69.56	\$ 60.72	\$ 0.3175
Second quarter	71.62	62.44	0.3175
Third quarter	88.13	68.80	0.3175
Fourth quarter	87.44	67.78	0.3175
<b><u>Calendar Year 2015</u></b>			
First quarter	\$ 88.25	\$ 76.94	\$ 0.3500
Second quarter	88.82	82.17	0.3500
Third quarter	91.34	65.25	0.3500
Fourth quarter	78.31	62.94	0.3500
<b><u>Calendar Year 2016</u></b>			
First quarter	\$ 73.64	\$ 55.53	\$ 0.4025
Second quarter	77.40	68.97	0.4025
Third quarter	81.33	72.88	0.4025
Fourth quarter (through December 22, 2016)	96.57	78.32	0.4025

	<b>AT&amp;T common stock</b>		
	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Cash Dividends Declared</b>
<b><u>Calendar Year 2014</u></b>			
First quarter	\$ 35.50	\$ 31.74	\$ 0.46
Second quarter	36.86	34.32	0.46
Third quarter	37.48	34.17	0.46
Fourth quarter	36.16	32.07	0.47
<b><u>Calendar Year 2015</u></b>			
First quarter	\$ 35.07	\$ 32.41	\$ 0.47
Second quarter	36.45	32.37	0.47
Third quarter	35.93	30.97	0.47
Fourth quarter	34.99	32.17	0.48
<b><u>Calendar Year 2016</u></b>			
First quarter	\$ 39.72	\$ 33.41	\$ 0.48

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Second quarter	43.42	37.73	0.48
Third quarter	43.89	39.55	0.48
Fourth quarter (through December 22, 2016)	42.78	36.10	0.49

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**CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Information set forth in this registration statement on Form S-4, of which this proxy statement/prospectus forms a part, and the documents to which Time Warner and AT&T refer you to in this registration statement, of which this proxy statement/prospectus forms a part, including financial estimates and statements as to the expected timing, completion and effects of the transaction between AT&T and Time Warner constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and the rules, regulations and releases of the Securities and Exchange Commission. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, and actual results might differ materially from those discussed in, or implied by, the forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements about the benefits of the transaction, including future financial and operating results, the combined company's plans, objectives, expectations and intentions, and other statements that are not historical facts. Such statements are based on the current beliefs and expectations of the management of Time Warner and AT&T and are subject to significant risks and uncertainties outside of our control.

Statements included in or incorporated by reference into this registration statement, of which this proxy statement/prospectus forms a part, that are not historical facts, including statements about the beliefs and expectations of the managements of Time Warner and AT&T, are forward-looking statements. Words such as believes, anticipates, estimates, expects, plans, intends, aims, potential, will, would, could, considered, likely, estimated, and other similar future or conditional expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements but are not the exclusive means of identifying such statements. While Time Warner and AT&T believe these expectations, assumptions, estimates and projections are reasonable, such forward-looking statements are only predictions and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the control of AT&T and Time Warner. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to events and depend on future circumstances that may or may not occur. Actual results may differ materially from the current expectations of Time Warner and AT&T depending on a number of factors affecting their businesses and risks associated with the successful execution of the transaction and the integration and performance of their businesses following the transaction. These factors include, but are not limited to, risks and uncertainties detailed in AT&T's periodic public filings with the SEC, including those discussed under the sections entitled Risk Factors in AT&T's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 and AT&T's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016 and in Time Warner's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 and Time Warner's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016, factors contained or incorporated by reference into such documents and in subsequent filings by AT&T and Time Warner with the SEC, and the following factors:

the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the merger agreement;

the risk that Time Warner stockholders may not adopt the merger agreement;

the risk that the necessary regulatory approvals may not be obtained or may be obtained subject to conditions that are not anticipated;

risks that any of the closing conditions to the transaction may not be satisfied in a timely manner;

risks related to disruption of management time from ongoing business operations due to the transaction;

failure to realize the benefits expected from the transaction;

risks related to any legal proceedings that have been or may be instituted against AT&T, Time Warner and/or others relating to the transaction;

the risk that the subsequent merger is not consummated or that the transaction does not qualify for the Intended Tax Treatment;

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the effect of the announcement of the transaction on the ability of Time Warner and AT&T to retain customers and retain and hire key personnel;

the effect of the announcement of the transaction on the ability of Time Warner and AT&T to maintain relationships with their suppliers; and

the effect of the announcement of the transaction on Time Warner's and AT&T's operating results and businesses generally.

Consequently, all of the forward-looking statements Time Warner or AT&T make in this document are qualified by the information contained or incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus, including, but not limited to (i) the information contained under this heading and (ii) the information discussed under the sections entitled "Risk Factors" in AT&T's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 and AT&T's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016 and in Time Warner's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 and Time Warner's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016. See the section entitled "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

Except as otherwise required by law, neither AT&T nor Time Warner is under any obligation, and each expressly disclaim any obligation, to update, alter, or otherwise revise any forward-looking statements, whether written or oral, that may be made from time to time, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise. Persons reading this announcement are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements which speak only as of the date hereof.

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*In addition to the other information contained or incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus, including the matters addressed in Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus, Time Warner stockholders should carefully consider the following risk factors in determining whether to vote for the adoption of the merger agreement. You should also read and consider the risk factors associated with each of the businesses of Time Warner and AT&T because these risk factors may affect the business operations and financial results of the combined company. These risk factors may be found under Part II, Item 1A, Risk Factors in AT&T's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016, filed on November 3, 2016, Part I, Item 1A, Risk Factors in AT&T's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended 2015, filed on February 18, 2016, Part II, Item 1A, Risk Factors in Time Warner's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016, filed on November 2, 2016 and Part I, Item 1A, Risk Factors, Time Warner's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended 2015, filed on February 25, 2016, each of which is on file with the SEC and both of which are incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus.*

**RISK FACTORS RELATING TO THE TRANSACTION**

**The value of the stock portion of the merger consideration is subject to changes based on fluctuations in the value of AT&T common stock, and Time Warner stockholders may receive stock consideration with a value that, at the time received, is less than \$53.75 per share of Time Warner common stock.**

The market value of AT&T common stock will fluctuate during the period before the date of the special meeting of Time Warner stockholders to vote on the adoption of the merger agreement, during the 15 trading day period that the exchange ratio will be based on, and the time between the last day of the 15 trading day period and the time Time Warner stockholders receive merger consideration in the form of AT&T common stock, as well as thereafter. The closing price of one share of AT&T common stock on [ ], 2017 was \$[ ] and, assuming that price was the average stock price, this implied a total consideration per share of \$[ ] on such date.

Upon completion of the initial merger, each issued and outstanding share of Time Warner common stock will be converted into the right to receive the merger consideration. The number of shares of AT&T common stock included in the merger consideration depends on the average stock price. If the average stock price is between (or equal to) \$37.411 and \$41.349 per share, the exchange ratio will be the quotient obtained by dividing \$53.75 by the average stock price. If the average stock price is greater than \$41.349, the exchange ratio will be 1.300. If the average stock price is less than \$37.411, the exchange ratio will be 1.437. Accordingly, the actual number of shares and the value of AT&T common stock delivered to Time Warner stockholders will depend on the average stock price, and the value of the shares of AT&T common stock delivered for each such share of Time Warner common stock may be greater than or less than, or equal to, \$53.75.

It is impossible to accurately predict the market price of AT&T common stock at the first effective time or during the period over which the average stock price is calculated and therefore impossible to accurately predict the number or value of the shares of AT&T common stock that Time Warner stockholders will be delivered in the transaction.

**The market price of AT&T common stock after completion of the transaction will continue to fluctuate, and may be affected by factors different from those affecting shares of Time Warner common stock currently.**

Upon completion of the initial merger, holders of Time Warner common stock will become holders of shares of AT&T common stock. The market price of AT&T common stock may fluctuate significantly following



consummation of the transaction and holders of Time Warner common stock could lose the value of their

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investment in AT&T common stock. The issuance of shares of AT&T common stock in the initial merger could on its own have the effect of depressing the market price for AT&T common stock. In addition, many Time Warner stockholders may decide not to hold the shares of AT&T common stock they receive as a result of the initial merger. Other Time Warner stockholders, such as funds with limitations on their permitted holdings of stock in individual issuers, may be required to sell the shares of AT&T common stock they receive as a result of the initial merger. Such sales of AT&T common stock may take place shortly following the completion of the transaction and could have the effect of depressing the market price for AT&T common stock.

Moreover, general fluctuations in stock markets could have a material adverse effect on the market for, or liquidity of, the AT&T common stock, regardless of AT&T's actual operating performance.

The businesses of AT&T differ from those of Time Warner in important respects, and, accordingly, the results of operations of AT&T after the transaction, as well as the market price of AT&T common stock, may be affected by factors different from those currently affecting the results of operations of Time Warner. Following the closing of the transaction, Time Warner will be part of a larger company with other lines of business, so decisions affecting Time Warner may be made in respect of the larger combined business as a whole rather than the Time Warner business individually. For further information on the businesses of AT&T and Time Warner and certain factors to consider in connection with those businesses, see the documents incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus and referred to under "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

**AT&T and Time Warner may have difficulty attracting, motivating and retaining executives and other key employees in light of the transaction.**

AT&T's success after the transaction will depend in part on the ability of AT&T to retain key employees of Time Warner. Competition for qualified personnel can be intense. Current and prospective employees of Time Warner may experience uncertainty about the effect of the transaction, which may impair AT&T's and Time Warner's ability to attract, retain and motivate key management, sales, marketing, technical and other personnel prior to and following the transaction. Employee retention may be particularly challenging during the pendency of the transaction, as employees of Time Warner may experience uncertainty about their future roles with the combined company.

In addition, certain key employees of Time Warner are entitled to receive severance payments and benefits on a constructive termination of employment, including as a result of certain changes in such key employees' duties, authority, reporting relationship, compensation or primary office location. Such circumstances could occur in connection with the transaction, including as a result of changes in roles and responsibilities. See the section entitled "Interests of Time Warner's Directors and Executive Officers in the Transaction" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus for a further discussion.

If key employees of Time Warner depart, the integration of the companies may be more difficult and/or the combined company's business following the transaction may be harmed. Furthermore, AT&T may have to incur significant costs in identifying, hiring and retaining replacements for departing employees and may lose significant expertise and talent relating to the business of Time Warner, and AT&T's ability to realize the anticipated benefits of the transaction may be adversely affected. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that AT&T will be able to attract or retain key employees of Time Warner to the same extent that Time Warner has been able to attract or retain employees in the past.

**Completion of the transaction is subject to conditions and if these conditions are not satisfied or waived, the transaction will not be completed.**

The obligations of AT&T and Time Warner to complete the transaction are subject to satisfaction or waiver of a number of conditions. The obligations of AT&T and Time Warner are each subject to, among other conditions: (i) adoption of the merger agreement by Time Warner stockholders, (ii) approval for the listing on the

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NYSE of the shares of AT&T common stock to be issued in the initial merger, upon official notice of issuance, (iii) expiration or termination of any applicable waiting period (or extension thereof) under the HSR Act, (iv) if required in connection with the consummation of the transaction, receipt of any necessary consents from the FCC, (v) receipt of consents from specified foreign regulators, (vi) if required in connection with the transaction, receipt of consents from state public utility commissions, (vii) absence of any applicable law or order that prohibits completion of the transaction, (viii) accuracy of the representations and warranties made in the merger agreement by the other party, subject to certain materiality qualifications, and (ix) performance in all material respects by the other party of the material obligations required to be performed by it at or prior to completion of the transaction. In addition, AT&T's obligation to complete the transaction is further subject to the governmental consents described in clauses (iii)-(vi) above and any other governmental consent required under applicable law in connection with consummation of the transaction having been received without the imposition of any regulatory conditions that, individually or in the aggregate, would be reasonably likely to have a regulatory material adverse effect (see the section entitled "The Transaction Regulatory Approvals" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus for a definition of regulatory material adverse effect).

For a more complete summary of the conditions that must be satisfied or waived prior to completion of the transaction, see the section entitled "The Merger Agreement Conditions to Completion of the Transaction" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus. The satisfaction of the required conditions could delay the completion of the transaction for a significant period of time or prevent it from occurring. Any delay in completing the transaction could cause AT&T not to realize some or all of the benefits that AT&T expects to achieve if the transaction is successfully completed within its expected timeframe. Further, there can be no assurance that the conditions to the closing of the transaction will be satisfied or waived or that the transaction will be completed. See the risk factor entitled "Failure to complete the transaction could negatively impact the stock price and the future business and financial results of AT&T and Time Warner," below.

**In order to complete the transaction, AT&T and Time Warner must obtain certain governmental approvals, and if such approvals are not granted or are granted with conditions, completion of the transaction may be jeopardized or the anticipated benefits of the transaction could be reduced.**

Although AT&T and Time Warner have agreed in the merger agreement to use their reasonable best efforts, subject to certain limitations, to make certain governmental filings and obtain the required governmental approvals or expiration or earlier termination of relevant waiting periods, as the case may be, there can be no assurance that the relevant waiting periods will expire or be terminated early or that the relevant approvals will be obtained. In addition, the governmental authorities that provide these approvals have broad discretion in administering the governing regulations. As a condition to approving the transaction or related transactions, these governmental authorities may impose conditions, terms, obligations or restrictions or require divestitures or place restrictions on the conduct of AT&T's business after completion of the transaction. Under the terms of the merger agreement, AT&T and its subsidiaries are required to take any and all actions necessary to obtain the consents, registrations, approvals, permits, waiting period expirations or authorizations imposed by governmental authorities required to consummate the transaction (including accepting any conditions imposed by governmental authorities that would have a serious and significant adverse impact on the current or future business or operations of AT&T and its subsidiaries, including Time Warner and its subsidiaries), except those actions which would result in a regulatory material adverse effect, as described in the section entitled "The Transaction Regulatory Approvals" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus. There can be no assurance that regulators will not impose conditions, terms, obligations or restrictions and that such conditions, terms, obligations or restrictions will not have the effect of delaying completion of the transaction or imposing additional material costs on or materially limiting the revenues of the combined company following the transaction, or otherwise adversely affecting, including to a material extent, AT&T's businesses and results of operations after completion of the transaction. In addition, we

can provide no assurance that these conditions, terms, obligations or restrictions will not result in the abandonment of the transaction. See the sections entitled "The Merger Agreement - Conditions to Completion of the Transaction" and "The Transaction - Regulatory Approvals" beginning on pages [ ] and [ ], respectively, of this proxy statement/prospectus.

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**AT&T's and Time Warner's business relationships may be subject to disruption due to uncertainty associated with the transaction.**

Parties with which AT&T or Time Warner do business may experience uncertainty associated with the transaction, including with respect to current or future business relationships with AT&T, Time Warner or the combined company. AT&T's and Time Warner's business relationships may be subject to disruption as customers, distributors, suppliers, vendors and others may attempt to negotiate changes in existing business relationships or consider entering into business relationships with parties other than AT&T, Time Warner or the combined company. These disruptions could have an adverse effect on the businesses, financial condition, results of operations or prospects of the combined company, including an adverse effect on AT&T's ability to realize the anticipated benefits of the transaction. In addition, the risk, and adverse effect, of such disruptions could be exacerbated by a delay in completion of the transaction or termination of the merger agreement.

**Time Warner's directors and executive officers have interests in the transaction that may be different from your interests as a stockholder of Time Warner.**

When considering the recommendation of the Time Warner board that Time Warner stockholders adopt the merger agreement, Time Warner stockholders should be aware that directors and executive officers of Time Warner have certain interests in the transaction that may be different from or in addition to the interests of Time Warner stockholders generally. These interests include the treatment in the transaction of Time Warner equity compensation awards, the employment agreements, retention awards, and certain other rights held by Time Warner's directors and executive officers, and the indemnification of former Time Warner directors and executive officers by AT&T. See the sections entitled "Non-Binding, Advisory Vote on Transaction-Related Compensation for Time Warner's Named Executive Officers" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus and "Interests of Time Warner's Directors and Executive Officers in the Transaction" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus for a more detailed description of these interests. The Time Warner board was aware of these interests and considered them, among other things, in evaluating and approving the merger agreement and the transaction and in recommending that the Time Warner stockholders adopt the merger agreement.

**The merger agreement contains provisions that could discourage a potential competing acquiror of Time Warner.**

The merger agreement contains no shop provisions that, subject to limited exceptions, restrict Time Warner's ability to solicit, initiate, or knowingly encourage and facilitate competing third-party proposals for the acquisition of its stock or assets. In addition, before the Time Warner board withdraws, qualifies or modifies its recommendation of the transaction with AT&T or terminates the merger agreement to enter into a third-party acquisition proposal, AT&T generally has an opportunity to offer to modify the terms of the transaction. In some circumstances, upon termination of the merger agreement, Time Warner will be required to pay a termination fee of \$1.725 billion.

These provisions could discourage a potential third-party acquiror that might have an interest in acquiring all or a significant portion of Time Warner from considering or proposing that acquisition, even if it were prepared to pay consideration with a higher per share cash or market value than the market value proposed to be received or realized in the transaction, or might otherwise result in a potential third-party acquiror proposing to pay a lower price to Time Warner stockholders than it might otherwise have proposed to pay because of the added expense of the termination fee that may become payable in certain circumstances.

If the merger agreement is terminated and Time Warner decides to seek another business combination, it may not be able to negotiate or consummate a transaction with another party on terms comparable to, or better than, the terms of

the merger agreement.

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**The completion of the transaction is not conditioned on the receipt of an opinion of counsel to the effect that the transaction will qualify for the Intended Tax Treatment, and neither AT&T nor Time Warner intends to request a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service regarding the United States federal income tax consequences of the transaction.**

It is intended that, for United States federal income tax purposes, the initial merger, together with the subsequent merger, will qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, which we refer to as the Intended Tax Treatment. However, the completion of the transaction is not conditioned on the transaction qualifying for the Intended Tax Treatment or on the receipt of an opinion of counsel to that effect, and whether or not the transaction will qualify for the Intended Tax Treatment depends on facts that will not be known until the transaction is completed. In particular, the Intended Tax Treatment requires that the value of the shares of AT&T common stock issued to holders of Time Warner common stock in the transaction, determined as of completion of the transaction, represents at least a minimum percentage of the total consideration paid to holders of Time Warner common stock in the transaction. While there is no specific guidance as to precisely what minimum percentage is necessary to satisfy this requirement, it would be satisfied if the AT&T common stock (valued as of completion of the transaction) represents at least 40% of the total consideration. Because this test is based on the value of AT&T common stock as of completion of the transaction, a decline in the value of the AT&T common stock could cause this requirement not to be met. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that the transaction will qualify for the Intended Tax Treatment. In addition, neither AT&T nor Time Warner intends to request a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service regarding the United States federal income tax consequences of the transaction. Accordingly, even if AT&T and Time Warner conclude that the transaction qualifies for the Intended Tax Treatment, no assurance can be given that the Internal Revenue Service will not challenge that conclusion or that a court would not sustain such a challenge.

It will not be known at the time of the special meeting whether the requirements for the transaction to qualify for the Intended Tax Treatment will be met. AT&T will make a public announcement no later than 45 days after the first effective time as to whether or not the transaction will be reported as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. **HOWEVER, TIME WARNER WILL NOT RESOLICIT STOCKHOLDER VOTES IN THE EVENT THAT THE TRANSACTION FAILS TO QUALIFY FOR THE INTENDED TAX TREATMENT.**

You should read the section entitled **Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences** and consult your own tax advisors regarding the United States federal income tax consequences of the transaction to you in your particular circumstances.

**Failure to complete the transaction could negatively impact the stock price and the future business and financial results of AT&T and Time Warner.**

If the transaction is not completed for any reason, including as a result of Time Warner stockholders failing to adopt the merger agreement, the ongoing businesses of AT&T and Time Warner may be adversely affected and, without realizing any of the benefits of having completed the transaction, AT&T and Time Warner would be subject to a number of risks, including the following:

AT&T and Time Warner may experience negative reactions from the financial markets, including negative impacts on their respective stock prices and debt instruments;



AT&T and Time Warner may experience negative reactions from their respective customers, regulators and employees;

AT&T and Time Warner will be required to pay certain costs relating to the transaction, whether or not the transaction is completed;

the merger agreement places certain restrictions on the conduct of Time Warner's and AT&T's businesses prior to completion of the transaction. Such restrictions, the waiver of which is subject to the consent of the other party (not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), may prevent

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Time Warner and AT&T from making certain acquisitions or taking certain other specified actions during the pendency of the transaction (see the sections entitled "The Merger Agreement - Conduct of Business of AT&T Prior to Completion of the Transaction" and "The Merger Agreement - Conduct of Businesses of Time Warner and its Subsidiaries Prior to Completion of the Transaction" beginning on page [ ] and page [ ], respectively, of this proxy statement/prospectus for a description of the restrictive covenants applicable to Time Warner and AT&T); and

matters relating to the transaction (including integration planning) will require substantial commitments of time and resources by AT&T and Time Warner management, which would otherwise have been devoted to day-to-day operations and other opportunities that may have been beneficial to either AT&T or Time Warner as an independent company.

In addition to the above risks, Time Warner may be required, under certain circumstances, to pay AT&T the termination fee, which may materially adversely affect Time Warner's financial results. Further, AT&T and Time Warner could be subject to litigation related to any failure to complete the transaction or related to any proceeding commenced against AT&T or Time Warner to enforce performance of their respective obligations under the merger agreement. If the transaction is not completed, these risks may materialize and may adversely affect AT&T's and Time Warner's businesses, financial condition, financial results and stock prices.

**Although AT&T expects that the transaction will result in synergies and other benefits to AT&T, AT&T may not realize those benefits because of difficulties related to integration, the realization of synergies, and other challenges.**

AT&T and Time Warner have operated and, until completion of the transaction, will continue to operate, independently, and there can be no assurances that their businesses can be combined in a manner that allows for the achievement of substantial benefits. It is possible that there could be loss of key AT&T or Time Warner employees, the loss of customers, the disruption of either company's or both companies' ongoing businesses or unexpected issues, higher than expected costs and an overall post-completion process that takes longer than originally anticipated. (See the risk factors entitled "AT&T and Time Warner may have difficulty attracting, motivating and retaining executives and other key employees in light of the transaction" and "AT&T's and Time Warner's business relationships may be subject to disruption due to uncertainty associated with the transaction" above.) Specifically, the following issues, among others, must be addressed in combining the operations of Time Warner and AT&T in order to realize the anticipated benefits of the transaction so the combined company performs as the parties hope:

combining the companies' corporate functions;

combining the businesses of AT&T and Time Warner in a manner that permits AT&T to achieve the synergies anticipated to result from the transaction, the failure of which would result in the anticipated benefits of the transaction not being realized in the time frame currently anticipated or at all;

maintaining existing agreements with customers, distributors, providers, talent and vendors and avoiding delays in entering into new agreements with prospective customers, distributors, providers, talent and vendors;

determining whether and how to address possible differences in corporate cultures and management philosophies;

operating in industry sectors in which AT&T may have little or no experience;

integrating the companies' administrative and information technology infrastructure;

developing products and technology that allow value to be unlocked in the future; and

effecting potential actions that may be required in connection with obtaining regulatory approvals.

In addition, at times the attention of certain members of either company's or both companies' management and resources may be focused on completion of the transaction and integration planning of the businesses of the two companies and diverted from day-to-day business operations, which may disrupt each company's ongoing business and the business of the combined company.

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**The shares of AT&T common stock to be received by Time Warner stockholders as a result of the transaction will have rights different from the shares of Time Warner common stock.**

Upon completion of the transaction, Time Warner stockholders will no longer be stockholders of Time Warner, but will instead become AT&T stockholders, and their rights as stockholders will be governed by the terms of the AT&T charter and the AT&T bylaws. The terms of the AT&T charter and the AT&T bylaws are in some respects different from the terms of the Time Warner charter and the Time Warner bylaws, which currently govern the rights of Time Warner stockholders. See the section entitled "Comparison of Stockholders' Rights" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus for a discussion of the difference in rights associated with AT&T common stock.

**After the transaction, Time Warner stockholders will have a significantly lower ownership and voting interest in AT&T than they currently have in Time Warner and will exercise less influence over management.**

Based on the number of shares of Time Warner common stock outstanding as of December 16, 2016, and the number of shares of AT&T common stock outstanding as of December 16, 2016, it is expected that, immediately after completion of the transaction, former Time Warner stockholders will own between 14.0% and 15.3% of the outstanding shares of AT&T common stock. Consequently, former Time Warner stockholders will have less influence over the management and policies of AT&T than they currently have over the management and policies of Time Warner.

**Time Warner guarantees the outstanding senior indebtedness of Central European Media Enterprises Ltd. The consummation of the transaction may cause this indebtedness to accelerate.**

Time Warner holds 47.6% of the voting power in Central European Media Enterprises Ltd. ( "CME" ) and an economic interest of approximately 75.9% in CME. In addition, Time Warner guarantees all of CME's outstanding senior indebtedness, which has an outstanding principal amount of \$1.06 billion as of June 30, 2016. Pursuant to the terms of such indebtedness, a change of control of Time Warner may provide the administrative agent and/or lenders with respect to such indebtedness the right to declare such indebtedness to be due. If CME's outstanding indebtedness is accelerated, Time Warner will be obligated under the terms of its guarantees to pay the full amount of such accelerated indebtedness subject to reimbursement from CME over time.

**The transaction may not be accretive, and may be dilutive, to AT&T's earnings per share, which may negatively affect the market price of AT&T common stock.**

AT&T currently expects the transaction to be accretive to its adjusted earnings per share within 12 months after the completion of the transaction. This expectation, however, is based on preliminary estimates that may materially change. In addition, AT&T could fail to realize all the benefits anticipated in the transaction or experience delays or inefficiencies in realizing such benefits. Such factors could, combined with the issuance of shares of AT&T common stock in the initial merger, result in the transaction being dilutive to AT&T earnings per share, which could negatively affect the market price of shares of AT&T common stock.

**The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial data included in this proxy statement/prospectus are presented for illustrative purposes only and the actual financial condition and results of operations of AT&T following the transaction may differ materially.**

The unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial data contained in this proxy statement/prospectus are presented for illustrative purposes only, are based on various adjustments, assumptions and preliminary estimates and may not be an indication of AT&T's financial condition or results of operations following the transaction for several

reasons. The actual financial condition and results of operations of AT&T following the transaction may not be consistent with, or evident from, these unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial data. In addition, the assumptions used in preparing the unaudited pro forma financial information may not prove to be accurate, and other factors may affect AT&T's financial condition or results of operations following the transaction. Any potential decline in AT&T's financial condition or results of operations may cause significant variations in the stock price of AT&T. For more information, see the section entitled "Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Data" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

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**RISK FACTORS RELATING TO AT&T FOLLOWING THE TRANSACTION**

**Consummation of the transaction will increase AT&T's exposure to the risks of operating internationally.**

AT&T's consumer services and products are currently offered primarily within the United States, Mexico and Latin America. AT&T also currently offers its services to businesses and other providers of telecommunications services worldwide. The combination with Time Warner will increase the importance of international operations to AT&T's future operations, growth and prospects. Through its three reportable segments, Turner, Home Box Office and Warner Bros., Time Warner produces, distributes and provides television networks, streaming services, premium pay television, feature films and videogames to consumers domestically and internationally.

Some of the risks inherent in conducting business internationally include:

issues related to integrating and managing international operations and investments;

difficulties and costs associated with complying with a wide variety of complex laws, treaties and regulations;

unexpected changes in political or regulatory environments;

potentially adverse tax developments;

lack of sufficient protection for intellectual property in some countries;

territorial restrictions on content licensing;

currency exchange restrictions, export controls and currency devaluation risks in some foreign countries;

the existence in some countries of statutory stockholder minority rights and restrictions on foreign direct ownership;

the existence of quotas and other content-related limitations or restrictions (e.g., government censorship);

restrictions on television advertising, marketing and network packaging;

issues related to occupational safety and adherence to local labor laws and regulations;

political and economic instability;

the absence of good diplomatic relations between the U.S. and certain countries;

difficulties in obtaining approval for significant transactions; and

the potential for government appropriation of the combined company's assets.

One or more of these factors could harm the combined company's international operations or investments and its overall operating results.

Any one or more of the above factors could adversely affect AT&T's international operations. Moreover, in order to compete effectively in certain foreign jurisdictions, it is frequently necessary or required to establish joint ventures, strategic alliances or marketing arrangements with local operators, partners or agents. Reliance on local operators, partners or agents could expose AT&T to the risk of being unable to control the scope or quality of its overseas services or products, or being held liable under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, which we refer to as the FCPA, for actions taken by its strategic or local partners or agents even though these partners or agents may not themselves be subject to the FCPA. Any determination that the combined company has violated the FCPA could have a material adverse effect on its business, results of operations or prospects.

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**Table of Contents****Adverse changes in global financial markets could limit AT&T's ability and its larger customers' ability to access capital or increase the cost of capital needed to fund business operations.**

While the global financial markets were generally stable during 2016, a continuing uncertainty surrounding global growth rates and other geopolitical factors has resulted in increasing volatility in the credit, currency, equity and fixed income markets. Volatility in some areas, such as in emerging markets, may affect companies' access to the credit markets, leading to higher borrowing costs for companies or, in some cases, the inability of these companies to fund their ongoing operations. In addition, AT&T contracts with large financial institutions to support its treasury operations, including contracts to hedge its exposure on interest rates and foreign exchange and the funding of credit lines and other short-term debt obligations, including commercial paper. These financial institutions also face stricter capital-related and other regulations in the United States and Europe, as well as ongoing legal and financial issues concerning their loan portfolios, which may hamper their ability to provide credit or raise the cost of providing such credit. A company's cost of borrowing is also affected by evaluations given by various credit rating agencies and these agencies have been applying tighter credit standards when evaluating a company's debt levels and future growth prospects. While AT&T has been successful in continuing to access the credit and fixed income markets when needed, adverse changes in the financial markets could render it either unable to access these markets or able to access these markets only at higher interest costs and with restrictive financial or other conditions, which may severely affect AT&T's business operations.

**AT&T has limited experience in the media and entertainment industry, which may hinder AT&T's ability to achieve the combined company's objectives.**

AT&T has limited experience operating a media and entertainment business, and will rely in large part on the existing management of Time Warner to continue to manage the Time Warner business. However, there is no assurance that AT&T will be able to retain the services of such management. If AT&T fails to retain the existing management of Time Warner, AT&T's ability to realize the anticipated benefits of the transaction may be adversely affected.

**The indebtedness of AT&T and its subsidiaries following completion of the transaction will be substantially greater than AT&T's indebtedness on a stand-alone basis. This increased level of indebtedness could adversely affect AT&T, including by decreasing AT&T's business flexibility.**

The consolidated indebtedness of AT&T as of September 30, 2016 was approximately \$125 billion. AT&T's pro forma consolidated indebtedness as of September 30, 2016, after giving effect to the transaction, including the financing under the credit agreements, as discussed in the section entitled "The Transaction Financing of the Transaction", would be approximately \$190 billion. AT&T would have substantially increased indebtedness following completion of the transaction in comparison to that of AT&T on a recent historical basis, which could have the effect of, among other things, reducing AT&T's flexibility to respond to changing business and economic conditions. In addition, the amount of cash required to pay interest on AT&T's increased indebtedness levels and increased aggregate dividends will increase following completion of the transaction, and thus the demands on AT&T's cash resources will be greater than the amount of cash flows required to service the indebtedness of AT&T and pay dividends prior to the transaction. The increased levels of indebtedness and dividends following completion of the transaction could also reduce funds available for AT&T's investments in product development as well as capital expenditures, share repurchases and other activities and may create competitive disadvantages for AT&T relative to other companies with lower debt levels. AT&T's funds on hand will be further constrained by issuing shares of AT&T common stock, because of AT&T's annual dividend payments per share of AT&T common stock, which, as of the date of this proxy statement/prospectus, equal \$1.93 per share of AT&T common stock.



In addition, AT&T's credit ratings impact the cost and availability of future borrowings and, accordingly, AT&T's cost of capital. Following the announcement of the transaction, Standard & Poor's Rating Services, Moody's Investor Service, Inc. and Fitch Ratings, Inc. each put AT&T's credit ratings on review/watch for a potential downgrade. Any negative review/watch or downgrade to AT&T's credit ratings could increase AT&T's

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cost of capital. AT&T's ratings reflect each rating organization's opinion of AT&T's financial strength, operating performance and ability to meet AT&T's debt obligations. Each of the ratings organizations reviews AT&T's ratings periodically, and there can be no assurance that AT&T's current ratings will be maintained in the future.

Moreover, AT&T intends to pursue financing that would replace the financing available under the bridge credit agreement. There is no guarantee that replacement financing will be available to AT&T on acceptable terms or at all. AT&T's ability to obtain permanent financing to replace the commitments under the bridge credit agreement will be subject to various factors, including AT&T's credit ratings.

In connection with executing AT&T's business strategies following the transaction, AT&T expects to continue to evaluate the possibility of acquiring additional assets and making further strategic investments, and AT&T may elect to finance these endeavors by incurring additional indebtedness. Moreover, to respond to competitive challenges, AT&T may be required to raise substantial additional capital to finance new product or service offerings. AT&T's ability to arrange additional financing will depend on, among other factors, AT&T's and, following the transaction, the combined company's financial position and performance, as well as prevailing market conditions and other factors beyond AT&T's control. AT&T cannot assure you that it will be able to obtain additional financing on terms acceptable to AT&T or at all. If AT&T is able to obtain additional financing, AT&T's credit ratings could be further adversely affected, which could further raise AT&T's borrowing costs and further limit its future access to capital and its ability to satisfy its obligations under its indebtedness.

**AT&T cannot assure you that it will be able to continue paying dividends at the current rate.**

AT&T plans to continue its current dividend practices following the transaction. However, based on the number of issued and outstanding shares of Time Warner common stock as of December 16, 2016, AT&T would issue between approximately 1,003 million and 1,109 million shares of AT&T common stock in connection with the initial merger. Continuing AT&T's current dividend practices following the transaction will require additional cash to pay such dividends, which it may not have. For this and other reasons generally affecting the ability to pay dividends, you should be aware that AT&T stockholders may not receive the same dividends following the transaction.

Stockholders also should be aware that they have no contractual or other legal right to dividends that have not been declared.

**Changes to federal, state and foreign government regulations and decisions in regulatory proceedings could further increase AT&T's operating costs and/or alter customer perceptions of AT&T's operations, which could materially adversely affect AT&T.**

AT&T's subsidiaries providing wired services are subject to significant federal and state regulation while many of AT&T's competitors are not. In addition, AT&T's subsidiaries and affiliates operating outside the United States are also subject to the jurisdiction of national and supranational regulatory authorities in the market where service is provided. AT&T's wireless and satellite video subsidiaries are regulated to varying degrees by the FCC and some state and local agencies. Adverse regulations and rulings by the FCC relating to broadband and satellite video issues could impede AT&T's ability to manage our networks and recover costs and lessen incentives to invest in AT&T's networks. The development of new technologies, such as IP-based services, also has created or potentially could create conflicting regulation between the FCC and various state and local authorities, which may involve lengthy litigation to resolve and may result in outcomes unfavorable to AT&T. In addition, increased public focus on a variety of issues related to AT&T's operations, such as privacy issues, government requests or orders for customer data, and potential global climate changes, have led to proposals at state, federal and foreign government levels to change or increase regulation on our operations. Should customers decide that AT&T's competitors operate in a more customer-friendly

environment, AT&T could be materially adversely affected.

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**Continuing growth in AT&T's wireless services will depend on continuing access to adequate spectrum, deployment of new technology and offering attractive services to customers.**

The wireless industry is undergoing rapid and significant technological changes and a dramatic increase in usage, in particular demand for and usage of data, video and other non-voice services. AT&T must continually invest in its wireless network in order to continually improve its wireless service to meet this increasing demand and remain competitive. Improvements in AT&T's service depend on many factors, including continued access to and deployment of adequate spectrum. AT&T must maintain and expand its network capacity and coverage as well as the associated wireline network needed to transport voice and data between cell sites. To this end, it has participated in spectrum auctions, at increasing financial cost, and continues to deploy technology advancements in order to further improve network quality and the efficient use of its spectrum.

Network service enhancements and product launches may not occur as scheduled or at the cost expected due to many factors, including delays in determining equipment and handset operating standards, supplier delays, increases in network equipment and handset component costs, regulatory permitting delays for tower sites or enhancements or labor-related delays. Deployment of new technology also may adversely affect the performance of the network for existing services. If the FCC does not fairly allocate sufficient spectrum to allow the wireless industry in general, and AT&T in particular, to increase its capacity or if AT&T cannot acquire needed spectrum or deploy the services customers desire on a timely basis without burdensome conditions or at adequate cost while maintaining network quality levels, then its ability to attract and retain customers, and therefore maintain and improve our operating margins, could be materially adversely affected.

**OTHER RISKS**

**Additional Risks Relating to AT&T and Time Warner.**

AT&T and Time Warner are, and following completion of the transaction AT&T will continue to be, subject to the risks described in (i) Part I, Item 1A in AT&T's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 and (ii) Part I, Item 1A in Time Warner's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. See the section entitled "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

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**INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPECIAL MEETING**

**Time, Place and Purpose of the Special Meeting**

This proxy statement/prospectus is being furnished to Time Warner stockholders as part of the solicitation of proxies by the Time Warner board for use at the special meeting to be held on [ ], 2017, at [ ] Eastern time, at [ ], or at any postponement or adjournment thereof.

At the special meeting, Time Warner stockholders will be asked to consider and vote on (i) a proposal to adopt the merger agreement, (ii) a proposal to approve, by non-binding, advisory vote, the transaction-related executive compensation and (iii) one or more adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement.

Time Warner stockholders must adopt the merger agreement in order for the transaction to occur. If Time Warner stockholders fail to adopt the merger agreement, the transaction will not occur. A copy of the merger agreement is attached as **Annex A** to this proxy statement/prospectus, and you are encouraged to read the merger agreement carefully and in its entirety.

**Record Date and Quorum**

Time Warner has set the close of business on January 3, 2017 as the record date for the special meeting, and only holders of record of Time Warner common stock on the record date are entitled to vote at the special meeting. You are entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the special meeting if you are a stockholder of record of shares of Time Warner common stock as of the close of business on the record date. On the record date, there were [ ] shares of Time Warner common stock outstanding and entitled to vote. You will have one vote on all matters properly coming before the special meeting for each share of Time Warner common stock that you owned on the record date.

The presence, in person or represented by proxy, of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of Time Warner common stock entitled to vote at the special meeting constitutes a quorum for the purposes of the special meeting. Abstentions are considered for purposes of establishing a quorum. A quorum is necessary to transact business at the special meeting.

Additionally, the Time Warner bylaws and the DGCL provide that if a quorum shall fail to attend any meeting, the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting, to another date, place, if any, and time until a quorum shall be present.

**Attendance**

Only Time Warner stockholders of record as of the close of business on the record date, their duly authorized proxy holders, beneficial owners with proof of ownership and guests of Time Warner may attend the special meeting. To gain admittance to the special meeting, please detach and retain the admittance ticket attached to your proxy card. If your shares of Time Warner common stock are held through a bank, brokerage firm or other nominee, please visit the website listed in the instructions provided by your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee and follow the instructions to print an admission pass, or bring proof of your beneficial ownership of such shares to the special meeting. Acceptable proof could include an account statement showing that you owned shares of Time Warner common stock on the record date. If you received your special meeting materials electronically, please follow the instructions provided for attendance. If you are the representative of a corporate or institutional stockholder, you must present proof that you are the representative of such stockholder. Any person attending the special meeting in person will be

required to present valid, government-issued photo identification, such as a driver's license or passport, and an admission ticket to be admitted to the special

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meeting. Please note that cameras, recording devices and other electronic devices will not be permitted at the special meeting. In addition, packages and bags may be inspected and other measures may be employed to enhance the security of persons attending the special meeting. These procedures may require additional time, so please plan your arrival time accordingly. To avoid disruption, admission may be limited once the special meeting begins.

## **Vote Required**

The adoption of the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Time Warner common stock entitled to vote thereon. For the adoption of the merger agreement, you may vote **FOR**, **AGAINST** or **ABSTAIN**. Votes to abstain will not be counted as votes cast in favor of the adoption of the merger agreement, but will count for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present. **If you fail to submit a valid proxy or to vote in person at the special meeting or if you vote to abstain, it will have the same effect as a vote AGAINST the adoption of the merger agreement.**

If your shares of Time Warner common stock are registered directly in your name with the transfer agent of Time Warner, Computershare Trust Company, N.A., you are considered, with respect to those shares of Time Warner common stock, the stockholder of record. If you are a stockholder of record, this proxy statement/prospectus and the enclosed proxy card have been sent directly to you by Time Warner.

If your shares of Time Warner common stock are held through a bank, brokerage firm or other nominee, you are considered the beneficial owner of shares of Time Warner common stock held in street name. In that case, this proxy statement/prospectus has been forwarded to you by your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee who is considered, with respect to those shares of Time Warner common stock, the stockholder of record. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee how to vote your shares by following their instructions for voting.

Under the rules of the NYSE, banks, brokerage firms or other nominees who hold shares in street name for customers have the authority to vote on routine proposals when they have not received instructions from beneficial owners. However, banks, brokerage firms and other nominees are precluded from exercising their voting discretion with respect to approving non-routine matters, such as the adoption of the merger agreement, the proposal to approve, by non-binding, advisory vote, the transaction-related executive compensation, and adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement. As a result, absent specific instructions from the beneficial owner of such shares of Time Warner common stock, banks, brokerage firms and other nominees are not empowered to vote those shares of Time Warner common stock on non-routine matters.

The proposal to approve, by non-binding, advisory vote, the transaction-related executive compensation requires the affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast thereon. For purposes of the proposal, if your shares of Time Warner common stock are present at the special meeting but are not voted on this proposal, or if you have given a proxy and abstained on this proposal, or if you fail to submit a proxy or to vote in person at the special meeting, as applicable, the shares of Time Warner common stock held by you or your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee will not be counted in respect of, and will not have an effect on, the proposal to approve, by non-binding, advisory vote, the transaction-related executive compensation.

If the Chairman of the special meeting does not adjourn the special meeting, an adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of Time Warner common stock present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote thereon, whether or not a quorum is

present. For purposes of the vote on adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement, if your shares of Time Warner common stock are present at the special meeting but



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are not voted on the proposal, or if you vote to abstain on the proposal, this will have the effect of a vote **AGAINST** adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement. If you fail to submit a proxy or to attend the special meeting or if your shares of Time Warner common stock are held through a bank, brokerage firm or other nominee and you do not instruct your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee to vote your shares of Time Warner common stock, your shares of Time Warner common stock will not be voted, but this will not have an effect on the vote to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement.

If you are a participant in the Time Warner Savings Plan and hold an interest in the Time Warner Inc. Stock Fund under the plan, and you (a) sign and return your voting instruction card without indicating your instructions for voting your interest, Fidelity Management Trust Company, as trustee, will vote your interest in the Time Warner Inc. Stock Fund **FOR** each of Proposals 1, 2 and 3 or (b) do not return your voting instruction card, Fidelity Management Trust Company, as trustee, will vote your interest in the Time Warner Inc. Stock Fund in the same proportion as other participants' interests for which Fidelity receives voting instructions (excluding interests attributable to accounts transferred from the Time Incorporated Payroll-Based Employee Stock Ownership Plan or the WCI Employee Stock Ownership Plan), except that any interests you hold attributable to accounts transferred from the Time Incorporated Payroll-Based Employee Stock Ownership Plan or the WCI Employee Stock Ownership Plan will not be voted.

As of the record date, the directors and executive officers of Time Warner beneficially owned and were entitled to vote, in the aggregate, [ ] shares of Time Warner common stock, representing approximately [ ]% of the outstanding shares of Time Warner common stock as of the close of business on the record date. The directors and executive officers of Time Warner have informed Time Warner that they currently intend to vote all such shares of Time Warner common stock **FOR** the adoption of the merger agreement, **FOR** the approval, by non-binding, advisory vote, of the transaction-related executive compensation and **FOR** adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement. As of November 8, 2016, AT&T directors and executive officers beneficially owned approximately 1,070 shares of Time Warner common stock, representing less than 0.01% of the shares of Time Warner common stock then outstanding and entitled to vote.

**Proxies and Revocations**

If you are a stockholder of record, you may have your shares of Time Warner common stock voted on matters presented at the special meeting in any of the following ways:

by telephone or over the Internet, by accessing the telephone number or Internet website specified on the enclosed proxy card. The control number provided on your proxy card is designed to verify your identity when voting by telephone or by Internet. Proxies delivered over the Internet or by telephone must be submitted by [ ], 2017. Please be aware that if you vote by telephone or over the Internet, you may incur costs such as telephone and Internet access charges for which you will be responsible;

by completing, signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the accompanying prepaid reply envelope; or

in person you may attend the special meeting and cast your vote there.

If you are a beneficial owner, you will receive instructions from your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee that you must follow in order to have your shares of Time Warner common stock voted. Those instructions will identify which of the above choices are available to you in order to have your shares voted. Please note that if you are a beneficial owner and wish to vote in person at the special meeting, you must provide a legal proxy from your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee at the special meeting.

Please refer to the instructions on your proxy or voting instruction card to determine the deadlines for voting over the Internet or by telephone. If you choose to submit a proxy by mailing a proxy card, your proxy card

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should be mailed in the accompanying prepaid reply envelope, and your proxy card must be filed with the Corporate Secretary of Time Warner by the time the special meeting begins. **Please do not send in your share certificates with your proxy card.** When the initial merger is completed, a separate letter of transmittal will be mailed to you that will enable you to receive the merger consideration in exchange for your share certificates.

If you vote by proxy, regardless of the method you choose to vote, the individuals named on the enclosed proxy card, and each of them, with full power of substitution, will vote your shares of Time Warner common stock in the way that you indicate. When completing the Internet or telephone processes or the proxy card, you may specify whether your shares of Time Warner common stock should be voted **FOR** or **AGAINST** or to **ABSTAIN** from voting on all, some or none of the specific items of business to come before the special meeting.

If you properly sign your proxy card but do not mark the boxes showing how your shares of Time Warner common stock should be voted on a matter, the shares of Time Warner common stock represented by your properly signed proxy will be voted **FOR** the adoption of the merger agreement, **FOR** the non-binding, advisory vote on the transaction-related executive compensation and **FOR** adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement.

You have the right to revoke a proxy, whether delivered over the Internet, by telephone or by mail, at any time before it is exercised, by voting again at a later date through any of the methods available to you, by signing and returning a new proxy card with a later date, by attending the special meeting and voting in person, or by giving written notice of revocation to Time Warner prior to the time the special meeting begins. Written notice of revocation should be mailed to: Time Warner Inc., Attention: Corporate Secretary, One Time Warner Center, New York, New York 10019-8016.

If you have any questions or need assistance voting your shares, please contact Morrow Sodali, Time Warner's proxy solicitor, 470 West Avenue 9 floor, Stamford, CT 06902 or by email at [twx.info@morrrowsodali.com](mailto:twx.info@morrrowsodali.com). Banks and brokers call collect: (203) 658-9400; stockholders call toll free: (800) 662-5200.

**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU VOTE YOUR SHARES OF TIME WARNER COMMON STOCK PROMPTLY. WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL MEETING, PLEASE COMPLETE, DATE, SIGN AND RETURN, AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE, THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD IN THE PRE-ADDRESSED POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE, OR FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PROXY CARD TO VOTE BY TELEPHONE OR INTERNET. STOCKHOLDERS WHO ATTEND THE SPECIAL MEETING MAY REVOKE THEIR PROXIES BY VOTING IN PERSON.**

## **Adjournments and Postponements**

Although it is not currently expected, the special meeting may be adjourned on one or more occasions for the purpose of soliciting additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement or if a quorum is not present at the special meeting. However, the merger agreement provides that Time Warner may not adjourn the special meeting for more than an aggregate of 15 days for the purpose of soliciting additional proxies or obtaining a quorum. Any adjournment of the special meeting for the purpose of soliciting additional proxies will allow Time Warner stockholders who have already sent in their proxies to revoke them at any time prior to their use at the special meeting as adjourned.

Time Warner may also postpone or adjourn the special meeting to allow reasonable additional time for the filing or mailing of any supplemental or amended disclosure that Time Warner has determined, after consultation with outside legal counsel, is reasonably likely to be required under applicable law and for such supplemental or amended

disclosure to be disseminated and reviewed by stockholders of Time Warner prior to the special meeting.

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An adjournment generally may be made with the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of Time Warner common stock present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote thereon.

## **Anticipated Date of Completion of the Transaction**

Subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the closing conditions described under the section entitled "The Merger Agreement - Conditions to Completion of the Transaction" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus, including the adoption of the merger agreement by Time Warner stockholders at the special meeting, Time Warner and AT&T expect that the transaction will be completed by the end of 2017. However, it is possible that factors outside the control of both companies could result in the transaction being completed at a different time or not at all.

## **Solicitation of Proxies; Payment of Solicitation Expenses**

Time Warner has engaged Morrow Sodali to assist in the solicitation of proxies for the special meeting. Time Warner estimates that it will pay Morrow Sodali a fee of approximately \$75,000. Time Warner has agreed to reimburse Morrow Sodali for certain out-of-pocket fees and expenses and also will indemnify Morrow Sodali against certain losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses. Time Warner also may reimburse banks, brokerage firms, other nominees or their respective agents for their expenses in forwarding proxy materials to beneficial owners of Time Warner common stock. Time Warner's directors, officers and employees also may solicit proxies by telephone, by facsimile, by mail, on the Internet or in person. They will not be paid any additional amounts for soliciting proxies.

## **Questions and Additional Information**

If you have additional questions about the transaction, need assistance in submitting your proxy or voting your shares of Time Warner common stock or need additional copies of this proxy statement/prospectus or the enclosed proxy card, please contact Morrow Sodali, Time Warner's proxy solicitor, 470 West Avenue<sup>rd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Stamford, CT 06902, or by email at [twx.info@morrow sodali.com](mailto:twx.info@morrow sodali.com). Banks and brokers call collect: (203) 658-9400; stockholders call toll free: (800) 662-5200.

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**THE PARTIES TO THE TRANSACTION**

**Time Warner Inc.**

*One Time Warner Center*

*New York, New York 10019*

*(212) 484-8000*

Time Warner, a Delaware corporation, is one of the world's leading providers of media and entertainment services. Time Warner's home page on the Internet is [www.timewarner.com](http://www.timewarner.com). Through its three reportable segments, Turner, Home Box Office and Warner Bros., Time Warner provides digital and premium pay television and streaming services and produces television programs, feature films and videogames.

Time Warner common stock is listed on the NYSE under the symbol TWX.

For more information about Time Warner, please visit the Internet website of Time Warner at [www.timewarner.com](http://www.timewarner.com). The Internet website address of Time Warner is provided as an inactive textual reference only. The information contained on Time Warner's Internet website is not incorporated into, and does not form a part of, this proxy statement/prospectus or any other report or document on file with or furnished to the SEC. Additional information about Time Warner is included in the documents incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus. See the section entitled "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

**AT&T Inc.**

*One AT&T Plaza*

*208 South Akard Street*

*Dallas, Texas 75202*

*(210) 821-4105*

AT&T is a holding company incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware in 1983. AT&T's home page on the Internet is [www.att.com](http://www.att.com). AT&T is a leading provider of communications and digital entertainment services in the United States and the world. The information provided on AT&T's website is not part of this proxy statement and is not incorporated herein by reference.

AT&T common stock is listed on the NYSE under the symbol T.

For more information about AT&T, please visit AT&T's Internet website at [www.att.com](http://www.att.com). AT&T's Internet website address is provided as an inactive textual reference only. The information contained on AT&T's Internet website is not incorporated into, and does not form a part of, this proxy statement/prospectus or any other report or document on file with or furnished to the SEC. Additional information about AT&T is included in the documents incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus. See the section entitled "Where You Can Find More Information" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

**West Merger Sub, Inc.**

*c/o AT&T Inc.*

*One AT&T Plaza*

*208 South Akard Street*

*Dallas, Texas 75202*

*(210) 821-4105*

Corporate Merger Sub, a Delaware corporation, was formed solely for the purpose of facilitating the initial merger. Corporate Merger Sub has not carried on any activities or operations to date, except for those activities

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incidental to its formation and undertaken in connection with the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. By operation of the initial merger, Corporate Merger Sub will be merged with and into Time Warner, with Time Warner surviving the initial merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of AT&T.

**West Merger Sub II, LLC**

*c/o AT&T Inc.*

*One AT&T Plaza*

*208 South Akard Street*

*Dallas, Texas 75202*

*(210) 821-4105*

LLC Merger Sub, a Delaware limited liability company, was formed solely for the purpose of facilitating the subsequent merger. LLC Merger Sub acceded to the merger agreement on October 28, 2016. LLC Merger Sub has not carried on any activities or operations to date, except for those activities incidental to its formation and undertaken in connection with the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. By operation of the subsequent merger, Time Warner will be merged with and into LLC Merger Sub, with LLC Merger Sub surviving the subsequent merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of AT&T.



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This section describes the transaction. The description in this section and elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the merger agreement, a copy of which is attached as **Annex A** and is incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus. This summary does not purport to be complete and may not contain all the information about the transaction that is important to you. You are encouraged to read the merger agreement carefully and in its entirety. This section is not intended to provide you any factual information about Time Warner or AT&T. Such information can be found elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus and in the public filings Time Warner and AT&T make with the SEC, as described in the section entitled **Where You Can Find More Information** beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

**Merger Consideration**

Upon completion of the initial merger, each issued and outstanding share of Time Warner common stock, other than shares owned by AT&T or Time Warner, in each case not held on behalf of third parties, or by stockholders that have perfected and not withdrawn a demand for appraisal rights pursuant to Section 262 of the DGCL, will be converted into the right to receive the merger consideration of (i) \$53.75 in cash plus (ii) a number of shares of AT&T common stock equal to the exchange ratio. If the average stock price is between (or equal to) \$37.411 and \$41.349 per share, the exchange ratio will be the quotient of \$53.75 divided by the average stock price. If the average stock price is greater than \$41.349, the exchange ratio will be 1.300. If the average stock price is less than \$37.411, the exchange ratio will be 1.437. Accordingly, the actual number of shares and the value of AT&T common stock delivered to Time Warner stockholders will depend on the average stock price and the value of the number of shares of AT&T common stock at the effective time of the initial merger. The value of the AT&T common stock delivered for each such share of Time Warner common stock may be greater than or less than, or equal to, \$53.75. AT&T common stock is traded on the NYSE under the trading symbol **T**.

In the event that Time Warner changes the number of shares of Time Warner common stock or securities convertible or exchangeable into or exercisable for any such shares of Time Warner common stock, or AT&T changes the number of shares of AT&T common stock, in each case issued and outstanding prior to the first effective time as a result of a distribution, reclassification, stock split (including a reverse stock split), stock dividend or distribution, recapitalization, subdivision or other similar transaction, the merger consideration will be equitably adjusted to eliminate the effects of such event on the merger consideration.

**Background of the Transaction**

The Time Warner board and management regularly consider strategic options for Time Warner's businesses, including acquisitions, dispositions and other strategic transactions. Since 2008, Time Warner has executed spin-offs of Time Warner Cable (in March 2009), AOL (in December 2009) and Time Inc. (in June 2014), positioning it as a video-centric entertainment company. In the summer of 2014, Twenty-First Century Fox made an unsolicited proposal to acquire Time Warner for a mix of \$32.42 in cash and 1.531 shares of Twenty-First Century Fox Class A non-voting common stock. The Time Warner board determined the proposal was not in the best interests of Time Warner and its stockholders, and Twenty-First Century Fox subsequently withdrew it.

On August 25, 2016, Jeffrey Bewkes, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Time Warner, and Randall Stephenson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of AT&T, met at Time Warner's offices in New York. During the meeting, Mr. Stephenson expressed an interest in exploring a potential combination of Time Warner and AT&T, indicating that he believed AT&T could offer a price in the range of \$100 per share of Time Warner common stock. Mr. Bewkes and Mr. Stephenson discussed their respective businesses and the potential benefits of a combination, and

Mr. Bewkes noted that while he believed the Time Warner board would require a meaningfully higher price to pursue such a transaction, he would discuss the matter with the Time Warner board.

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Later that day, Time Warner contacted a representative of Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, which we refer to as Cravath, legal counsel for Time Warner, regarding the approach from AT&T.

On August 26, 2016, Mr. Bewkes contacted Stephen Bollenbach, then Time Warner's Lead Independent Director, to inform him of AT&T's approach and discuss appropriate next steps, including entering into a confidentiality agreement with AT&T and convening a meeting of the Time Warner board to discuss how to respond to AT&T's expression of interest.

Also on August 26, 2016, AT&T sent a draft confidentiality agreement to Time Warner, which was negotiated over the next several days by representatives of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, which we refer to as S&C, legal counsel for AT&T, and representatives of Cravath. On August 29, 2016, Time Warner and AT&T executed a confidentiality agreement.

On August 30, 2016, representatives of Time Warner met with representatives of AT&T in Washington, D.C. They discussed certain publicly available business information about both companies and the potential benefits of a combination.

On September 2, 2016, representatives of S&C provided a due diligence request list to representatives of Cravath. Later that day, Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Bewkes spoke and Mr. Stephenson reiterated that, after consulting again with the AT&T board, he continued to believe that AT&T could pay a price in the range of \$100 per share to acquire Time Warner. Mr. Stephenson noted that AT&T was ready to begin its due diligence review and engage in discussions with Time Warner regarding a potential transaction. Mr. Bewkes reiterated his perspective on price and noted that the Time Warner board would need to meet to discuss the approach from AT&T and whether to authorize further engagement and the sharing of confidential information. Following discussion, Time Warner contacted a representative of Allen & Company regarding Time Warner's discussions with AT&T.

On September 7, 2016, the Time Warner board held a conference call, with representatives of Time Warner's management, Allen & Company and Cravath participating, to discuss AT&T's approach. A representative of Cravath reviewed the directors' fiduciary duties and other legal matters, and Time Warner's management provided an overview of AT&T, including certain financial metrics. Following discussion, the Time Warner board authorized engagement with AT&T, including mutual due diligence, to enable AT&T to improve its initial proposed value and come forward with a more definitive proposal.

On September 8, 2016, Mr. Bewkes informed Mr. Stephenson of the decision of the Time Warner board.

Between September 9, 2016 and September 22, 2016, representatives of Time Warner and AT&T and their respective legal and financial advisors engaged in further telephonic discussions, as well as an in-person meeting on September 9, 2016 in Nashville, TN, and a second in-person meeting on September 20, 2016 in Nashville, TN. The meeting on September 20, 2016 included a discussion of Time Warner's and AT&T's respective long-range plans.

On September 22, 2016, the Time Warner board held a telephonic meeting, with representatives of Time Warner's management, Allen & Company and Cravath participating, to receive an update on the status of discussions with AT&T.

On September 28, 2016, Mr. Bewkes and Mr. Stephenson met at Cravath's offices in New York. During the meeting, Mr. Stephenson proposed that AT&T acquire Time Warner for \$103 per share, consisting of 45% cash and 55% AT&T common stock, subject to a 5% symmetrical collar on the stock component of the consideration. Mr. Bewkes indicated that in his view, considering Time Warner's prospects on a stand-alone basis, the Time Warner board would

require a purchase price well above Mr. Stephenson's proposal in order to pursue a potential combination with AT&T. Mr. Bewkes further indicated that the Time Warner board would be focused on deal certainty and AT&T's commitment to obtain necessary regulatory approvals. After further discussing, among

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other things, the strategic rationale for the transaction, Mr. Stephenson stated that AT&T could increase its proposal to \$105 per share, subject to a 4% symmetrical collar on the stock component of the consideration, but that there would be no basis for further discussion if Time Warner's price expectation was in the teens. Mr. Bewkes stated that while he believed the Time Warner board would require a meaningfully higher value than that proposed by AT&T, he would discuss the matter with them.

On October 6, 2016, the Time Warner board held an in-person meeting at Cravath's offices in New York, with representatives of Time Warner's management, Allen & Company and Cravath participating, to consider AT&T's revised proposal. At the meeting, representatives of Cravath reviewed with the Time Warner board the directors' fiduciary duties and other legal matters, including the regulatory approval process for a transaction with AT&T. Representatives of Time Warner's management discussed with the Time Warner board Time Warner's 2016 year-to-date operating and financial performance and the long-range plan approved by the Time Warner board in January 2016. Allen & Company discussed with the Time Warner board preliminary financial perspectives regarding Time Warner, AT&T and AT&T's revised proposal, including certain considerations regarding AT&T common stock. The Time Warner board discussed, among other things, other potential acquirors of Time Warner, the likelihood that any of them would provide a transaction superior to that being proposed by AT&T and how best to determine whether such a superior transaction could be obtained, as well as the latitude the Time Warner board would have under a merger agreement with AT&T to consider competing proposals following execution of an agreement with AT&T.

Following discussion, the Time Warner board authorized Time Warner's management to continue discussions with AT&T with a view to improving the price offered, changing the consideration mix to 50% cash and 50% AT&T common stock, improving the collar protection and securing commitments regarding obtaining regulatory approval as well as a payment to Time Warner in the event regulatory approvals could not be obtained notwithstanding AT&T's compliance with its commitments.

On October 7, 2016, Mr. Bewkes and Mr. Stephenson continued their discussion of price and other deal terms. Mr. Bewkes proposed a price of \$110 per share consisting of 50% cash and 50% AT&T common stock, subject to a 5% symmetrical collar on the stock component of the consideration. Mr. Stephenson noted that AT&T already had improved the offer price significantly and for AT&T to consider any further increase, AT&T would need to conduct additional due diligence.

On October 11, 2016, representatives of Time Warner and AT&T, including Messrs. Bewkes and Stephenson, met in Dallas, TX, to, among other things, provide additional information with respect to Time Warner's businesses. Following the meeting, Mr. Bewkes and Mr. Stephenson continued their discussion of price and other deal terms, culminating in Mr. Bewkes and Mr. Stephenson agreeing to continue to work towards a transaction based on a purchase price of \$107.50 per share, consisting of 50% cash and 50% AT&T common stock, with a 5% symmetrical collar on the stock component of the consideration, a regulatory commitment with respect to completing the transaction with details to be refined further among the legal teams and a \$500 million payment in the event regulatory approvals could not be obtained. Mr. Bewkes and Mr. Stephenson also discussed the termination fee that would be payable in the event the Time Warner board were to pursue an alternative proposal that was superior to the transaction with AT&T.

On October 13, 2016, and October 17, 2016, Mr. Bewkes updated the members of the Time Warner board as to his discussions with Mr. Stephenson.

In the evening of October 13, 2016, representatives of S&C sent a draft merger agreement to representatives of Cravath. Between October 13, 2016 and the execution of the merger agreement on October 22, 2016, representatives of Time Warner, AT&T, Cravath and S&C had multiple meetings and telephone conferences to negotiate the terms of

the merger agreement, including with respect to the representations and warranties, interim operating covenants of the parties, the regulatory commitments of AT&T, closing conditions, fiduciary and termination provisions, the reference price of AT&T common stock for the collar and the structure of the transaction, and exchanged numerous drafts of the merger agreement reflecting such discussions.

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Also between October 13, 2016 and October 15, 2016, Time Warner contacted each of Citi and Morgan Stanley to engage them to act as financial advisors, together with Allen & Company, to Time Warner in connection with the potential transaction with AT&T.

On October 21, 2016, representatives of AT&T and Time Warner agreed to the reference price for AT&T common stock to be used to calculate the exchange ratio for the stock component of the merger consideration. The representatives of AT&T and Time Warner also reconfirmed the timing of their respective board meetings and that all terms, including the exchange ratio, were subject to review and approval by their respective boards of directors.

On October 22, 2016, the Time Warner board held an in-person meeting at Cravath's offices in New York, with representatives of Time Warner's management, Allen & Company, Citi, Morgan Stanley and Cravath participating. Representatives of Cravath reviewed the directors' fiduciary duties and other legal matters in connection with the Time Warner board's consideration of the transaction, including the proposed terms of the merger agreement that had been negotiated between the parties. The Time Warner board also discussed, with input from Time Warner's financial advisors, other potential acquirors of Time Warner and the likelihood that any of them could consummate a transaction superior to the transaction with AT&T. After discussion, Allen & Company, Citi and Morgan Stanley reviewed and discussed with the Time Warner board their financial analyses of the merger consideration and each separately rendered an oral opinion, confirmed by delivery of a written opinion dated October 22, 2016, to the Time Warner board to the effect that, as of such date and based on and subject to the various assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered and qualifications and limitations on the review undertaken as set forth in such opinion, the merger consideration provided for pursuant to the merger agreement was fair, from a financial point of view, to holders of Time Warner common stock.

The Time Warner board also considered, among other things, the terms of the merger agreement that would allow Time Warner to entertain certain third-party proposals following the execution and announcement of the merger agreement, including the termination fee that would be payable in the event the Time Warner board were to pursue an alternative proposal that was superior to the transaction with AT&T, as well as AT&T's commitments with respect to obtaining regulatory approval.

After discussion, the Time Warner board, by unanimous vote, (i) declared that it is fair to and in the best interests of Time Warner and its stockholders that Time Warner enter into the merger agreement and consummate the initial merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement, (ii) approved and declared advisable the merger agreement, the initial merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement and (iii) directed that the merger agreement be submitted to Time Warner stockholders and recommended the adoption of the merger agreement by Time Warner stockholders. The Time Warner board also adopted an amendment to Time Warner's bylaws to provide that courts in the state of Delaware be the exclusive forum for certain intra-company disputes.

Following the meeting, Time Warner and AT&T executed the merger agreement. In the evening of October 22, 2016, Time Warner and AT&T issued a joint press release announcing the transaction and the execution of the merger agreement.

## **Recommendation of the Time Warner Board; Time Warner's Reasons for the Transaction**

At a meeting held on October 22, 2016, the Time Warner board unanimously (i) determined that the initial merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement are fair to and in the best interests of Time Warner and its stockholders, (ii) approved and declared advisable the merger agreement, the initial merger and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement and (iii) directed that the merger agreement be submitted to Time

Warner's stockholders and recommended the adoption of the merger agreement by Time Warner's stockholders. In doing so, the Time Warner board considered the business, assets and liabilities, results of operations, financial performance, strategic direction and prospects of each of Time Warner and AT&T and certain anticipated effects of the transaction on the combined company.



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In making its determination, the Time Warner board considered a number of factors, including the following (not necessarily in order of relative importance):

the Time Warner board's belief that the transaction would create a leading integrated media and telecommunications company and that the combination would be consistent with Time Warner's strategy of ensuring that its content networks, television and film programming and brands is available to consumers on a wide range of distribution platforms;

the Time Warner board's belief that the transaction was more beneficial than Time Warner's prior majority ownership in Time Warner Cable given AT&T's national subscriber base compared to Time Warner Cable's more limited regional subscriber base and the increase in consumption of video programming on mobile devices;

the Time Warner board's view that a combination with AT&T would accelerate Time Warner's efforts to spur innovation in the media industry and improve the consumer experience in pay television bundles by creating compelling consumer offerings;

the Time Warner board's view that a combination with AT&T would accelerate and reduce the risk in Time Warner's strategy to distribute content through other online and mobile services, including those offered directly to consumers, and develop more targeted advertising offerings;

the Time Warner board's assessment of the complementary strengths of Time Warner and AT&T and the potential strategic and financial benefits, including synergies, to be realized from the combination of the two companies;

the potential strategic alternatives available to Time Warner, including the possibility of remaining a stand-alone entity, and the Time Warner board's long-term assessment of the industries in which Time Warner operates;

the Time Warner board's understanding of the business, assets and liabilities, results of operations, financial performance, strategic direction and prospects of each of Time Warner (including each of its operating segments individually and as a whole) and AT&T;

the recent and historical trading prices of Time Warner common stock, as compared to the merger consideration, including the fact that the \$107.50 per share implied merger consideration represented:

an approximately 36% premium to Time Warner's common stock closing price of \$79.24 on October 19, 2016, the last trading day before the news media began publishing speculation about a potential

transaction between Time Warner and AT&T; and

an approximately 20% premium to Time Warner's common stock closing price of \$89.48 on October 21, 2016, the last trading day before public announcement of the merger agreement;

the benefits that Time Warner was able to obtain as a result of negotiations with AT&T, including an increase in the price per share from the time of initial discussions with AT&T to the final price of \$107.50 per share, and the Time Warner board's belief that this was the highest price per share that AT&T was willing to pay;

the separate opinions of Allen & Company, Citi and Morgan Stanley, each dated October 22, 2016, to the Time Warner board as to the fairness, from a financial point of view and as of the date of the opinions, to holders of Time Warner common stock of the merger consideration provided for pursuant to the merger agreement, which opinions were based on and subject to the various assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered and qualifications and limitations on the review undertaken as set forth in such opinions and as more fully described in the section entitled "The Transaction" Opinions of Time Warner's Financial Advisors" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus;

the fact that the cash component of the merger consideration to be paid to Time Warner's stockholders would provide immediate liquidity and certainty of value;

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the fact that the stock component of the merger consideration to be paid to Time Warner's stockholders would provide Time Warner's stockholders the opportunity to participate in the future earnings and growth potential of the combined company and potential future appreciation in the value of AT&T's common stock following the consummation of the transaction;

the fact that the stock component of the merger consideration is subject to a 5% collar mechanism which helps protect the value of the merger consideration during the pendency of the transaction;

the fact that the stock component of the transaction is intended to be completed as a tax-free reorganization for the purposes of U.S. federal income tax;

the result of Time Warner's due diligence investigation of AT&T and the reputation, business practices and experience of AT&T and its management;

the likelihood that the transaction would be consummated and anticipated timing of closing based on, among other things:

the absence of a financing condition in the merger agreement;

the scope of the conditions to closing;

the level of the commitment by AT&T to obtain applicable regulatory approvals, and the assessment of the Time Warner board, after considering the advice of counsel, regarding the likelihood of obtaining all required regulatory approvals; and

that Time Warner is entitled to specific enforcement of AT&T's obligations under the merger agreement;

other terms of the merger agreement, including, among other things:

Time Warner's ability, at any time prior to obtaining the Time Warner stockholder approval and under certain circumstances, to consider and respond to an unsolicited alternative acquisition proposal, to furnish non-public information to the person making such a proposal and to engage in discussions or negotiations with the person making such a proposal;

the Time Warner board's ability, under certain circumstances, to withhold, withdraw, qualify or modify the Time Warner board's recommendation to Time Warner's stockholders that they vote in favor of the

adoption of the merger agreement or to approve, recommend or otherwise declare advisable an alternative acquisition proposal;

Time Warner's ability, under certain circumstances, to terminate the merger agreement in order to enter into an alternative acquisition agreement providing for a superior proposal, provided that Time Warner concurrently with such termination pays to AT&T a termination fee of \$1.725 billion;

the availability of appraisal rights under the DGCL to Time Warner's stockholders who comply with the required procedures under Section 262 of the DGCL, which allows such stockholders to seek appraisal of the fair value of their shares of Time Warner common stock as determined by the Delaware Court of Chancery; and

the risk that pursuing other potential alternatives, including continuing to operate on a standalone basis, could have resulted in the loss of an opportunity to consummate a transaction with AT&T. The Time Warner board also considered a number of uncertainties and risks in its deliberations concerning the transaction, including the following (not necessarily in order of relative importance):

the fact that because 50% of the merger consideration is payable in shares of AT&T common stock, Time Warner's stockholders will be adversely affected by any decrease in the trading price of AT&T common stock below the 5% floating exchange ratio collar prior to the completion of the transaction, and may receive less value for their shares upon completion of the transaction;

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the fact that because 50% of the merger consideration is payable in cash and there is a 5% floating exchange ratio collar prior to the completion of the transaction, Time Warner's stockholders will not share in the entire amount of any increase in the trading price of AT&T common stock (nor in any dividends declared or paid by AT&T) prior to the completion of the transaction;

the potential length and uncertainty of the regulatory approval process and, consequently, the period during which Time Warner will be subject to the operating restrictions in the merger agreement, which among other things prohibit Time Warner from continuing its share repurchase program or increasing its regular quarterly cash dividend and could delay or prevent Time Warner from undertaking certain business opportunities that Time Warner would otherwise undertake absent the pending consummation of the transaction;

the limitations on AT&T's commitments to take certain actions and agree to certain conditions in order to obtain required regulatory approvals and the risk that the required regulatory approvals for the consummation of the transaction may not be obtained and the transaction may not be consummated;

the risk that governmental entities may impose conditions on the combined company that may adversely affect the ability of the combined company to realize the expected benefits of the transaction;

the risk that the expected synergies may not be realized or may not be captured to the extent and within the time expected;

the provisions of the merger agreement that restrict Time Warner's ability to solicit or participate in discussions or negotiations regarding alternative acquisition proposals, subject to certain exceptions, and that require Time Warner to give AT&T the opportunity to propose revisions to the terms of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement prior to Time Warner being able to terminate the merger agreement to accept a superior proposal;

the fact that in certain circumstances, including if Time Warner terminates the merger agreement to accept a superior proposal or if AT&T terminates the merger agreement as a result of the Time Warner board changing its recommendation in favor of the transaction, Time Warner would be required to pay AT&T a termination fee of \$1.725 billion, as more fully described in the section entitled "The Merger Agreement Termination of the Merger Agreement Termination Fee & AT&T Payment" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus;

the significant costs incurred by Time Warner in connection with entering into the merger agreement and the substantial time and effort of Time Warner's management required to complete the transaction, which may disrupt Time Warner's business operations;

the possibility that the \$500 million payment that AT&T would be required to pay Time Warner under certain circumstances would be insufficient to compensate Time Warner for its time and expenses in

connection with the transaction;

the fact that Time Warner negotiated solely with AT&T rather than conducting a public or private auction or sales process of Time Warner;

the risks and challenges inherent in the combination of two businesses of the size, scope and complexity of Time Warner and AT&T, including the potential for unforeseen difficulties in integrating operations and systems and difficulties integrating employees;

the potential effect on Time Warner's business and relations with customers, distributors and other stakeholders as a result of the announcement of the transaction and the uncertainty regarding whether or not the transaction will be completed;

the fact that, despite the efforts of AT&T and Time Warner, and even if the transaction is approved by Time Warner stockholders, the transaction may not be completed or may be delayed; and

various other risks associated with the transaction and the business of Time Warner, AT&T and the combined company described in the section entitled "Risk Factors" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

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The Time Warner board determined that, overall, these potential risks and uncertainties were outweighed by the benefits that the Time Warner board expects to achieve for its stockholders as a result of the transaction. The Time Warner board realized that there can be no assurance about future results, including results considered or expected as disclosed in the foregoing reasons.

The foregoing discussion of the information and factors that the Time Warner board considered is not intended to be exhaustive, but is meant to include the material factors supporting the transaction that the Time Warner board considered. In view of the complexity and wide variety of factors that the Time Warner board considered, the Time Warner board did not find it practical to, and did not attempt to, quantify, rank or otherwise assign relative or specific weights or values to any of the factors considered. In addition, individual members of the Time Warner board may have given different weights to different factors.

The foregoing description of Time Warner's consideration of the factors supporting the transaction is forward-looking in nature. This information should be read in light of the factors discussed in the section entitled "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

ACCORDINGLY, THE TIME WARNER BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT TIME WARNER STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE MERGER AGREEMENT, FOR THE NON-BINDING, ADVISORY VOTE ON CERTAIN COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS AND FOR ADJOURNMENTS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING, IF NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE, TO SOLICIT ADDITIONAL PROXIES IF THERE ARE INSUFFICIENT VOTES AT THE TIME OF THE SPECIAL MEETING TO ADOPT THE MERGER AGREEMENT.

**Opinions of Time Warner's Financial Advisors**

*Opinion of Allen & Company LLC*

Time Warner has engaged Allen & Company as a financial advisor in connection with the transaction. In connection with this engagement, Time Warner requested that Allen & Company render an opinion to the Time Warner board regarding the fairness, from a financial point of view, to holders of Time Warner common stock of the merger consideration provided for pursuant to the merger agreement. On October 22, 2016, at a meeting of the Time Warner board held to evaluate the transaction, Allen & Company rendered an oral opinion, which was confirmed by delivery of a written opinion dated October 22, 2016, to the Time Warner board to the effect that, as of that date and based on and subject to the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered and qualifications and limitations on the review undertaken described in its opinion, the merger consideration to be paid to holders of Time Warner common stock pursuant to the merger agreement was fair, from a financial point of view, to such holders.

The full text of Allen & Company's written opinion, dated October 22, 2016, which describes the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered and qualifications and limitations on the review undertaken, is attached to this proxy statement/prospectus as **Annex B**. The description of Allen & Company's opinion set forth in this proxy statement/prospectus is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of Allen & Company's opinion. **Allen & Company's opinion was intended for the benefit and use of the Time Warner board (in its capacity as such) in connection with its evaluation of the merger consideration from a financial point of view and did not address any other terms, aspects or implications of the transaction. Allen & Company's opinion did not constitute a recommendation as to the course of action that the Time Warner board or Time Warner should pursue in connection with the transaction, or otherwise address the merits of the underlying decision by Time Warner to engage in the transaction, including in comparison to other strategies or transactions that might be available to Time Warner or in which Time Warner might engage or consider. Allen & Company's opinion does not**

**constitute advice or a recommendation to any stockholder as to how such stockholder should vote or act on any matter relating to the transaction or otherwise.**



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Allen & Company's opinion reflected and gave effect to Allen & Company's general familiarity with Time Warner and AT&T as well as information that it received during the course of its assignment, including information provided by the managements of Time Warner and AT&T in the course of discussions relating to the transaction as more fully described below. In arriving at its opinion, Allen & Company neither conducted a physical inspection of the properties or facilities of Time Warner, AT&T or any other entity nor made or obtained any evaluations or appraisals of the assets or liabilities (contingent, accrued, derivative, off-balance sheet or otherwise) of Time Warner, AT&T or any other entity, or conducted any analysis concerning the solvency of Time Warner, AT&T or any other entity.

In arriving at its opinion, Allen & Company, among other things:

reviewed the financial terms and conditions of the initial merger as reflected in a draft, dated October 22, 2016, of the merger agreement;

reviewed certain publicly available historical business and financial information relating to Time Warner and AT&T, including public filings of Time Warner and AT&T and historical market prices for Time Warner common stock and AT&T common stock;

reviewed certain financial forecasts, estimates and other financial and operating data of Time Warner provided to or discussed with Allen & Company by the management of Time Warner, including certain internal financial forecasts, estimates and other financial and operating data of Time Warner prepared by the management of Time Warner for calendar years 2016 through 2019 as reflected in such management's long-range plan for Time Warner (as updated, in the case of calendar year 2016, for Time Warner's recent financial results) and as extrapolated by such management for calendar years 2020 through 2025, which we refer to collectively as the Time Warner management forecasts;

reviewed certain financial forecasts, estimates and other financial and operating data of AT&T provided to or discussed with Allen & Company by the management of AT&T as reviewed and approved by the management of Time Warner, including certain internal financial forecasts, estimates and other financial and operating data of AT&T prepared by the management of AT&T for calendar years 2016 through 2021, which we refer to collectively as the AT&T management forecasts;

held discussions with the managements of Time Warner and AT&T relating to the past and current operations and financial condition and prospects of Time Warner and AT&T;

reviewed the strategic rationale for, and certain potential pro forma financial effects of, the transaction, including certain information relating to potential strategic implications and other benefits anticipated by the managements of Time Warner and AT&T to result from the transaction;

reviewed and analyzed certain publicly available information, including certain stock market data and financial information, relating to selected companies with businesses that Allen & Company deemed

generally relevant in evaluating Time Warner and AT&T;

reviewed certain publicly available financial information relating to selected transactions that Allen & Company deemed generally relevant in evaluating the initial merger; and

conducted such other financial analyses and investigations as Allen & Company deemed necessary or appropriate for purposes of its opinion.

In rendering its opinion, Allen & Company relied on and assumed, with Time Warner's consent and without independent verification, the accuracy and completeness of all of the financial, legal, regulatory, tax, accounting and other information available to Allen & Company from public sources, provided to or discussed with Allen & Company by Time Warner, AT&T or their respective representatives or otherwise reviewed by Allen & Company. With respect to the Time Warner management forecasts, the AT&T management forecasts and the information relating to potential strategic implications and other benefits anticipated by the managements of Time Warner and AT&T to result from the transaction that Allen & Company was directed to utilize for purposes

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of its analyses, Allen & Company was advised and Allen & Company assumed, with Time Warner's consent, that they were reasonably prepared on bases reflecting the best currently available estimates and judgments of the managements of Time Warner and AT&T, as the case may be, as to the future financial and operating performance of Time Warner and AT&T, such potential strategic implications and other benefits (including the amount, timing and achievability thereof), the potential pro forma financial effects of the transaction and the other matters covered thereby. Allen & Company further assumed, with Time Warner's consent, that the financial results reflected in the Time Warner management forecasts, the AT&T management forecasts and the other information and data utilized in Allen & Company's analyses would be realized in the amounts and at the times projected. Allen & Company assumed no responsibility for and expressed no view or opinion as to any financial forecasts, estimates or other information or data, including the Time Warner management forecasts, the AT&T management forecasts, and estimates as to potential strategic implications and other benefits or the assumptions on which they were based. Allen & Company relied, at Time Warner's direction, on the assessments of the managements of Time Warner and AT&T as to, among other things, (i) matters relating to the separation of Time Warner Cable Inc., AOL Inc. and Time Inc. from Time Warner consummated in March 2009, December 2009 and June 2014, respectively, and any related tax indemnities and other arrangements, (ii) the potential impact on Time Warner and AT&T of certain market, competitive and other trends and developments in and prospects for, and governmental, regulatory and legislative policies and matters relating to or otherwise affecting, the industries in which Time Warner and AT&T operate, (iii) existing and future relationships, agreements and arrangements with, and the ability to attract, retain and/or replace, content providers, distributors, customers and other commercial relationships of Time Warner and AT&T and (iv) the ability to integrate the businesses of Time Warner and AT&T. Allen & Company assumed, with Time Warner's consent, that there would be no developments with respect to any such matters or alternative transaction structures that would have an adverse effect on Time Warner, AT&T or the mergers (including the contemplated benefits thereof) or that otherwise would be meaningful in any respect to Allen & Company's analyses or opinion.

Further, Allen & Company's opinion was necessarily based on economic, monetary, market and other conditions as in effect on, and the information made available to Allen & Company as of, the date of its opinion. It should be understood that subsequent developments may affect the conclusion expressed in Allen & Company's opinion and that Allen & Company assumed no responsibility for advising any person of any change in any matter affecting its opinion or for updating or revising its opinion based on circumstances or events occurring after the date of its opinion. As the Time Warner board was aware, the credit, financial and stock markets, and the industries in which Time Warner and AT&T operate, have experienced volatility and Allen & Company expressed no opinion or view as to any potential effects of such volatility on Time Warner, AT&T or the transaction (including the contemplated benefits thereof).

In connection with its engagement, Allen & Company was not requested to, and it did not, undertake a third-party solicitation process on Time Warner's behalf with respect to the acquisition of all or a part of Time Warner. Allen & Company did not express any opinion as to the fairness, financial or otherwise, of the amount, nature or any other aspect of any compensation or consideration payable to any officers, directors or employees of any party to the transaction, or any class of such persons or any other party, relative to the merger consideration or otherwise. Allen & Company did not express any opinion as to the actual value of AT&T common stock when issued in the initial merger or the prices at which AT&T common stock, Time Warner common stock or any other securities may trade or otherwise be transferable at any time.

In addition, Allen & Company did not express any opinion as to any tax or other consequences that might result from the transaction, nor did its opinion address any legal, regulatory, tax or accounting matters, as to which Allen & Company understood that Time Warner obtained such advice as it deemed necessary from qualified professionals. Allen & Company assumed, with Time Warner's consent, that the transaction would be consummated in accordance with their respective terms and in compliance with all applicable laws, documents and other requirements, without waiver, modification or amendment of any material term, condition or agreement, and that, in the course of obtaining

the necessary governmental, regulatory or third party approvals, consents, releases, waivers, decrees and agreements for the transaction, no delay, limitation, restriction or

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condition, including any divestiture or other requirements or remedies, amendments or modifications, would be imposed or occur that would have an adverse effect on Time Warner, AT&T or the transaction (including the contemplated benefits thereof) or that otherwise would be meaningful in any respect to its analyses or opinion. Allen & Company also assumed, with Time Warner's consent, that the transaction would qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. Allen & Company further assumed, with Time Warner's consent, that the final executed merger agreement would not differ from the draft reviewed by Allen & Company in any respect meaningful to its analyses or opinion.

Allen & Company's opinion was limited to the fairness, from a financial point of view and as of the date of the opinion, to holders of Time Warner common stock of the merger consideration (to the extent expressly specified in the opinion). Allen & Company's opinion did not address any other terms, aspects or implications of the transaction, including, without limitation, the form or structure of the merger consideration, the form or structure of the mergers (including any alternative transaction structures) or any terms, aspects or implications of any agreement, arrangement or understanding entered into in connection with or contemplated by the transaction or otherwise.

### *Miscellaneous*

Time Warner selected Allen & Company as its financial advisor in connection with the transaction based on, among other things, Allen & Company's reputation, experience and familiarity with Time Warner and its business. Allen & Company, as part of its investment banking business, is regularly engaged in the valuation of businesses and their securities in connection with mergers and acquisitions, private placements and related financings, bankruptcy reorganizations and similar recapitalizations, negotiated underwritings, secondary distributions of listed and unlisted securities, and valuations for corporate and other purposes. In the ordinary course, Allen & Company as a broker-dealer and market maker and certain of its affiliates may have long or short positions, either on a discretionary or non-discretionary basis, for their own account or for those of Allen & Company's clients, in the debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) of Time Warner, AT&T and/or their respective affiliates. The issuance of Allen & Company's opinion was approved by Allen & Company's fairness opinion committee.

For Allen & Company's financial advisory services, Time Warner has agreed to pay Allen & Company an aggregate cash fee of \$50 million, of which \$5 million was payable upon delivery of Allen & Company's opinion and \$45 million is payable contingent on consummation of the initial merger. Time Warner also agreed to reimburse Allen & Company's reasonable expenses and to indemnify Allen & Company and related parties against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the federal securities laws, arising out of its engagement.

As the Time Warner board was aware, Allen & Company in the past has provided and in the future may provide investment banking services to Time Warner and/or certain of its affiliates unrelated to the transaction, for which services Allen & Company has received and/or may receive compensation, including during the two-year period prior to the date of its opinion, having acted as financial advisor to Time Warner in connection with certain merger and acquisition transactions and other corporate matters, for which services Allen & Company received during such two-year period aggregate fees of approximately \$9 million from Time Warner. Although Allen & Company did not during the two-year period prior to the date of its opinion provide investment banking services to AT&T, Allen & Company may provide such services in the future for which services Allen & Company would expect to receive compensation.

### *Opinion of Citigroup Global Markets Inc.*

Time Warner also has engaged Citi as a financial advisor in connection with the transaction. In connection with this engagement, Time Warner requested that Citi evaluate the fairness, from a financial point of view, to holders of Time

Warner common stock of the merger consideration provided for pursuant to the merger agreement. On October 22, 2016, at a meeting of the Time Warner board held to evaluate the transaction, Citi

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rendered an oral opinion, confirmed by delivery of a written opinion dated October 22, 2016, to the Time Warner board to the effect that, as of that date and based on and subject to various assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered and qualifications and limitations on the review undertaken described in its opinion, the merger consideration to be received by holders of Time Warner common stock pursuant to the merger agreement was fair, from a financial point of view, to such holders.

The full text of Citi's written opinion, dated October 22, 2016, which describes the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered and qualifications and limitations on the review undertaken, is attached as **Annex C** to this proxy statement/prospectus and is incorporated herein by reference. The description of Citi's opinion set forth below is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of Citi's opinion. **Citi's opinion was provided for the information of the Time Warner board (in its capacity as such) in connection with its evaluation of the merger consideration from a financial point of view and did not address any other terms, aspects or implications of the transaction. Citi expressed no view as to, and its opinion did not address, the underlying business decision of Time Warner to effect or enter into the transaction, the relative merits of the transaction as compared to any alternative business strategies that might exist for Time Warner or the effect of any other transaction in which Time Warner might engage or consider. Citi's opinion is not intended to be and does not constitute a recommendation to any stockholder as to how any stockholder should vote or act on any matters relating to the transaction or otherwise.**

In arriving at its opinion, Citi:

reviewed a draft, dated October 22, 2016, of the merger agreement;

held discussions with certain senior officers, directors and other representatives of Time Warner and certain senior officers and other representatives of AT&T concerning the businesses, operations and prospects of Time Warner and AT&T;

reviewed certain publicly available and other business and financial information relating to Time Warner provided to or discussed with Citi by the management of Time Warner, including the Time Warner management forecasts;

reviewed certain publicly available and other business and financial information relating to AT&T provided to or discussed with Citi by the management of AT&T as reviewed and approved by the management of Time Warner, including the AT&T management forecasts;

reviewed the financial terms of the initial merger as set forth in the merger agreement in relation to, among other things, current and historical market prices of Time Warner common stock and AT&T common stock, the financial condition and historical and projected earnings and other operating data of Time Warner and AT&T, and the capitalization of Time Warner and AT&T;

analyzed certain financial, stock market and other publicly available information relating to the businesses of other companies whose operations Citi considered relevant in evaluating those of Time Warner and AT&T and Citi considered, to the extent publicly available, the financial terms of certain other transactions which Citi considered relevant in evaluating the initial merger;

evaluated certain potential pro forma financial effects of the transaction on AT&T utilizing the Time Warner management forecasts, the AT&T management forecasts and certain information and data relating to potential strategic implications and other benefits anticipated by the managements of Time Warner and AT&T to result from the transaction; and

conducted such other analyses and examinations and considered such other information and financial, economic and market criteria as Citi deemed appropriate in arriving at its opinion.

In rendering its opinion, Citi assumed and relied, without independent verification, on the accuracy and completeness of all financial and other information and data publicly available or provided to or otherwise reviewed by or discussed with Citi and on the assurances of the managements and other representatives of Time



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Warner and AT&T that they were not aware of any relevant information that had been omitted or that remained undisclosed to Citi. With respect to the Time Warner management forecasts, the AT&T management forecasts and the information and data relating to potential strategic implications and other benefits anticipated by the managements of Time Warner and AT&T to result from the transaction that Citi was directed to utilize for purposes of its analyses, Citi was advised and Citi assumed, with Time Warner's consent, that they were reasonably prepared on bases reflecting the best currently available estimates and judgments of the managements of Time Warner and AT&T, as the case may be, as to the future financial performance of Time Warner and AT&T, such potential strategic implications and other benefits (including the amount, timing and achievability thereof), the potential pro forma financial effects of the transaction and the other matters covered thereby. Citi further assumed, with Time Warner's consent, that the financial results reflected in the Time Warner management forecasts, the AT&T management forecasts and the other information and data utilized in its analyses would be realized in the amounts and at the times projected. Citi relied, at Time Warner's direction, on the assessments of the managements of Time Warner and AT&T as to, among other things, (i) matters relating to the separation of Time Warner Cable Inc., AOL Inc. and Time Inc. from Time Warner consummated in March 2009, December 2009 and June 2014, respectively, and any related tax indemnities and other arrangements, (ii) the potential impact on Time Warner and AT&T of certain market, competitive and other trends and developments in and prospects for, and governmental, regulatory and legislative policies and matters relating to or otherwise affecting, the industries in which Time Warner and AT&T operate, (iii) existing and future relationships, agreements and arrangements with, and the ability to attract, retain and/or replace, content providers, distributors, customers and other commercial relationships of Time Warner and AT&T and (iv) the ability to integrate the businesses of Time Warner and AT&T. Citi assumed, with Time Warner's consent, that there would be no developments with respect to any such matters or alternative transaction structures that would have an adverse effect on Time Warner, AT&T or the mergers (including the contemplated benefits thereof) or that otherwise would be meaningful in any respect to Citi's analyses or opinion.

Citi did not make, and was not provided with, an independent evaluation or appraisal of the assets or liabilities (contingent, accrued, derivative, off-balance sheet or otherwise) of Time Warner, AT&T or any other entity and nor did Citi make any physical inspection of the properties or assets of Time Warner, AT&T or any other entity. Citi assumed, with Time Warner's consent, that the transaction would be consummated in accordance with their respective terms and in compliance with all applicable laws, documents and other requirements, without waiver, modification or amendment of any material term, condition or agreement, and that, in the course of obtaining the necessary governmental, regulatory or third party approvals, consents, releases, waivers, decrees and agreements for the transaction, no delay, limitation, restriction or condition, including any divestiture or other requirements or remedies, amendments or modifications, would be imposed or occur that would have an adverse effect on Time Warner, AT&T or the transaction (including the contemplated benefits thereof) or that otherwise would be meaningful in any respect to Citi's analyses or opinion. Representatives of Time Warner advised Citi, and Citi also assumed, that the final terms of the merger agreement would not vary materially from those set forth in the draft reviewed by Citi. Citi further assumed, with Time Warner's consent, that the transaction would qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. Citi did not express any view or opinion as to the actual value of AT&T common stock when issued in the initial merger or the prices at which AT&T common stock, Time Warner common stock or any other securities may trade or otherwise be transferable at any time. Citi did not express any opinion with respect to accounting, tax, regulatory, legal or similar matters and Citi relied, with Time Warner's consent, on the assessments of representatives of Time Warner and AT&T as to such matters.

Citi's opinion addressed only the fairness, from a financial point of view and as of its date, of the merger consideration (to the extent expressly specified therein) and did not address any other terms, aspects or implications of the transaction, including, without limitation, the form or structure of the merger consideration, the form or structure of the mergers (including any alternative transaction structures) or any terms, aspects or implications of any agreement, arrangement or understanding to be entered into in connection with or contemplated by the transaction or otherwise.

In connection with its engagement, Citi was not requested to, and Citi did not, undertake a third-party solicitation process on Time Warner's behalf with respect to the acquisition

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of all or a part of Time Warner. Citi expressed no view as to, and its opinion did not address, the fairness (financial or otherwise) of the amount or nature or any other aspect of any compensation or other payments to any officers, directors or employees of any parties to the transaction, or any class of such persons, relative to the merger consideration or otherwise. Citi's opinion was necessarily based on information available, and financial, stock market and other conditions and circumstances existing and disclosed, to Citi as of the date of its opinion. Although subsequent developments may affect Citi's opinion, Citi has no obligation to update, revise or reaffirm its opinion. As the Time Warner board was aware, the credit, financial and stock markets, and the industries in which Time Warner and AT&T operate, have experienced volatility and Citi expressed no opinion or view as to any potential effects of such volatility on Time Warner, AT&T or the transaction (including the contemplated benefits thereof). The issuance of Citi's opinion was authorized by Citi's fairness opinion committee.

*Miscellaneous*

In connection with Citi's services as Time Warner's financial advisor, Time Warner has agreed to pay Citi an aggregate fee of \$50 million, of which \$5 million was payable upon delivery of its opinion and \$45 million is payable contingent on consummation of the initial merger. In addition, Time Warner has agreed to reimburse Citi's expenses, including fees and expenses of counsel, and to indemnify Citi and related parties against certain liabilities, including liabilities under federal securities laws, arising out of Citi's engagement.

As the Time Warner board was aware, Citi and its affiliates in the past have provided, currently are providing and in the future may provide investment banking, commercial banking and other similar financial services to Time Warner and/or certain of its affiliates unrelated to the transaction, for which services Citi and such affiliates have received and expect to receive compensation, including, during the two-year period prior to the date of Citi's opinion, having acted or acting as (i) financial advisor to Time Warner in connection with certain corporate matters, (ii) joint bookrunning manager and underwriter for certain note and debenture offerings of Time Warner and (iii) administrative agent, joint lead arranger and joint bookrunner for, and a lender under, certain credit facilities of Time Warner and certain of its affiliates, for which services described in clauses (i) through (iii) above Citi and its affiliates received during such two-year period aggregate fees of approximately \$4.5 million from Time Warner. As the Time Warner board also was aware, Citi and its affiliates in the past have provided, currently are providing and in the future may provide investment banking, commercial banking and other similar financial services to AT&T and/or certain of its affiliates, for which services Citi and such affiliates have received and expect to receive compensation, including, during the two-year period prior to the date of its opinion, having acted or acting as (i) financial advisor to AT&T in connection with certain disposition transactions, (ii) joint bookrunning manager and underwriter for certain note offerings of AT&T and (iii) administrative agent, joint lead arranger and joint bookrunner for, and a lender under, certain credit facilities of AT&T, for which services described in clauses (i) through (iii) above Citi and its affiliates received during such two-year period aggregate fees of approximately \$14.5 million from AT&T. In the ordinary course of business, Citi and its affiliates may actively trade or hold the securities of Time Warner, AT&T and their respective affiliates for their own account or for the account of their customers and, accordingly, may at any time hold a long or short position in such securities. In addition, Citi and its affiliates (including Citigroup Inc. and its affiliates) may maintain relationships with Time Warner, AT&T and their respective affiliates.

Time Warner selected Citi as its financial advisor in connection with the transaction based on, among other things, Citi's reputation, experience and familiarity with Time Warner, AT&T and their respective businesses. Citi is an internationally recognized investment banking firm that regularly engages in the valuation of businesses and their securities in connection with mergers and acquisitions, negotiated underwritings, competitive bids, secondary distributions of listed and unlisted securities, private placements and valuations for estate, corporate and other purposes.

*Opinion of Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC*

Time Warner also has engaged Morgan Stanley as a financial advisor in connection with the transaction. As part of that engagement, Time Warner requested that Morgan Stanley evaluate the fairness, from a financial point

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of view, to the holders of shares of Time Warner common stock of the merger consideration provided for pursuant to the merger agreement. On October 22, 2016, at a meeting of the Time Warner board held to evaluate the transaction, Morgan Stanley rendered an oral opinion, confirmed by delivery of a written opinion dated October 22, 2016, to the Time Warner board to the effect that, as of that date and based on and subject to the procedures followed, assumptions made, matters considered and qualifications and limitations on the review undertaken by Morgan Stanley as set forth in its opinion, the merger consideration to be received by the holders of shares of Time Warner common stock pursuant to the merger agreement was fair, from a financial point of view, to such holders.

The full text of Morgan Stanley's written opinion, dated October 22, 2016, which sets forth, among other things, the procedures followed, assumptions made, matters considered and qualifications and limitations on the review undertaken by Morgan Stanley in connection with its opinion, is attached as **Annex D** to, and is incorporated by reference into, this proxy statement/prospectus. The description of Morgan Stanley's opinion set forth in this proxy statement/prospectus is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of Morgan Stanley's opinion. **Morgan Stanley's opinion was for the information of the Time Warner board and was limited to and addressed only the fairness, from a financial point of view and as of the date of the opinion, of the merger consideration and did not address any other terms, aspects or implications of the transaction. Morgan Stanley's opinion did not address Time Warner's underlying business decision to proceed with or effect the transaction, or the relative merits of the transaction as compared to any alternative transactions or other alternatives, whether or not such alternatives could be achieved or were available. Morgan Stanley expressed no opinion or recommendation as to how the stockholders of Time Warner should vote at the stockholders' meeting to be held in connection with the transaction or otherwise.**

For purposes of its opinion, Morgan Stanley:

reviewed certain publicly available financial statements and other business and financial information of Time Warner and AT&T, respectively;

reviewed certain financial forecasts, estimates and other financial and operating data relating to Time Warner supplied or otherwise made available to or discussed with Morgan Stanley by the management of Time Warner, including the Time Warner management forecasts;

reviewed certain financial forecasts, estimates and other financial and operating data relating to AT&T supplied or otherwise made available to or discussed with Morgan Stanley by the management of AT&T as reviewed and approved by the management of Time Warner, including the AT&T management forecasts;

reviewed information relating to certain strategic and other benefits anticipated to result from the transaction, as provided by the managements of Time Warner and AT&T;

discussed the past and current operations and financial condition and the prospects of Time Warner with senior executives of Time Warner;

discussed the past and current operations and financial condition and the prospects of AT&T with senior executives of AT&T;

reviewed the potential pro forma financial impact of the transaction on AT&T's earnings per share and cash flow utilizing the Time Warner management forecasts and the AT&T management forecasts;

reviewed the reported prices for Time Warner common stock and AT&T common stock;

compared the financial performance of Time Warner and AT&T and the prices of Time Warner common stock and AT&T common stock with that of certain other publicly-traded companies comparable with Time Warner and AT&T, respectively, and their securities;

reviewed the financial terms, to the extent publicly available, of certain comparable acquisition transactions;

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discussed the strategic rationale for the transaction with senior executives of Time Warner and AT&T and participated with respect to certain discussions and negotiations among representatives of Time Warner and AT&T and their financial and legal advisors;

reviewed a draft, dated October 22, 2016, of the merger agreement and certain related documents; and

performed such other analyses, reviewed such other information and considered such other factors as Morgan Stanley deemed appropriate.

Morgan Stanley assumed and relied on, without independent verification, the accuracy and completeness of the information that was publicly available or supplied or otherwise made available to or discussed with Morgan Stanley by Time Warner and AT&T, and formed a substantial basis for its opinion. With respect to the Time Warner management forecasts, the AT&T management forecasts and the information relating to certain strategic and other benefits anticipated to result from the transaction that Morgan Stanley was directed to utilize for purposes of its analyses, Morgan Stanley was advised and Morgan Stanley assumed that they were reasonably prepared on bases reflecting the best currently available estimates and judgments of the respective managements of Time Warner and AT&T, as the case may be, of the future financial performance of Time Warner and AT&T, such strategic and other benefits (including the amount, timing and achievability thereof), the potential pro forma financial impact of the transaction and the other matters covered thereby. Morgan Stanley further assumed that the financial results reflected in the Time Warner management forecasts, the AT&T management forecasts and the other information and data utilized in its analyses would be realized in the amounts and at the times forecasted. Morgan Stanley relied, at Time Warner's direction, on the assessments of the managements of Time Warner and AT&T as to, among other things, (i) matters relating to the separation of Time Warner Cable Inc., AOL Inc. and Time Inc. from Time Warner consummated in March 2009, December 2009 and June 2014, respectively, and any related tax indemnities and other arrangements, (ii) the potential impact on Time Warner and AT&T of certain market, competitive and other trends and developments in and prospects for, and governmental, regulatory and legislative policies and matters relating to or otherwise affecting, the industries in which Time Warner and AT&T operate, (iii) existing and future relationships, agreements and arrangements with, and the ability to attract, retain and/or replace, content providers, distributors, customers and other commercial relationships of Time Warner and AT&T and (iv) the ability to integrate the businesses of Time Warner and AT&T. Morgan Stanley assumed, with Time Warner's consent, that there would be no developments with respect to any such matters or alternative transaction structures that would have an adverse effect on Time Warner, AT&T or the mergers (including the contemplated benefits thereof) or that otherwise would be meaningful in any respect to Morgan Stanley's analyses or opinion.

In addition, Morgan Stanley assumed that the transaction would be consummated in accordance with the terms set forth in the merger agreement and in compliance with all applicable laws, documents and other requirements without any waiver, amendment or delay of any terms or conditions, including, among other things, that the transaction would be treated as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, and that the definitive merger agreement would not differ in any material respect from the draft thereof furnished to Morgan Stanley. Morgan Stanley assumed that in connection with the receipt of all necessary governmental, regulatory or other approvals and consents required for the transaction, no delays, limitations, conditions or restrictions, including any divestiture or other requirements or remedies, would be imposed that would have an adverse effect on Time Warner, AT&T or the transaction (including the contemplated benefits thereof) or that otherwise would be meaningful in any respect to Morgan Stanley's analyses or opinion. Morgan Stanley is not a legal, tax or regulatory advisor. Morgan Stanley is a financial advisor only and has relied on, without independent verification, the assessments of AT&T, Time Warner and their respective legal, tax or regulatory advisors with respect to legal, tax or regulatory matters.

Morgan Stanley's opinion was limited to and addressed only the fairness, from a financial point of view and as of the date of the opinion, of the merger consideration (to the extent expressly specified in the opinion). Morgan Stanley was not asked to, nor did its opinion address, any other terms, aspects or implications of the transaction, including, without limitation, the form or structure of the merger consideration, the form or



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structure of the mergers (including any alternative transaction structures) or any terms, aspects or implications of any agreement, arrangement or understanding entered into in connection with or contemplated by the transaction or otherwise. Morgan Stanley expressed no opinion with respect to the fairness of the amount or nature of the compensation to any of Time Warner's officers, directors or employees, or any class of such persons, relative to the merger consideration to be received by the holders of shares of Time Warner common stock in the transaction. Morgan Stanley did not make any independent valuation or appraisal of the assets or liabilities (contingent, accrued, derivative, off-balance sheet or otherwise) of Time Warner, AT&T or any other entity, nor was Morgan Stanley furnished with any such valuations or appraisals. Morgan Stanley's opinion was necessarily based on financial, economic, market and other conditions as in effect on, and the information made available to Morgan Stanley as of, the date of its opinion. Events occurring after the date of its opinion may affect Morgan Stanley's opinion and the assumptions used in preparing it, and Morgan Stanley did not assume any obligation to update, revise or reaffirm its opinion. As the Time Warner board was aware, the credit, financial and stock markets, and the industries in which Time Warner and AT&T operate, have experienced volatility and Morgan Stanley expressed no opinion or view as to any potential effects of such volatility on Time Warner, AT&T or the transaction (including the contemplated benefits thereof). In arriving at its opinion, Morgan Stanley was not authorized to, and it did not, solicit interest from any party with respect to the acquisition, business combination or other extraordinary transaction involving Time Warner. Morgan Stanley's opinion did not in any manner address the actual value of AT&T common stock when issued in the initial merger or the prices at which AT&T common stock, Time Warner common stock or any other securities would trade or otherwise be transferable following consummation of the transaction or at any time. Morgan Stanley's opinion was approved by a committee of Morgan Stanley investment banking and other professionals in accordance with its customary practice.

*Miscellaneous*

Time Warner has agreed to pay Morgan Stanley for its financial advisory services in connection with the transaction an aggregate fee of \$40 million, of which \$5 million was payable upon delivery of its opinion and \$35 million is payable contingent on the closing of the initial merger. Time Warner also has agreed to reimburse Morgan Stanley for its expenses incurred in performing its services, including fees, disbursements and other charges of counsel, and to indemnify Morgan Stanley and its affiliates, their respective officers, directors, employees and agents and each person, if any, controlling Morgan Stanley or any of its affiliates against certain liabilities and expenses, including under the federal securities laws, related to or arising out of Morgan Stanley's engagement.

As the Time Warner board was aware, in the two years prior to the date of its opinion, Morgan Stanley and its affiliates have acted or are acting as (i) financial advisor to Time Warner in connection with certain merger and acquisition transactions and other corporate matters, (ii) joint bookrunning manager and underwriter for certain note and debenture offerings of Time Warner and (iii) a lender under certain credit facilities of Time Warner and certain of its affiliates, for which services described in clauses (i) through (iii) above Morgan Stanley and its affiliates received during such two-year period aggregate fees of approximately \$2.5 million from Time Warner. As the Time Warner board also was aware, in the two years prior to the date of its opinion, Morgan Stanley and its affiliates have acted or are acting as (i) joint bookrunning manager and/or underwriter for certain note offerings of AT&T and (ii) joint lead arranger, joint bookrunner and a documentation agent for, and a lender under, certain credit facilities of AT&T, for which services described in clauses (i) and (ii) above Morgan Stanley and its affiliates received during such two-year period aggregate fees of approximately \$23 million from AT&T. Morgan Stanley and its affiliates may also seek to provide financial advisory and financing services to Time Warner, AT&T and their respective affiliates in the future and would expect to receive fees for the rendering of these services.

Time Warner selected Morgan Stanley as its financial advisor in connection with the transaction based on Morgan Stanley's reputation, experience and familiarity with Time Warner, AT&T and their respective businesses. Morgan

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and individual wealth management businesses. Its securities business is engaged in securities underwriting, trading and brokerage activities, foreign exchange, commodities and derivatives trading and prime brokerage, as well as providing investment banking, financing and financial advisory services. Morgan Stanley, its affiliates, directors and officers may at any time invest on a principal basis or manage funds that invest, hold long or short positions, finance positions, and may trade or otherwise structure and effect transactions, for their own account or the accounts of its customers, in debt or equity securities or loans of Time Warner, AT&T or any other company, or any currency or commodity, that may be involved in the transaction, or any related derivative instrument.

*Financial Analyses*

In connection with the rendering of their respective opinions to the Time Warner board, Allen & Company, Citi and Morgan Stanley performed a variety of financial and comparative analyses which are summarized below. The preparation of a financial opinion is a complex analytical process involving various determinations as to the most appropriate and relevant methods of financial analysis and the application of those methods to the particular circumstances and, therefore, a financial opinion is not readily susceptible to summary description. Allen & Company, Citi and Morgan Stanley arrived at their respective opinions based on the results of all analyses undertaken and assessed as a whole, and they did not draw, in isolation, conclusions from or with regard to any one factor or method of analysis. Accordingly, the Time Warner financial advisors believe that the financial analyses and this summary must be considered as a whole.

In performing the financial analyses, the Time Warner financial advisors considered industry performance, general business, economic, market and financial conditions and other matters existing as of the date of their respective opinions, many of which are beyond Time Warner's and AT&T's control. The assumptions and estimates contained in the financial analyses and the ranges of valuations resulting from any particular analysis are not necessarily indicative of actual values or future results, which may be significantly more or less favorable than those suggested by such analyses. In addition, financial analyses relating to the value of businesses or securities do not purport to be appraisals or to reflect the prices at which businesses or securities actually may be sold. Accordingly, the assumptions and estimates used in, and the results derived from, the financial analyses are inherently subject to substantial uncertainty.

The Time Warner financial advisors were not requested to, and they did not, determine or recommend the specific consideration payable in the initial merger or that any given consideration constituted the only appropriate consideration in the initial merger. The type and amount of consideration payable in the initial merger were determined through negotiations between Time Warner and AT&T, and the decision to effect the transaction was solely that of the Time Warner board. The Time Warner financial advisors' financial analyses and respective opinions were only one of many factors considered by the Time Warner board in its evaluation of the transaction and should not be viewed as determinative of the views of the Time Warner board or management with respect to the transaction or the merger consideration.

The following is a summary of the material financial analyses presented to the Time Warner board in connection with the Time Warner financial advisors' respective opinions, each dated October 22, 2016. **The summary set forth below does not purport to be a complete description of the financial analyses performed by, and underlying the opinions of, the Time Warner financial advisors, nor does the order of the financial analyses described represent the relative importance or weight given to those financial analyses by the Time Warner financial advisors. Certain financial analyses summarized below include information presented in tabular format. In order to fully understand the financial analyses, the tables must be read together with the text of each summary as the tables alone do not constitute a complete description of the financial analyses. Considering the data in the tables below without considering the full narrative description of the financial analyses, including the methodologies and assumptions underlying the financial analyses, could create a misleading or incomplete view**

**of such financial analyses. Future results may differ from those described and such differences may be material.** Implied per share equity value reference ranges reflected in the summaries of the financial analyses and historical trading price and stock price target ranges described below were rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

**Table of Contents***Time Warner Financial Analyses*

*Selected Public Companies Analysis.* The Time Warner financial advisors reviewed publicly available financial and stock market information of Time Warner and eight selected companies that the Time Warner financial advisors considered generally relevant as publicly traded companies with operations in the media and entertainment industry, consisting of the following four publicly traded diversified entertainment companies, which we refer to as the Time Warner selected diversified entertainment companies, and the following four publicly traded cable network/studio companies, which we refer to as the Time Warner selected cable network/studio companies and, together with the Time Warner selected diversified entertainment companies, collectively, the Time Warner selected companies:

Time Warner Selected Diversified	Time Warner Selected Cable
Entertainment Companies	Network/Studio Companies
CBS Corporation	AMC Networks Inc.
The Walt Disney Company	Discovery Communications, Inc.
Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc.	Lions Gate Entertainment Corp.
Viacom Inc.	Scripps Networks Interactive, Inc.

The Time Warner financial advisors reviewed, among other information, enterprise values, calculated as fully diluted equity values based on closing stock prices on October 19, 2016 (the last trading day prior to published reports regarding a potential acquisition of Time Warner by AT&T), plus total debt, preferred equity and non-controlling interests (as applicable) and less cash and cash equivalents and unconsolidated assets (as applicable), as a multiple of next 12 months (as of September 30, 2016) estimated operating income before depreciation and amortization, which we refer to as OIBDA. The Time Warner financial advisors also reviewed closing stock prices on October 19, 2016, as a multiple, to the extent publicly available, of next 12 months (as of September 30, 2016) estimated earnings per share, which we refer to as EPS. Financial data of the Time Warner selected companies were based on public filings, publicly available Wall Street research analysts' estimates and other publicly available information (pro forma, as applicable, for certain recent investments and acquisitions, dividends paid and/or debt raised). Financial data of Time Warner was based on the Time Warner management forecasts.

The overall low to high next 12 months (as of September 30, 2016) estimated OIBDA multiples observed for the Time Warner selected companies were 7.2x to 9.7x, with overall low to high next 12 months (as of September 30, 2016) estimated OIBDA multiples observed for the Time Warner selected diversified entertainment companies of 7.6x to 9.5x and overall low to high next 12 months (as of September 30, 2016) estimated OIBDA multiples observed for the Time Warner selected cable network/studio companies of 7.2x to 9.7x. The overall low to high next 12 months (as of September 30, 2016) estimated EPS multiples observed for the Time Warner selected companies were 8.3x to 15.2x, with overall low to high next 12 months (as of September 30, 2016) estimated EPS multiples observed for the Time Warner selected diversified entertainment companies of 8.8x to 15.2x and overall low to high next 12 months (as of September 30, 2016) estimated EPS multiples observed for the Time Warner selected cable network/studio companies of 8.3x to 11.7x.

The Time Warner financial advisors then applied selected ranges of next 12 months (as of September 30, 2016) estimated OIBDA and EPS multiples of 8.5x to 9.5x and 12.0x to 15.0x, respectively, derived from the Time Warner selected companies to the next 12 months (as of September 30, 2016) estimated adjusted OIBDA and adjusted EPS of

Time Warner. This analysis indicated the following approximate implied per share equity value reference ranges for Time Warner, as compared to the merger consideration:

Implied Per Share Equity Value Reference Ranges		Merger Consideration
Based On:		
Next 12 Months Adjusted OIBDA	Next 12 Months Adjusted EPS	
\$69 - \$80	\$69 - \$86	\$107.50

No company or business used in this analysis is identical to Time Warner and, accordingly, an evaluation of the results of this analysis is not entirely mathematical. Rather, this analysis involves complex considerations and

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judgments concerning differences in financial characteristics and other factors that could affect the public trading or other values of the companies or businesses to which Time Warner was compared.

*Selected Precedent Transactions Analysis.* Using publicly available information, the Time Warner financial advisors reviewed financial data relating to the following nine selected transactions that the Time Warner financial advisors considered generally relevant as transactions announced since October 22, 2006 with transaction values in excess of \$950 million involving U.S. target companies with operations in the media and entertainment industry, which we refer to collectively as the selected transactions:

Announcement Date	Acquiror	Target
June 2016	Lions Gate Entertainment Corp.	Starz
April 2016	Comcast Corporation	Dreamworks Animation SKG, Inc.
November 2012	News Corporation	Yankees Entertainment and Sports Network
October 2012	The Walt Disney Company	Lucasfilm Ltd.
December 2009	Comcast Corporation/General Electric Company (joint venture)	NBC Universal, Inc.
November 2009	Scripps Networks Interactive, Inc.	Travel Channel
August 2009	The Walt Disney Company	Marvel Entertainment, Inc.
July 2008	NBC Universal, Inc./Bain Capital, LLC/The Blackstone Group L.P.	The Weather Channel
March 2007	Cox Communications, Inc.	Travel Channel

The Time Warner financial advisors reviewed, among other information, transaction values of the selected transactions, calculated as the enterprise values implied for the target companies based on the consideration paid in the relevant transactions or purchase prices paid for the fully diluted equity values of the target companies based on closing stock prices as of the dates prior to the announcement dates of the relevant transactions, plus total debt, preferred equity and non-controlling interests (as applicable) and less cash and cash equivalents and unconsolidated assets (as applicable), as a multiple, to the extent publicly available, of the applicable target company's or business latest 12 months estimated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, which we refer to as EBITDA (a metric functionally equivalent to OIBDA), or, in the case of the Lucasfilm Ltd. transaction, earnings before interest and taxes, which we refer to as EBIT, as of the applicable announcement date. Financial data of the selected transactions were based on public filings, publicly available Wall Street research analysts' estimates and other publicly available information. Financial data of Time Warner was based on the Time Warner management forecasts.

The overall low to high latest 12 months estimated EBITDA (or, estimated EBIT, as the case may be) multiples observed for the selected transactions were 10.9x to 32.3x (with a median of 12.6x). The Time Warner financial advisors then applied a selected range of latest 12 months estimated EBITDA multiples of 11.0x to 14.0x derived from the selected transactions to the latest 12 months (as of September 30, 2016) estimated adjusted OIBDA of Time Warner. This analysis indicated the following approximate implied per share equity value reference range for Time Warner, as compared to the merger consideration:

Implied Per Share Equity Value Reference Range	Merger Consideration
\$87 - \$117	\$107.50

No company, business or transaction used in this analysis is identical to Time Warner or the initial merger and, accordingly, an evaluation of the results of this analysis is not entirely mathematical. Rather, this analysis involves complex considerations and judgments concerning differences in financial and operating characteristics that could affect the acquisition or other values of the companies, businesses or transactions to which Time Warner and the initial merger were compared.



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*Discounted Cash Flow Analyses.* The Time Warner financial advisors performed separate discounted cash flow analyses of Time Warner by calculating the estimated present value (as of September 30, 2016) of the unlevered, after-tax free cash flows that Time Warner was forecasted to generate during the last three months of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 through the full fiscal year ending December 31, 2025 based on the Time Warner management forecasts. For purposes of these analyses, stock-based compensation was treated as a cash expense.

Allen & Company calculated implied terminal values for Time Warner by applying to Time Warner's unlevered, after-tax free cash flows for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025 (normalized by the management of Time Warner in the terminal year for depreciation, amortization, capital expenditures and tax rate) a selected range of perpetuity growth rates of 1.75% to 2.25%. The present values (as of September 30, 2016) of the cash flows and terminal values were then calculated using a selected range of discount rates of 7.0% to 8.0%. This analysis indicated an approximate implied per share equity value reference range for Time Warner of \$98 to \$130, as compared to the merger consideration of \$107.50.

Citi calculated implied terminal values for Time Warner by applying to Time Warner's unlevered, after-tax free cash flows for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025 (normalized by the management of Time Warner in the terminal year for depreciation, amortization, capital expenditures and tax rate) a selected range of perpetuity growth rates of 1.25% to 1.75%. The present values (as of September 30, 2016) of the cash flows and terminal values were then calculated using a selected range of discount rates of 6.5% to 7.7%. This analysis indicated an approximate implied per share equity value reference range for Time Warner of \$98 to \$135, as compared to the merger consideration of \$107.50.

Morgan Stanley calculated implied terminal values for Time Warner by applying to Time Warner's next 12 months (as of December 31, 2025) estimated adjusted OIBDA (extrapolated based on the Time Warner management forecasts) a selected range of next 12 months OIBDA multiples of 8.0x to 9.5x. The present values (as of September 30, 2016) of the cash flows and terminal values were then calculated using a selected range of discount rates of 6.0% to 7.5%. This analysis indicated an approximate implied per share equity value reference range for Time Warner of \$101 to \$130, as compared to the merger consideration of \$107.50.

*AT&T Financial Analyses*

*Selected Public Companies Analysis.* The Time Warner financial advisors reviewed publicly available financial and stock market information of AT&T and seven selected companies that the Time Warner financial advisors considered generally relevant as publicly traded companies with operations in the telecommunications industry, consisting of the following four publicly traded telecommunications companies, which we refer to as the AT&T selected telecommunications companies, and the following three publicly traded cable/satellite companies, which we refer to as the AT&T selected cable/satellite companies and, together with the AT&T selected telecommunications companies, collectively, the AT&T selected companies:

## AT&amp;T Selected Telecommunications Companies

CenturyLink, Inc.

Sprint Corporation

T-Mobile US, Inc.

## AT&amp;T Selected Cable/Satellite Companies

Charter Communications, Inc.

Comcast Corporation

DISH Network Corporation

Verizon Communications Inc.

The Time Warner financial advisors reviewed, among other information, enterprise values, calculated as fully diluted equity values based on closing stock prices on October 19, 2016, plus total debt, preferred equity, non-controlling interests, after-tax unfunded pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities and expected near-term network asset expenditures (as applicable) and less cash and cash equivalents, unconsolidated assets and non-operating network assets (as applicable), as a multiple of next 12 months (as of September 30, 2016) estimated OIBDA (adding back pension and other post-employment benefit expense other than service

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costs). The Time Warner financial advisors also reviewed closing stock prices on October 19, 2016, as a multiple, to the extent meaningful, of next 12 months (as of September 30, 2016) estimated EPS. Financial data of the AT&T selected companies were based on public filings, publicly available Wall Street research analysts' estimates and other publicly available information (pro forma, as applicable, for certain recent acquisitions, dividends paid and/or debt raised). Financial data of AT&T was based on publicly available Wall Street research analysts' estimates and the AT&T management forecasts.

The overall low to high next 12 months (as of September 30, 2016) estimated OIBDA multiples observed for the AT&T selected companies were 5.2x to 9.4x, with overall low to high next 12 months (as of September 30, 2016) estimated OIBDA multiples observed for the AT&T selected telecommunications companies of 6.2x to 8.9x and overall low to high next 12 months (as of September 30, 2016) estimated OIBDA multiples observed for the AT&T selected cable/satellite companies of 5.2x to 9.4x. The overall low to high next 12 months (as of September 30, 2016) estimated EPS multiples observed for the AT&T selected companies were 11.7x to 27.0x, with overall low to high next 12 months (as of September 30, 2016) estimated EPS multiples observed for the AT&T selected telecommunications companies of 11.7x to 27.0x and, given the absence of meaningful data for Charter Communications, Inc. and DISH Network Corporation, a next 12 months (as of September 30, 2016) estimated EPS multiple observed for Comcast Corporation of 17.3x. The Time Warner financial advisors noted that the next 12 months (as of September 30, 2016) estimated OIBDA and EPS multiples observed for AT&T were 7.5x and 13.2x, respectively, based on publicly available Wall Street research analysts' estimates.

The Time Warner financial advisors then applied selected ranges of next 12 months (as of September 30, 2016) estimated OIBDA and EPS multiples of 7.0x to 8.0x and 12.0x to 14.0x, respectively, derived from the AT&T selected companies to the next 12 months (as of September 30, 2016) estimated OIBDA (adding back pension and other post-employment benefit expense other than service costs) and adjusted EPS of AT&T based on the AT&T management forecasts. This analysis indicated the following approximate implied per share equity value reference ranges for AT&T, as compared to the unaffected closing price of AT&T common stock on October 19, 2016 of \$39.38 per share:

Implied Per Share Equity Value Reference Ranges Based On:		AT&T Unaffected Closing Stock Price
Next 12 Months Pension-Adjusted OIBDA	Next 12 Months Adjusted EPS	
\$35 - \$44	\$36 - \$42	\$ 39.38

No company or business used in this analysis is identical to AT&T and, accordingly, an evaluation of the results of this analysis is not entirely mathematical. Rather, this analysis involves complex considerations and judgments concerning differences in financial characteristics and other factors that could affect the public trading or other values of the companies or businesses to which AT&T was compared.

*Discounted Cash Flow Analyses.* The Time Warner financial advisors performed separate discounted cash flow analyses of AT&T by calculating the estimated present value (as of September 30, 2016) of the unlevered, after-tax free cash flows that AT&T was forecasted to generate during the last three months of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 through the full fiscal year ending December 31, 2021 based on the AT&T management forecasts. For purposes of these analyses, stock-based compensation was treated as a cash expense.

Allen & Company calculated implied terminal values for AT&T by applying to AT&T's unlevered, after-tax free cash flows for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021 (normalized per the management of Time Warner in the terminal year for depreciation, amortization, capital expenditures, pension funding and tax rates and after taking into account network capital expenditures) a selected range of perpetuity growth rates of 0.5% to 1.0%. The present values (as of September 30, 2016) of the cash flows and terminal values were then calculated using a selected range of discount rates of 5.5% to 6.5%. This analysis indicated an approximate implied per share equity value reference range for AT&T of \$37 to \$56, as compared to the unaffected closing price of AT&T common stock on October 19, 2016 of \$39.38 per share.

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Citi calculated implied terminal values for AT&T by applying to AT&T's unlevered, after-tax free cash flows for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021 (normalized per the management of Time Warner in the terminal year for depreciation, amortization, capital expenditures, pension funding and tax rates and after taking into account network capital expenditures) a selected range of perpetuity growth rates of 0% to 0.5%. The present values (as of September 30, 2016) of the cash flows and terminal values were then calculated using a selected range of discount rates of 4.9% to 5.6%. This analysis indicated an approximate implied per share equity value reference range for AT&T of \$43 to \$59, as compared to the unaffected closing price of AT&T common stock on October 19, 2016 of \$39.38 per share.

Morgan Stanley calculated implied terminal values for AT&T by applying to AT&T's next 12 months (as of December 31, 2021) estimated OIBDA (extrapolated based on the AT&T management forecasts and adding back pension and other post-employment benefit expense other than service costs) a selected range of next 12 months OIBDA multiples of 6.5x to 7.5x. The present values (as of September 30, 2016) of the cash flows and terminal values were then calculated using a selected range of discount rates of 5.00% to 6.25%. This analysis indicated an approximate implied per share equity value reference range for AT&T of \$41 to \$53, as compared to the unaffected closing price of AT&T common stock on October 19, 2016 of \$39.38 per share.

*Certain Informational Factors*

The Time Warner financial advisors observed certain factors that were not considered part of their financial analyses for their respective opinions but were referenced for informational purposes, including the following:

historical trading prices of Time Warner common stock during the 52-week period ended October 19, 2016, which indicated low to high intraday prices for Time Warner common stock during such period of approximately \$56 to \$81 per share, as compared to the merger consideration of \$107.50;

historical trading prices of AT&T common stock during the 52-week period ended October 19, 2016, which indicated low to high intraday prices for AT&T common stock during such period of approximately \$32 to \$44 per share, as compared to the unaffected closing price of AT&T common stock on October 19, 2016 of \$39.38 per share;

undiscounted forward stock price targets for Time Warner common stock and AT&T common stock as reflected in selected publicly available Wall Street research analysts' reports and other publicly available information as of October 19, 2016, which indicated an overall low to high range of stock price targets for Time Warner common stock of approximately \$74 to \$106 per share (with a mean of \$88 per share and a median of \$90 per share), as compared to the merger consideration of \$107.50, and an overall low to high range of stock price targets for AT&T common stock of approximately \$35 to \$51 per share (with a mean of \$44 per share and a median of \$45 per share), as compared to the unaffected closing price of AT&T common stock on October 19, 2016 of \$39.38 per share; and

the illustrative pro forma financial impact of the transaction on the pro forma combined company's estimated free cash flow per share and estimated adjusted EPS for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2019 based on the Time Warner management forecasts and the AT&T management forecasts, among other things, assuming Time Warner's share repurchase program is suspended as of December 31,

2016, after taking into account potential illustrative net synergies anticipated by the management of Time Warner to result from the transaction (assuming for illustrative purposes, at the direction of the management of Time Warner, that no such synergies would be realized in fiscal year 2018) and, as applicable, amortization of related financing fees and before taking into account purchase price accounting adjustments and certain AT&T restructuring expenses, which indicated that the transaction could be dilutive to the pro forma combined company's estimated free cash flow per share for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 and accretive to the pro forma combined company's estimated free cash flow per share for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019 and estimated adjusted EPS for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2019. Actual results achieved by the combined company may vary from forecasted results and variations may be material.

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Other than annual financial guidance provided to investors, which covers Adjusted Diluted Income per Common Share from Continuing Operations, and which may be updated from time to time, Time Warner does not as a matter of course make public forecasts or projections as to future revenues, operating income or other results. The prospective financial information set forth below, which we refer to in this section as the Time Warner management forecasts, was prepared by the management of Time Warner. The forecasts of Revenue and Adjusted OIBDA set forth below were presented to the Time Warner board in January 2016 as part of the normal annual business plan review, and were updated in October 2016 as part of the normal business plan review based on more current information to reflect Time Warner's recent financial results. The forecast of Unlevered Free Cash Flow set forth below was calculated by Time Warner's management based on the information presented to the Time Warner board in January 2016 and was also presented to the Time Warner board in October 2016.

The Time Warner management forecasts were not prepared with a view toward public disclosure or with a view toward complying with U.S. GAAP, the published guidelines of the SEC regarding projections or the guidelines established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants for the preparation and presentation of prospective financial information. Neither Time Warner's independent auditors, nor any other independent accountants, have compiled, examined or performed any procedures with respect to the prospective financial information contained herein, nor have they expressed any opinion or any other form of assurance on such information or its achievability, and assume no responsibility for, and disclaim any association with, the prospective financial information. The reports of Time Warner's independent registered public accounting firm incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus relate to Time Warner's historical financial information, and no such report (or report of any other independent accounting firm incorporated by reference herein) extends to Time Warner's forecasts or should be read to do so.

The Time Warner management forecasts were provided on a confidential basis to AT&T's management and financial advisors in the due diligence process and to Time Warner's financial advisors. In connection with the transaction, the Time Warner board and Time Warner's management authorized Allen & Company, Citi and Morgan Stanley to use and rely on such Time Warner management forecasts in connection with their financial analyses and respective opinions as described in the section entitled "Opinions of Time Warner's Financial Advisors" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus. The inclusion of the Time Warner management forecasts in this proxy statement/prospectus should not be regarded as an indication that any of Time Warner, AT&T or any other recipient of this information considered, or now considers, it to be necessarily predictive of actual future results or material information, and, in fact, both Time Warner and AT&T view the prospective financial information as non-material because of the inherent risks and uncertainties associated with such forecasts. The Time Warner management forecasts included in this proxy statement/prospectus are presented solely to give Time Warner stockholders access to the information that was made available to AT&T and its advisors and to the Time Warner board and Time Warner's financial advisors.

The Time Warner management forecasts are subjective in many respects and thus subject to interpretation. While presented with numerical specificity, the Time Warner management forecasts reflect numerous estimates and assumptions made by Time Warner's management at the time the forecasts were prepared that are difficult to predict and that are beyond Time Warner's control and are subject to change. The assumptions and estimates underlying the Time Warner management forecasts are inherently uncertain and, though considered reasonable by the management of Time Warner as of the date of their preparation, are subject to a wide variety of significant business, economic and competitive risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the Time Warner management forecasts, including, among others, the following: risks and uncertainties relating to Time Warner's business (including its ability to achieve strategic goals, objectives and targets over applicable periods),

industry performance, the regulatory environment, general global business and economic conditions and other matters described in the sections entitled "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus, "Risk Factors" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus, and Part I, Item IA in Time Warner's Annual Report



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on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, which is incorporated by reference into this document. Some or all of the estimates and assumptions underlying the Time Warner management forecasts may have changed since the date the Time Warner management forecasts were prepared.

Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the prospective results are necessarily predictive of the future performance of Time Warner or that actual results will not differ materially from those presented in the Time Warner management forecasts. Additionally, the Time Warner management forecasts cover multiple years and such information by its nature becomes less predictive with each successive year. Therefore, the inclusion of the Time Warner management forecasts in this proxy statement/prospectus should not be regarded as a representation by any person that the results contained in the prospective financial information will be achieved.

The Time Warner management forecasts were developed for Time Warner on a stand-alone basis without giving effect to the transaction or entry into the merger agreement, including any changes to Time Warner's strategy or operations that may be implemented after the consummation of the transaction or any costs incurred in connection with the transaction. Furthermore, the Time Warner management forecasts do not take into account the effect of any failure of the transaction to be completed and should not be viewed as relevant or continuing in that context.

Certain of the Time Warner management forecasts set forth below may be considered non-GAAP financial measures. Non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial information presented in compliance with U.S. GAAP, and non-GAAP financial measures as used in the Time Warner management forecasts may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies.

Time Warner does not generally publish its business plans and strategies or make external disclosures of its anticipated financial position or results of operations. Accordingly, Time Warner does not intend to update or otherwise revise the Time Warner management forecasts to reflect circumstances existing since its preparation or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, even in the event that any or all of the underlying assumptions are shown to be in error. Furthermore, Time Warner does not intend to update or revise the Time Warner management forecasts to reflect changes in general economic or industry conditions.

The Time Warner management forecasts are not included in this proxy statement/prospectus in order to induce any stockholder to vote in favor of the proposal to adopt the merger agreement or any of the other proposals to be voted on at the special meeting or to influence any stockholder to make any investment decision with respect to the transaction or otherwise. For the reasons described above, readers of this proxy statement/prospectus are cautioned not to place undue, if any, reliance on the Time Warner management forecasts. Time Warner has not made any representation in the merger agreement concerning the Time Warner management forecasts.

The following table presents the Time Warner management forecasts referred to above:

(\$ in millions)	Fiscal Year Ending December 31,			
	2016E	2017E	2018E	2019E
Revenue	\$ 29,356	\$ 31,103	\$ 32,844	\$ 34,529
Adjusted OIBDA <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 8,231	\$ 8,922	\$ 9,559	\$ 10,465
Unlevered Free Cash Flow <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 4,817	\$ 4,624	\$ 4,970	\$ 5,918

(1)

Adjusted OIBDA represents operating income before depreciation and amortization, adjusted to exclude: the impact, if any, of noncash impairments of goodwill, intangible and fixed assets; gains and losses on operating assets (other than deferred gains on sale-leasebacks); gains and losses recognized in connection with pension and other postretirement benefit plan curtailments or settlements; external costs related to mergers, acquisitions or dispositions (including restructuring and severance costs associated with dispositions), as well as contingent consideration related to such transactions, to the extent such costs are expensed; and amounts related to securities litigation and government investigations.

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- (2) Unlevered Free Cash Flow is calculated as Adjusted OIBDA less unlevered cash taxes, capital expenditures, changes in net working capital and other cash items.

**Certain AT&T Forecasts**

Other than annual financial guidance provided to investors, which may be updated from time to time, AT&T does not as a matter of course make public forecasts or projections as to future revenues, operating income or other results. However, the prospective financial information set forth below, which we refer to in this section as the AT&T forecasts, were prepared by the management of AT&T and provided to Time Warner and its financial advisors in connection with their evaluations of the transaction.

The AT&T forecasts were not prepared with a view toward public disclosure or with a view toward complying with U.S. GAAP, the published guidelines of the SEC regarding projections or the guidelines established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants for the preparation and presentation of prospective financial information. Neither AT&T's independent auditors, nor any other independent accountants, have compiled, examined or performed any procedures with respect to the prospective financial information contained herein, nor have they expressed any opinion or any other form of assurance on such information or its achievability, and assume no responsibility for, and disclaim any association with, the prospective financial information. The reports of AT&T's independent registered public accounting firm incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus relate to AT&T's historical financial information, and no such report (or report of any other independent accounting firm incorporated by reference herein) extends to AT&T's forecasts or should be read to do so.

The AT&T management forecasts were provided on a confidential basis to Time Warner's management and financial advisors in the due diligence process. The inclusion of the AT&T forecasts in this proxy statement/prospectus should not be regarded as an indication that any of Time Warner, AT&T or any other recipient of this information considered, or now considers, it to be necessarily predictive of actual future results or material information, and, in fact, both Time Warner and AT&T view the prospective financial information as non-material because of the inherent risks and uncertainties associated with such forecasts. The AT&T forecasts included in this proxy statement/prospectus are presented solely to give Time Warner stockholders access to the information that was made available to the Time Warner board and Time Warner's financial advisors.

The AT&T forecasts are subjective in many respects and thus subject to interpretation. While presented with numerical specificity, the AT&T forecasts reflect numerous estimates and assumptions made by AT&T's management at the time the forecasts were prepared that are difficult to predict and that are beyond AT&T's control and are subject to change. The assumptions and estimates underlying the AT&T forecasts are inherently uncertain and, though considered reasonable by the management of AT&T as of the date of their preparation, are subject to a wide variety of significant business, economic and competitive risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the AT&T forecasts, including, among others, the following: risks and uncertainties relating to AT&T's business (including its ability to achieve strategic goals, objectives and targets over applicable periods), industry performance, the regulatory environment, general global business and economic conditions and other matters described in the sections entitled "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus, "Risk Factors" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus, and Part I, Item IA in AT&T's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, which is incorporated by reference into this document. Some or all of the estimates and assumptions underlying the AT&T forecasts may have changed since the date the AT&T forecasts were prepared.

Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the prospective results are necessarily predictive of the future performance of AT&T or that actual results will not differ materially from those presented in the AT&T forecasts. Additionally, the AT&T forecasts cover multiple years and such information by its nature becomes less predictive

with each successive year. Therefore, the inclusion of the AT&T forecasts in this proxy statement/prospectus should not be regarded as a representation by any person that the results contained in the prospective financial information will be achieved.

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The AT&T forecasts were developed through AT&T's customary strategic planning and budgeting process utilizing reasonable available estimates and judgments at the time of their preparation. The AT&T forecasts were developed on a stand-alone basis without giving effect to the transaction, and therefore the AT&T forecasts do not give effect to the transaction or any changes to AT&T's operations or strategy that may be implemented after the consummation of the transaction, including potential synergies to be realized as a result of the transaction, or to any costs incurred in connection with the transaction. Furthermore, the AT&T forecasts do not take into account the effect of any failure of the transaction to be completed and should not be viewed as relevant or continuing in that context.

Certain of the AT&T forecasts set forth below may be considered non-GAAP financial measures. Non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial information presented in compliance with U.S. GAAP, and non-GAAP financial measures as used in the AT&T forecasts may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies.

AT&T does not intend to update or otherwise revise the AT&T forecasts to reflect circumstances existing since its preparation or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events or changes in general economic or industry conditions even in the event that any or all of the underlying assumptions may have changed.

The AT&T forecasts are not included in this proxy statement/prospectus in order to induce any stockholder to vote in favor of the proposal to adopt the merger agreement or any of the other proposals to be voted on at the special meeting or to influence any stockholder to make any investment decision with respect to the transaction or otherwise. For the reasons described above, readers of this proxy statement/prospectus are cautioned not to place undue, if any, reliance on the AT&T forecasts. AT&T has not made any representation in the merger agreement concerning the AT&T forecasts.

(\$ in millions, except per share data)	Fiscal Year Ending December 31,		
	2017E	2018E	2019E
Total Revenue	\$ 166,852	\$ 170,252	\$ 173,995
Total EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 55,522	\$ 57,962	\$ 59,849
Adjusted EPS <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.15	\$ 3.34

- (1) EBITDA is defined for purposes of the AT&T forecasts as operating income before depreciation and amortization.
- (2) Adjusted EPS is calculated for purposes of the AT&T forecasts by excluding from operating revenues, operating expenses and income tax expense certain significant items that are non-operational or non-recurring in nature, including dispositions and merger integration and transaction costs.

**AT&T's Reasons for the Transaction**

At its meeting held on October 22, 2016, after due consideration and consultation with AT&T's management and advisors, the AT&T board unanimously authorized and approved the merger agreement, the initial merger and the other transactions contemplated thereby and authorized the issuance of AT&T common stock pursuant to the merger agreement. In doing so, the AT&T board considered the business, assets, and liabilities, results of operations, financial performance, strategic direction and prospects of Time Warner and AT&T. In making its determination, the AT&T board considered a number of factors, including the following:

the ability to combine Time Warner's premium content with AT&T's distribution platforms and customer relationships;

the expectation that the transaction will advance its direct-to-consumer efforts and its ability to develop innovative new offerings;

the expectation that Time Warner will provide AT&T with certain diversification benefits, including the low level of capital expenditures as a percentage of revenues required by Time Warner's business and the fact that Time Warner's business is lightly regulated, in each case, as compared to AT&T's existing business; and

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the expectation that the transaction will be accretive to its adjusted earnings per share and accretive to its free cash flow per share within 12 months after the completion of the transaction.

The foregoing discussion of the information and factors that the AT&T board considered is not intended to be exhaustive, but is meant to include the material factors supporting the transaction that the AT&T board considered. In view of the complexity and wide variety of factors that the AT&T board considered, the AT&T board did not find it practical to, and did not attempt to, quantify, rank or otherwise assign relative or specific weights or values to any of the factors considered. In addition, individual members of the AT&T board may have given different weights to different factors.

The foregoing description of AT&T's consideration of the factors supporting the transaction is forward-looking in nature. This information should be read in light of the factors discussed in the section entitled "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

**Financing of the Transaction**

AT&T's obligation to complete the transaction is not contingent on the receipt by AT&T of any financing. AT&T estimates that it will need approximately \$42.9 billion in order to pay Time Warner stockholders the cash amounts due to them as merger consideration under the merger agreement and to pay related fees and expenses in connection with the transaction. AT&T anticipates that the funds needed to pay the foregoing amounts will be derived from (i) cash on hand, (ii) borrowings under its existing and new credit facilities, (iii) the proceeds from the sale of debt securities or (iv) any combination of the foregoing.

In connection with entry into the merger agreement, on October 22, 2016, AT&T entered into a \$40 billion term loan credit agreement, which we refer to as the bridge credit agreement, with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as agent, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and Bank of America, N.A., as lenders, for the purposes of financing a portion of the cash consideration to be paid in the initial merger, refinancing of debt of Time Warner and its subsidiaries and payment of related fees and expenses. On November 15, 2016, AT&T entered into a \$10 billion term loan credit agreement, which we refer to as the new term loan credit agreement and, together with the bridge credit agreement, the credit agreements. The entry into the new term loan credit agreement resulted in the reduction of the aggregate commitments under the bridge credit agreement from \$40 billion to \$30 billion.

The obligations of the lenders under each of the credit agreements to provide advances will terminate on the earliest of (i) October 23, 2017 or, if the termination date of the merger agreement is extended, the date that is one day following such extended termination date (but in no event later than April 23, 2018), (ii) the consummation of the transaction without the borrowing of advances under such credit agreement and (iii) the termination of the merger agreement.

The funding of each of the credit agreements is subject to terms and conditions precedent for such borrowing as set forth in such credit agreement including, among others:

the initial merger occurring substantially concurrently with the making of the advances in accordance with the terms of the merger agreement;

the absence of a material adverse effect of Time Warner;

delivery of certain historical and pro forma financial information of AT&T and Time Warner;

the absence of breaches of certain representations and warranties under such credit agreement and the merger agreement, including no payment or bankruptcy default under such credit agreement;

certain customary documentation requirements; and

payment of fees and expenses due under such credit agreement.



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To the extent drawn, advances under each of the credit agreements will bear interest, at AT&T's option, either:

at a variable annual rate equal to: (1) the highest of (a) the prime rate of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., (b) 0.5% per annum above the federal funds rate, and (c) the London interbank offered rate, which we refer to as LIBOR, applicable to dollars for a period of one month plus 1.00%, plus (2) an applicable margin, as set forth in such credit agreement; or

at a rate equal to: (i) LIBOR (adjusted upwards to reflect any bank reserve costs) for a period of one, two, three or six months, as applicable, plus (ii) an applicable margin, as set forth in such credit agreement.

Repayment of all advances made under the bridge credit agreement must be made no later than 364 days after the date on which the advances are made. Repayment of all advances with respect to the Tranche A Facility under the new term loan credit agreement must be made no later than two years and six months after the date on which such advances are made. Amounts borrowed under the Tranche B Facility under the new term loan credit agreement will be subject to amortization commencing two years and nine months after the date on which such advances are made, with 25 percent of the aggregate principal amount thereof being payable prior to the date that is four years and six months after the date on which such advances are made, and all remaining principal amount due and payable on the date that is four years and six months after the date on which such advances are made.

Each of the credit agreements contains certain representations and warranties and covenants, including a limitations on liens covenant and, beginning in the first full fiscal quarter ending after the closing date, a financial ratio covenant that AT&T will maintain, as of the last day of each fiscal quarter, a ratio of not more than 3.5 to 1 of net debt to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, which we refer to as EBITDA.

This proxy statement/prospectus includes important information about the bridge credit agreement, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this proxy statement/prospectus, and the new term loan credit agreement, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 10.2 to this proxy statement/prospectus. Time Warner stockholders should read this information carefully and in its entirety.

**Closing and Effective Time**

Unless the parties otherwise mutually agree, the closing of the transaction will occur as soon as reasonably practicable, and in no event later than the third business day after the day on which the last of the conditions to the closing of the transaction is satisfied or waived (other than those conditions that by their nature must be satisfied or waived at the closing of the transaction, but subject to the fulfillment or waiver of such conditions). Subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions to the closing of the transaction described in the section entitled "The Merger Agreement Conditions to Completion of the Transaction" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus, including the adoption of the merger agreement by Time Warner stockholders at the special meeting, it is anticipated that the transaction will be completed before year-end 2017. It is possible that factors outside the control of both companies could result in the transaction being completed at a different time, or not at all.

The first effective time will occur as soon as practicable after the closing of the initial merger when the certificate of merger with respect to the initial merger is duly filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware or at such later time as the parties may mutually agree and specify in such certificate of merger. Immediately following the first effective time, LLC Merger Sub will file a certificate of merger with respect to the subsequent merger. The second effective time will occur as soon as practicable after the certificate of merger with respect to the subsequent merger is

duly filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware or at such later time as the parties may mutually agree and specify in such certificate of merger. In certain circumstances, the parties may agree, in their respective reasonable business discretion, not to consummate the subsequent merger. However, the transaction will still be completed if the parties agree not to consummate the subsequent merger.

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**Regulatory Approvals**

Completion of the transaction is conditioned on (i) the expiration of the applicable waiting period under the HSR Act, (ii) receipt of any consents from the FCC, if required in connection with the consummation of the transaction, (iii) receipt of the PUC consents, if required in connection with the transaction, and (iv) receipt of the foreign regulator consents.

In addition to the foreign regulator consents, Time Warner will provide AT&T with all information requested by AT&T that is reasonably necessary to identify any consents required under any other foreign or transnational laws regarding the provision of broadcasting or audio-video media services applicable to the consummation of the transaction or the issuance of shares of AT&T common stock pursuant to the initial merger, which we refer to as additional consents. AT&T and Time Warner will use their reasonable best efforts to identify any additional consents within 30 days following Time Warner's delivery of the requested information to AT&T. The completion of the transaction may also be conditioned on receipt of certain of these additional consents.

It is also a condition to AT&T's obligation to consummate the transaction that all governmental consents described in the foregoing paragraphs and all other governmental consents required under applicable law in connection with the consummation of the transaction not have imposed any regulatory conditions that, individually or in the aggregate, would be reasonably likely to have a regulatory material adverse effect (as defined below).

Under the HSR Act, certain transactions, including the transaction, may not be completed unless certain waiting period requirements have expired or been terminated. The HSR Act provides that each party must file a pre-merger notification with the Federal Trade Commission, which we refer to as the FTC, and the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, which we refer to as the DOJ. A transaction notifiable under the HSR Act may not be completed until the expiration of a 30-calendar-day waiting period following the parties' filings of their respective HSR Act notification forms or the termination of that waiting period. If the DOJ issues a Request for Additional Information and Documentary Material prior to the expiration of the initial waiting period, the parties must observe a second 30-calendar-day waiting period, which would begin to run only after both parties have substantially complied with the request for additional information, unless the waiting period is terminated earlier.

Time Warner and AT&T filed their notification and report forms under the HSR Act on November 4, 2016. On December 8, 2016, the DOJ issued a Second Request.

Time Warner and AT&T have agreed to cooperate with each other and use, and cause their respective subsidiaries to use, their respective reasonable best efforts to obtain all regulatory approvals required to complete the transaction. In furtherance of the foregoing, AT&T and Time Warner have agreed, as promptly as reasonably practicable, to:

prepare and file all documentation to effect all necessary notices, reports and other filings; and

obtain all consents, registrations, approvals, permits, expirations of waiting periods and authorizations necessary or advisable to be obtained from any third party and/or any governmental entity in order to consummate the transaction.

In furtherance of the foregoing, Time Warner and AT&T have agreed that "reasonable best efforts" includes taking any and all actions necessary to obtain the consents, approvals, permits, waiting period expirations or authorizations of any governmental entity required to consummate the transaction prior to the termination date, including agreeing to

regulatory conditions that would have a serious and significant adverse impact on the current or future business or operations of AT&T and its subsidiaries, including Time Warner and its subsidiaries, which we refer to as regulatory actions.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, AT&T's and Time Warner's respective obligations to use reasonable best efforts to obtain all regulatory approvals required to complete the transaction do not require AT&T and its

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subsidiaries (including Time Warner and its subsidiaries) to take or refrain from taking, or agree to take or refrain from taking, any action or actions that, individually or in the aggregate, would:

be reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the financial condition, properties, assets, business or results of operations of the businesses included in AT&T's Entertainment Group Segment Results as of the date of the merger agreement, together with the businesses of Time Warner and its subsidiaries, which we refer to collectively as the combined entertainment group, treating for this purpose the effects of all regulatory actions wherever imposed (whether on AT&T, its subsidiaries, Time Warner and/or its subsidiaries) as if they affected a company the size of, and having the financial and operating metrics of, the combined entertainment group;

result in a material increase in the aggregate capital expenditures of AT&T and its subsidiaries from the closing date of the transaction through 2021 relative to the aggregate corresponding amounts in AT&T's consolidated 2017-2021 capital budget as provided to Time Warner prior to the date of the merger agreement; or

require AT&T or its subsidiaries to divest, dispose of or hold separate any businesses or assets of AT&T or its subsidiaries (not including any businesses or assets of Time Warner or its subsidiaries) that are more than *de minimis*.

We refer to the occurrence of any of the matters specified in any of the bullets above as a regulatory material adverse effect.

Time Warner and its subsidiaries may not agree to any regulatory actions without the prior written consent of AT&T (which, subject to certain exceptions, may be granted or withheld in AT&T's sole discretion).

Subject to applicable laws relating to the exchange of information, AT&T and Time Warner will have the right to review in advance, and to the extent practicable each will consult the other on, all of the information relating to AT&T or Time Warner, as the case may be, and any of their respective subsidiaries, that appears in any filing made with, or written materials submitted to, any third party and/or any governmental entity in connection with the transaction and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement. To the extent permitted by applicable law, each party must provide the other with copies of all material written correspondence between it (or its advisors) and any governmental entity relating to the transaction and the other transactions contemplated by the merger agreement and, to the extent reasonably practicable, all telephone calls and meetings with a governmental entity regarding the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement must include representatives of AT&T and Time Warner.

In addition, AT&T and Time Warner will coordinate with respect to antitrust laws and communications laws and with respect to the appropriate course of action with respect to obtaining the consents, approvals, permits, waiting period expirations or authorizations of any governmental entity required to consummate the transaction. To the extent permitted by applicable law, each of AT&T and Time Warner has agreed to:

notify the other, as far in advance as practicable, of any filing or material or substantive communication or inquiry it or any of its subsidiaries intends to make with any governmental entity relating to regulatory

approvals required to complete the transaction;

prior to submitting any such filing or making any such communication or inquiry, provide the other party and its counsel a reasonable opportunity to review, and consider in good faith the comments of the other party in connection with, any such filing, communication or inquiry;

promptly following the submission of such filing or making such communication or inquiry, provide the other party a copy of any such filing or, if in written form, communication or inquiry; and

consult with the other party in connection with any inquiry, hearing, investigation or litigation by, or negotiations with, any governmental entity relating to the transaction.

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In exercising the foregoing rights, Time Warner and AT&T each must act reasonably and as promptly as reasonably practicable.

**Accounting Treatment**

AT&T prepares its financial statements in accordance with GAAP. The transaction will be accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting. AT&T will be treated as the acquiror for accounting purposes.

**NYSE Market Listing**

The shares of AT&T common stock to be issued in the initial merger will be listed for trading on the NYSE.

**Delisting and Deregistration of Time Warner Common Stock**

If the initial merger is completed, Time Warner common stock will be delisted from the NYSE and deregistered under the Exchange Act, and Time Warner will no longer be required to file periodic reports with the SEC.

Prior to the closing of the transaction, Time Warner has agreed to cooperate with AT&T to take all actions reasonably necessary, proper or advisable on its part under applicable laws and rules and regulations of the NYSE to enable such delisting and deregistration.

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*This section describes the material terms of the merger agreement. The description in this section and elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the merger agreement, a copy of which is attached as **Annex A** and is incorporated by reference into this proxy statement/prospectus. This summary does not purport to be complete and may not contain all of the information about the merger agreement that is important to you. You are encouraged to read the merger agreement carefully and in its entirety. This section is not intended to provide you with any factual information about Time Warner or AT&T. Such information can be found elsewhere in this proxy statement/prospectus and in the public filings Time Warner and AT&T make with the SEC, as described in the section entitled *Where You Can Find More Information* beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.*

**Explanatory Note Regarding Representations, Warranties and Covenants in the Merger Agreement**

The merger agreement is included to provide you with information regarding its terms. Factual disclosures about Time Warner and AT&T contained in this proxy statement/prospectus or in the public reports of Time Warner and AT&T filed with the SEC may supplement, update or modify the factual disclosures about Time Warner and AT&T contained in the merger agreement. The representations, warranties and covenants made in the merger agreement by Time Warner, AT&T, Corporate Merger Sub and LLC Merger Sub, which we refer to together as the Merger Subs, were qualified and subject to important limitations agreed to by Time Warner, AT&T and Merger Subs in connection with negotiating the terms of the merger agreement. In particular, in your review of the representations and warranties contained in the merger agreement and described in this summary, it is important to bear in mind that the representations and warranties were negotiated with the principal purpose of establishing circumstances in which a party to the merger agreement may have the right not to consummate the transaction if the representations and warranties of the other party prove to be untrue due to a change in circumstance or otherwise, and allocating risk between the parties to the merger agreement, rather than establishing matters as facts. The representations and warranties also may be subject to a contractual standard of materiality different from that generally applicable to stockholders and reports and documents filed with the SEC and in some cases were qualified by the matters contained in the disclosure schedules that Time Warner and AT&T each delivered in connection with the merger agreement, which disclosures were not reflected in the merger agreement. Moreover, information concerning the subject matter of the representations and warranties, which do not purport to be accurate as of the date of this proxy statement/prospectus, may have changed since the date of the merger agreement.

**Effects of the Mergers; Organizational Documents; Officers**

The merger agreement provides for two mergers, which would occur in immediate succession. First, Corporate Merger Sub will merge with and into Time Warner. Time Warner will survive the initial merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of AT&T, which we refer to as the initial surviving company. We refer to the effective time of the initial merger as the first effective time.

The merger agreement provides that immediately following the first effective time, Time Warner will merge with and into LLC Merger Sub. LLC Merger Sub will survive the subsequent merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of AT&T, which we refer to as the final surviving entity. We refer to the effective time of the subsequent merger as the second effective time. However, under certain circumstances the subsequent merger may not occur. See the section entitled *The Merger Agreement Alternative Structure* beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus. We refer to the initial merger and the subsequent merger collectively as the mergers.



At the first effective time, each share of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Time Warner issued and outstanding immediately prior to the first effective time (other than shares owned by AT&T or Time Warner in each case not held on behalf of third parties and shares that are owned by stockholders, whom we refer to as

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dissenting stockholders, who have perfected and not withdrawn a demand for appraisal rights pursuant to Section 262 of the DGCL, all of which such shares we refer to as excluded shares) will be converted into the right to receive the merger consideration. The merger consideration will consist of (i) \$53.75 in cash, plus (ii) a number of validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable shares of common stock of AT&T equal to the exchange ratio. The exchange ratio is established in accordance with the merger agreement and depends on the average of the volume weighted averages of the trading price of AT&T common stock on the NYSE on each of the 15 consecutive NYSE trading days ending on and including the trading day that is three trading days prior to the date of the initial merger, which we refer to as the average stock price. If the average stock price is between (or equal to) \$37.411 and \$41.349 per share, the exchange ratio will be the quotient obtained by dividing \$53.75 by the average stock price. If the average stock price is greater than \$41.349, the exchange ratio will be 1.300. If the average stock price is less than \$37.411, the exchange ratio will be 1.437.

At the first effective time, all shares of Time Warner common stock (other than excluded shares) will cease to be outstanding, will be cancelled and will cease to exist, and each certificate formerly representing any shares of Time Warner common stock (other than excluded shares) and each book-entry account formerly representing any uncertificated share of Time Warner common stock (other than excluded shares) will thereafter represent only the right to receive the merger consideration and the right, if any, to receive cash in lieu of fractional shares into which such shares have been converted and any distribution or dividend issued or payable after the first effective time.

At the first effective time, except for the rights available to dissenting stockholders described in the section entitled *The Merger Agreement Appraisal Rights* and the section entitled *Appraisal Rights of Time Warner Stockholders* beginning on pages [ ] and [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus, respectively, each excluded share will cease to be outstanding, will be cancelled without payment of any consideration in return and will cease to exist.

*The Certificate of Incorporation; the Bylaws*

At the first effective time, the certificate of incorporation of the initial surviving company will be amended and restated so as to read in its entirety as the certificate of incorporation of Corporate Merger Sub in effect immediately prior to the first effective time, except that references to the name of Corporate Merger Sub will be replaced by the name of the initial surviving company and references to the incorporator will be removed, until thereafter amended as provided therein or by applicable law.

Also at the first effective time, the bylaws of the initial surviving company will be amended and restated so as to read in their entirety as the bylaws of Corporate Merger Sub in effect immediately prior to the first effective time, except that references to the name of Corporate Merger Sub will be replaced by the name of the initial surviving company, until thereafter amended as provided therein or by applicable law.

*Directors*

The parties will take all actions necessary so that the directors of Corporate Merger Sub immediately prior to the first effective time will, from and after the first effective time, be the directors of the initial surviving company until their successors have been duly elected or appointed and qualified or until their earlier death, resignation or removal in accordance with the initial surviving company's certificate of incorporation and bylaws.

*Officers*

The parties will take all actions necessary so that the officers of Time Warner immediately prior to the first effective time will, from and after the first effective time, be the officers of the initial surviving company until their successors

have been duly elected or appointed and qualified or until their earlier death, resignation or removal in accordance with the initial surviving company's certificate of incorporation and bylaws.

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**Treatment of Time Warner Equity Compensation Awards in the Transaction**

*Treatment of Stock Options*

At the first effective time, each outstanding Time Warner option, whether vested or unvested, will be converted into an AT&T option covering a number of shares of AT&T common stock (rounded down to the nearest whole number) equal to the product of (i) the number of shares of Time Warner common stock subject to such option immediately prior to the first effective time and (ii) the option exchange ratio (defined below), at an exercise price per share (rounded up to the nearest whole cent) equal to the result obtained by dividing (A) the exercise price per share of such option immediately prior to the first effective time by (B) the option exchange ratio. After the first effective time, each option will have the same general terms and conditions as were applicable to such option immediately prior to the first effective time, except that each option granted to a non-employee director of Time Warner will vest and become immediately exercisable at the first effective time.

Under the merger agreement, the option exchange ratio means a fraction, the numerator of which is the sum of \$53.75 plus an amount equal to the product of the exchange ratio and the average stock price, and the denominator of which is the average stock price.

*Treatment of Restricted Stock Units*

At the first effective time, each director restricted stock unit award will be cancelled in exchange for the merger consideration for each share underlying such director restricted stock unit award, plus any retained distributions, in each case, without interest and less applicable tax withholdings.

At the first effective time, each outstanding restricted stock unit award, other than a director restricted stock unit award or a performance stock unit award, whether vested or unvested, will be converted into (i) the right to receive a cash amount equal to \$53.75 multiplied by the number of shares underlying such restricted stock unit award, plus any retained distributions, in each case, without interest, and (ii) an AT&T restricted stock unit award covering a number of shares of AT&T common stock equal to the number of shares of Time Warner common stock underlying such restricted stock unit award multiplied by the exchange ratio. Any fractional AT&T restricted stock units will be converted into a cash payment based on the average stock price, and the payment will be treated as a retained distribution. After the first effective time, the cash consideration, the AT&T restricted stock units and the retained distributions will continue to be governed by the same general terms and conditions as were applicable to such restricted stock unit award immediately prior to the first effective time.

*Treatment of Performance Stock Units*

At the first effective time, each outstanding performance stock unit award, whether vested or unvested, will be cancelled in exchange for the merger consideration, which will be paid promptly following the first effective time, for each share underlying such performance stock unit award immediately prior to the first effective time, plus any retained distributions, in each case, without interest and less applicable tax withholdings. The number of shares of Time Warner common stock subject to the performance stock unit award will be determined by the Compensation and Human Development Committee of the Time Warner board, in accordance with the terms of the applicable award and subject to review by AT&T.

**Exchange and Payment Procedures**

At the first effective time, AT&T will deposit with the exchange agent a number of shares of AT&T common stock and an amount of cash comprising approximately the aggregate merger consideration to which Time Warner stockholders will become entitled. After the first effective time, on the appropriate payment date, if applicable, AT&T will deposit with the exchange agent the amount of any dividends or other distributions payable on shares of AT&T common stock issued pursuant to the initial merger with a record and payment date after the first effective time and prior to the surrender of such shares and cash in lieu of fractional shares payable.

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Promptly (and in any event within four business days) after the first effective time, AT&T will cause the exchange agent to mail a letter of transmittal to each holder of record of a certificate representing shares of Time Warner common stock converted pursuant to the merger agreement. The letter of transmittal will advise the holder of the effectiveness of the initial merger and the conversion of the holder's Time Warner common stock into the right to receive the merger consideration and specify that delivery will be effected, and risk of loss and title to the shares of Time Warner common stock will pass, only upon proper delivery of such certificate (or affidavit of loss in lieu of the certificate) to the exchange agent and will provide instructions for use in effecting the surrender of share certificates in exchange for payment of the merger consideration.

Upon the delivery of a certificate (or affidavit of loss) to the exchange agent, the holder of such certificate will receive the number of whole shares of AT&T common stock and the amount of cash that such holder is entitled to receive in respect of each such uncertificated share, including any cash in lieu of fractional shares and any dividends and other distributions in respect of the AT&T common stock to be issued or paid (after giving effect to any required tax withholdings). Surrendered share certificates will be cancelled and no interest will be paid or accrue on any cash.

Holders of shares of Time Warner common stock that are not registered in Time Warner's transfer record will not be entitled to receive the merger consideration unless and until the certificate formerly representing such shares is presented to the exchange agent, along with documents evidencing such transfer and the payment of applicable stock transfer taxes.

If any shares of AT&T common stock are issued to a name not matching that of its certificate, the holder requesting such exchange must pay any required stock transfer or other taxes, or must establish to AT&T or the exchange agent that such taxes have been paid or are not applicable.

For holders of uncertificated shares of Time Warner common stock, promptly after the first effective time, AT&T will cause the exchange agent to (i) mail to each holder of uncertificated shares of Time Warner common stock (other than excluded shares) materials advising such holder of the effectiveness of the initial merger and the conversion of its shares into the right to receive the merger consideration and (ii) issue, to each holder of uncertificated shares the number of whole shares of AT&T common stock and the amount of cash that such holder is entitled to receive in respect of such uncertificated shares, including any cash in lieu of fractional shares and any dividends and other distributions in respect of the AT&T common stock to be issued or paid (after giving effect to any required tax withholdings).

## **Distributions with Respect to Unexchanged Shares; Voting**

All shares of AT&T common stock issued pursuant to the initial merger will be deemed issued and outstanding as of the first effective time. Whenever a dividend or other distribution is declared by AT&T in respect of AT&T common stock and the record date of such dividend or distribution is after the first effective time, that declaration will include dividends or other distributions in respect of all shares of AT&T common stock issuable in the initial merger. Until holders of certificates previously representing Time Warner shares have surrendered their share certificates to the exchange agent for exchange, those holders will not receive dividends or distributions on the shares of AT&T common stock into which those shares have been converted with a record date after the first effective time. Subject to applicable law, when holders surrender their share certificates, they will receive, without interest, (i) the amount of dividends or other distributions with a record date after the first effective time theretofore payable with respect to such whole shares of AT&T common stock and (ii) at the appropriate payment date, the dividends or other distributions payable with respect to such whole shares of AT&T common stock with a record date after the first effective time with a payment date subsequent to such surrender.

Registered holders of unsurrendered certificates representing shares of Time Warner common stock will be entitled to vote after the first effective time at any meeting of AT&T stockholders with a record date at or after

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the first effective time the number of whole shares of AT&T common stock represented by such certificates, regardless of whether such holders have exchanged their certificates.

### **No Transfers Following the First Effective Time**

After the first effective time, the stock transfer books of Time Warner will be closed and there will be no further registration of transfers of the shares of the common stock of Time Warner that were outstanding immediately prior to the first effective time.

### **Fractional Shares**

No fractional shares of AT&T common stock will be issued, and any holder of shares of Time Warner common stock, Time Warner director restricted stock units and Time Warner performance stock units who would have been entitled to receive a fractional share of AT&T common stock but for this provision will instead be entitled to receive a cash payment in lieu thereof. The value of such cash payment will be calculated by the exchange agent and will represent the holder's proportionate interest in a share of AT&T common stock based on the average stock price.

### **Termination of Exchange Fund**

Any certificates representing shares of AT&T common stock and any funds that had been made available to the exchange agent for the payment of the merger consideration (including dividends and other distributions paid by AT&T after the first effective time) and have not been disbursed to holders of shares of Time Warner common stock for 180 days after the first effective time will be delivered to AT&T. Thereafter, former holders of shares of Time Warner common stock (other than excluded shares) will be entitled to look only to AT&T with respect to the payment of any merger consideration (or dividends or distributions with respect thereto, as contemplated by the merger agreement), without any interest thereon. None of the initial surviving company, final surviving entity, AT&T, the exchange agent or any other person will be liable to any former holder of Time Warner shares for any amount properly delivered to a public official pursuant to any abandoned property, escheat or similar law. To the fullest extent permitted by law, immediately prior to the date any merger consideration would escheat to or become the property of governmental entity, such merger consideration will become the property of the final surviving entity.

### **Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Share Certificates**

If a share certificate has been lost, stolen or destroyed, then, before a Time Warner stockholder will be entitled to receive the merger consideration (or dividends or distribution with respect thereto), the holder will need to deliver an affidavit of that fact and, if required by AT&T, a bond (in such amount as is customary and on such terms as may be required by AT&T) as indemnity against any claim that may be made against AT&T, the exchange agent or the final surviving entity on account of the alleged loss, theft or destruction of such share certificate.

### **Withholding Rights**

AT&T and the Merger Subs will each be entitled to deduct and withhold any applicable taxes from the consideration otherwise payable to Time Warner stockholders and pay over such withheld amounts to the appropriate governmental entity. Any amount so withheld will be treated for all purposes of the merger agreement as having been paid to the holder of the Time Warner shares in respect of which the deduction and withholding was made.

### **Appraisal Rights**



No dissenting stockholders will be entitled to receive shares of AT&T common stock or the cash portion of the merger consideration, or any dividends or other distributions on shares of AT&T common stock issued as

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merger consideration, unless and until the holder has failed to perfect or has effectively withdrawn or lost the holder's right to seek appraisal in connection with the initial merger under the DGCL. Dissenting stockholders who properly demand and perfect their appraisal rights and do not withdraw or otherwise lose these rights will be entitled to receive only the payment provided by Section 262 of the DGCL with respect to their shares of Time Warner common stock. Once a holder of Time Warner common stock has failed to properly perfect or has effectively withdrawn or lost the right to appraisal under the DGCL or if a court of competent jurisdiction has finally determined that the dissenting stockholder is not entitled to relief under Section 262 of the DGCL with respect to any shares of Time Warner common stock, these shares will be converted, as of the first effective time, into the right to receive the merger consideration without interest and less any required tax withholding. Time Warner must give AT&T (i) prompt written notice of any written demands for appraisal, attempted withdrawals of such demands, and any other instruments received by Time Warner relating to stockholders' rights of appraisal, and (ii) the opportunity to direct all negotiations and proceedings with respect to demands for appraisal. Time Warner may not, except with the prior written consent of AT&T, voluntarily make any payment with respect to any demands for appraisal, offer to settle or settle any such demands or approve any withdrawal of any such demands.

**Adjustments to Prevent Dilution**

In the event that, prior to the first effective time, either Time Warner or AT&T changes the number of shares of Time Warner common stock or AT&T common stock, as the case may be, issued and outstanding, or if Time Warner changes the number of securities convertible or exchangeable into or exercisable for any shares of Time Warner common stock, as a result of a distribution, reclassification, stock split (including a reverse stock split), stock dividend or distribution, recapitalization, subdivision, or other similar transaction, the merger consideration will be equitably adjusted to eliminate the effects of such event on the merger consideration.

**Representations and Warranties**

The merger agreement contains customary and, in certain cases, substantially reciprocal representations and warranties by Time Warner and AT&T that are subject, in some cases, to specified exceptions and qualifications contained in the merger agreement, in any form, statement, certification, report or other document filed with or furnished to the SEC from January 1, 2016 and prior to October 22, 2016 or in the disclosure schedules delivered by Time Warner and AT&T to each other in connection with the merger agreement, excluding, in each case, any disclosures, other than statements of historical fact, set forth in any risk factor section or in any such forms, statements, certifications, reports and documents that are cautionary, predictive or forward looking in nature.

These representations and warranties relate to, among other things:

organization, good standing and qualification to do business;

capital structure;

the absence of preemptive or other outstanding rights, options, warrants, conversion rights, stock appreciation rights, redemption rights, repurchase rights, agreements, arrangements, calls, commitments or rights of any kind that obligate Time Warner, AT&T or any of their respective subsidiaries to issue or sell any shares of capital stock or other equity or voting securities of Time Warner, AT&T or any of their

respective subsidiaries or any securities or obligations convertible or exchangeable into or exercisable for, or giving any person a right to subscribe for or acquire from Time Warner, AT&T or any of their respective subsidiaries, any equity securities of Time Warner, AT&T or any of their respective subsidiaries, and no securities or obligations of Time Warner, AT&T or any of their respective subsidiaries evidencing such rights are authorized, issued or outstanding;

the absence of outstanding bonds, debentures, notes or other obligations the holders of which have the right to vote (or convertible into or exercisable for securities having the right to vote) with the stockholders of Time Warner or AT&T on any matter;

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corporate authority and approval relating to the execution, delivery and performance of the merger agreement;

governmental filings, notices, reports, consents, registrations, approvals, permits, expirations of waiting periods, or authorizations necessary to complete the transaction;

the absence of a breach or violation of, or a default under, governing documents;

the absence of a breach or violation of, a default or termination or modification (or right of termination or modification) under, payment of additional fees under, the creation or acceleration of any obligations under, or the creation of a lien on any of the assets of AT&T, Time Warner or any of their respective subsidiaries pursuant to any agreement, lease, license, contract, consent, settlement, note, mortgage, indenture, arrangement, understanding or other obligation, which we refer to in this section collectively as contracts, binding on AT&T, Time Warner or any of their respective subsidiaries, or under any law or order of or license granted by a governmental entity to which AT&T, Time Warner or any of their respective subsidiaries is subject;

the absence of any change in the rights or obligations under contracts to which AT&T, Time Warner or any of their respective subsidiaries is a party;

filings with the SEC;

compliance with listing and corporate governance rules and regulations;

compliance with disclosure controls and procedures required under the Exchange Act;

the accuracy of consolidated financial statements;

the absence of a material adverse effect since December 31, 2015, and, since June 30, 2016, the conduct by Time Warner and AT&T of their respective businesses in the ordinary course consistent with past practice in all material respects and the absence of certain other changes or events;

the absence of civil, criminal or administrative actions, suits, claims, hearings, arbitrations, investigations or other proceedings, pending or, to the knowledge of AT&T or Time Warner, threatened against AT&T, Time Warner or any of their respective subsidiaries;

the absence of certain undisclosed liabilities;

the absence of certain judgments, orders, writs, injunctions, decrees, awards, stipulations or settlements to which either AT&T, Time Warner or any of their respective subsidiaries is a party;

compliance with applicable laws;

takeover statutes;

tax matters, including representations that neither AT&T nor Time Warner has taken or agreed to take any action, or is aware of any fact or circumstance, that would prevent or impede the transaction from qualifying for the Intended Tax Treatment; and

broker's and finder's fees.

The merger agreement also contains additional representations and warranties by Time Warner relating to the following:

Time Warner's ownership interest in each of its subsidiaries and the ownership interest of Time Warner and its subsidiaries in the capital stock or equity interests of certain other persons;

the receipt by the Time Warner board of the opinions of Time Warner's financial advisors;

employee benefits;

labor matters;

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material contracts;

environmental matters;

intellectual property matters;

content distribution;

the number of U.S. domestic households reached by certain networks of Time Warner; and

insurance policies.

The merger agreement also contains additional representations and warranties by AT&T relating to the following:

required contributions to the AT&T pension plans and the financial condition of such plans; and

available funds at the first effective time for payment of the merger consideration.

Some of the representations and warranties contained in the merger agreement are qualified by a material adverse effect standard (that is, they will not be deemed untrue or incorrect unless their failure to be true or correct, individually or in the aggregate has had or would reasonably be likely to have a material adverse effect on either Time Warner or AT&T).

A material adverse effect with respect to Time Warner, AT&T or Merger Subs, as applicable, means (A) an effect that would prevent, materially delay or materially impair the ability of Time Warner, AT&T or Merger Subs to consummate the transaction or (B) a material adverse effect on the financial condition, properties, assets, business or results of operations of Time Warner and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or AT&T and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, but excluding any such effect resulting from or arising in connection with the following, which we refer to as the material adverse effect exceptions:

changes in, or events generally affecting, the financial, securities or capital markets, although a material adverse effect will exist only to the extent such effect has a disproportionate adverse effect on Time Warner and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or AT&T and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, as applicable, relative to other participants in the industries Time Warner and its subsidiaries, or AT&T and its subsidiaries, as applicable operate, but, in such event, only the incremental disproportionate impact of such changes, effects, circumstances or developments will be taken into account in determining whether a material adverse effect has occurred;

general economic or political conditions in the United States or any foreign jurisdiction in which Time Warner, AT&T or any of their respective subsidiaries, as applicable, operate, including any changes in currency exchange rates, interest rates, monetary policy or inflation, although a material adverse effect will exist only to the extent such effect has a disproportionate adverse effect on Time Warner and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or AT&T and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, as applicable, relative to other participants in the industries Time Warner and its subsidiaries, or AT&T and its subsidiaries, as applicable operate, but, in such event, only the incremental disproportionate impact of such changes, effects, circumstances or developments will be taken into account in determining whether a material adverse effect has occurred;

changes in, or events generally affecting, the industries in which Time Warner, AT&T or any of their respective affiliates, as applicable, operate, although a material adverse effect will exist only to the extent such effect has a disproportionate adverse effect on Time Warner and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or AT&T and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, as applicable, relative to other participants in the industries Time Warner and its subsidiaries, or AT&T and its subsidiaries, as applicable, operate, but, in such event, only the incremental disproportionate impact of such changes, effects, circumstances or developments will be taken into account in determining whether a material adverse effect has occurred;

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any acts of war, sabotage, civil disobedience or terrorism or natural disasters (including hurricanes, tornadoes, floods or earthquakes), although a material adverse effect will exist only to the extent such effect has a disproportionate adverse effect on Time Warner and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or AT&T and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, as applicable, relative to other participants in the industries Time Warner and its subsidiaries, or AT&T and its subsidiaries, as applicable, operate, but, in such event, only the incremental disproportionate impact of such changes, effects, circumstances or developments will be taken into account in determining whether a material adverse effect has occurred;

any failure by Time Warner or any of its subsidiaries, or AT&T or any of its subsidiaries, as applicable, to meet any internal or published budgets, projections, forecasts or predictions in respect of financial performance for any period, although this exception will not prevent or otherwise affect a determination that any change, effect, circumstance or development underlying such failure or decline or change (if not falling within any of the other material adverse effect exceptions) has resulted in, or contributed to, a material adverse effect;

a decline in the price, or change in the trading volumes, of the shares of Time Warner common stock or of AT&T common stock, as applicable, on the NYSE, although this exception will not prevent or otherwise affect a determination that any change, effect, circumstance or development underlying such failure or decline or change (if not falling within any of the other material adverse effect exceptions) has resulted in, or contributed to, a material adverse effect;

any changes in law, although a material adverse effect will exist only to the extent such effect has a disproportionate adverse effect on Time Warner and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or AT&T and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, as applicable, relative to other participants in the industries Time Warner and its subsidiaries, or AT&T and its subsidiaries, as applicable, operate, but, in such event, only the incremental disproportionate impact of such changes, effects, circumstances or developments will be taken into account in determining whether a material adverse effect has occurred;

any changes in U.S. GAAP (or authoritative interpretation of U.S. GAAP), although a material adverse effect will exist only to the extent such effect has a disproportionate adverse effect on Time Warner and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or AT&T and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, as applicable, relative to other participants in the industries Time Warner and its subsidiaries, or AT&T and its subsidiaries, as applicable, operate, but, in such event, only the incremental disproportionate impact of such changes, effects, circumstances or developments will be taken into account in determining whether a material adverse effect has occurred;

the taking of any specific action expressly required by the merger agreement or taken with the written consent, in the case of Time Warner, of AT&T, and in the case of AT&T, of Time Warner, to the extent the effects thereof are reasonably explained in writing by the party requesting such consent prior to the time of such consent or the failure to take any specific action expressly prohibited by the merger agreement and as for which a party declined to provide consent; or



the announcement or pendency (but not the consummation) of the merger agreement and the transaction, including the associated impacts on the relationships with customers, suppliers, distributors, partners or employees, although this exception shall not apply with respect to material adverse effect qualifiers applied to certain specified representations and warranties.

**Conduct of Businesses of Time Warner and its Subsidiaries Prior to Completion of the Transaction**

Time Warner has agreed that, subject to certain exceptions or unless AT&T approves in writing (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), between the date of the merger agreement and the first effective time, Time Warner will use its reasonable best efforts to conduct its business and the business of its subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, and each of Time Warner and its subsidiaries will, subject to certain restrictions, use reasonable best efforts to preserve its business organization intact and maintain existing relations and goodwill with governmental entities, customers, suppliers,

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distributors, licensors, creditors, lessors, employees and business associates and others having material business dealings with Time Warner (including material content providers, studios, authors, producers, directors, actors, performers, guilds, announcers and advertisers) and keep available the services of the present employees and agents of Time Warner and its subsidiaries.

Time Warner also has agreed that, subject to certain exceptions or unless AT&T approves in writing (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), between the date of the merger agreement and the first effective time, it will not, nor permit any of its subsidiaries to, except as required by law, as expressly provided for in the merger agreement or as otherwise agreed between the parties and, in some cases, transactions solely among Time Warner and its wholly owned subsidiaries or solely involving wholly owned subsidiaries of Time Warner:

amend its governing documents; split, combine, subdivide or reclassify its outstanding shares of capital stock; declare, set aside or pay any dividend or distribution payable in cash, stock or property (or any combination thereof) in respect of any shares of its capital stock (except for normal quarterly cash dividends on Time Warner's common stock); enter into any agreement with respect to the voting of its capital stock; or purchase, repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any shares of its capital stock or any securities convertible or exchangeable into or exercisable for any shares of its capital stock;

merge or consolidate with any other person or restructure, reorganize or completely or partially liquidate;

knowingly take or omit to take any action if such action or failure to act would be reasonably likely to prevent or impede the transaction from qualifying for the Intended Tax Treatment;

increase or change the compensation or benefits payable to any employee of Time Warner or any of its subsidiaries other than in the ordinary course of business, subject to certain restrictions on granting equity-based awards or transaction or retention bonuses, increasing the compensation or benefits payable to certain senior members of Time Warner's management team, increasing severance benefits and changing pension or welfare benefit plans in a manner that materially increases costs;

incur any indebtedness, or issue any warrants or other rights to acquire any indebtedness;

make or commit to any capital expenditures other than in connection with the repair or replacement of facilities, properties or assets destroyed or damaged due to casualty or accident (if covered by insurance or the portion of which is not covered by insurance is less than \$100,000,000) or in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice and in the aggregate not in excess of 120% of the amounts reflected in Time Warner's capital expenditure budget for 2016, 2017 and 2018;

transfer, lease, license, sell, assign, let lapse, abandon, cancel, mortgage, pledge, place a lien on or otherwise dispose of any intellectual property;

issue, deliver, sell, grant, transfer, or encumber, or authorize the issuance, delivery, sale, grant, transfer or encumbrance of, any shares of its capital stock or any securities convertible or exchangeable into or exercisable for, or any options, warrants or other rights to acquire, any such shares;

transfer, lease, license, sell, assign, let lapse, abandon, cancel, mortgage, pledge, place a lien on or otherwise dispose of any properties or assets, but not including intellectual property, with a fair market value in excess of \$50,000,000 individually if the transaction is not in the ordinary course or \$100,000,000 individually in any event;

other than capital expenditures made in accordance with the above and other than with respect to film and television programming or video game production, spend or commit to spend amounts in excess of \$25,000,000 if the transaction is not in the ordinary course of business and \$200,000,000 in any event or more than \$500,000,000 in the aggregate in any year, in each case to acquire any business, whether by merger, consolidation, purchase of property or assets, licenses or otherwise, provided that neither Time Warner nor any of its subsidiaries will make any acquisition that would, or would reasonably be likely to, prevent, materially delay or materially impair the consummation of the transaction;

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other than capital expenditures made in accordance with the above, spend or commit to spend on purchases and licensing of film and television programming from third parties or video game production in excess of \$500,000,000 if the transaction is not in the ordinary course and \$1,000,000,000 in any event;

make any material change with respect to its financial accounting policies or procedures, except as required by changes in GAAP (or any interpretation of GAAP) or by applicable law;

make any tax election that is material to Time Warner and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or take any position that is material to Time Warner and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, on any tax return filed on or after the date of the merger agreement, that is inconsistent with elections made or positions taken in preparing or filing similar tax returns in prior periods, except in each case as the result of, or in response to, any change in United States federal tax laws or regulations or associated administrative guidance; make any change to any method of tax accounting that is material to Time Warner and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole; amend any federal income tax return with respect to an amount of taxes that is material to Time Warner and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole; or settle or resolve any tax controversy that is material to Time Warner and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole;

enter into any new line of business other than any line of business that is reasonably ancillary to and a reasonably foreseeable extension of any line of business as of the date of the merger agreement, or start to conduct a line of business in any geographic area where it is not conducted as of the date of the merger agreement, other than reasonable extensions to geographic areas where such business line is conducted as of the date of the merger agreement (provided that such entry or expansion would not require the receipt or transfer of any license issued by the FCC, a non-U.S. governmental entity regulating the provision of broadcasting or audio-video media services or by any other governmental entity to provide and/or own, operate or install broadcasting and/or audio-video media services, which we refer to as communications licenses, if issued or granted prior to the date of the merger agreement and would not reasonably be likely to prevent, materially delay or materially impair the ability of Time Warner, AT&T or Merger Subs to complete the transaction on a timely basis);

except as currently conducted, engage in the conduct of any business in any state which would require the receipt or transfer of a communications license or license that would constitute a communications license if issued or granted prior to the date of the merger agreement or in any foreign country that would require the receipt or transfers of a material license;

other than with respect to film and television programming, make any loans, advances or capital contributions to, or investments in, any person in excess of \$25,000,000 if the transaction is not in the ordinary course and \$200,000,000 in any event;

other than for certain specified exceptions, amend or modify in any material respect, or terminate or fail to renew (where the determination is unilateral by Time Warner or its subsidiary) any material contract (other than amendments or modifications that are substantially consistent with past practice or that are not adverse to Time Warner and its subsidiaries in any material respect with respect to the contract, and terminations

upon the expiration of the contract) or waive, release or assign any material rights, claims or benefits under any material contract or enter into any contract that would have been a material contract had it been entered into prior to the date of the merger agreement unless it is on terms substantially consistent with, or on terms more favorable to it (and to AT&T and its subsidiaries following the completion of the transaction) than, either a contract it is replacing or a form of such material contract made available to AT&T prior to the date of the merger agreement;

settle any action, suit, case, litigation, claim, hearing, arbitration, investigation or other proceedings before or threatened to be brought before a governmental entity, except such actions are permitted if the amount of the settlement is \$25,000,000 or less individually or \$75,000,000 or less in the aggregate and such settlement does not involve any injunctive or equitable relief that are not de minimis or impose restrictions on the business activities of Time Warner and its subsidiaries or AT&T and its subsidiaries that are not de minimis, or if the settlement relates to taxes;

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enter into any collective bargaining agreement, other than renewals of any collective bargaining agreements in the ordinary course of business;

enter into any contract obligating or purporting to obligate any existing or future non-controlled affiliate of Time Warner (including any parent entity) to grant licenses to any intellectual property; or

agree, resolve, or commit to do any of the foregoing actions.

Regardless of the above requirements, Time Warner and its subsidiaries must consult with AT&T reasonably in advance of taking any action in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice prior to entering into any such transaction involving capital expenditure transactions involving payments in excess of \$500,000,000, or transactions involving the acquisition of businesses (other than with respect to film and television programming or video game production) involving spending or committing to spend more than \$25,000,000. Additionally, Time Warner agreed that it and its subsidiaries will not, without the prior written consent of AT&T, exercise any buy-sell rights with respect to any joint venture or partnership that has a fair market value in excess of \$25,000,000, and Time Warner and its subsidiaries will consult in good faith the AT&T prior to taking any material action in response to the exercise of any buy-sell rights with respect to any joint venture or partnership with a fair market value in excess of \$25,000,000.

In addition, if the chief financial officer of Time Warner concludes at any time that there is a reasonable likelihood that the adjusted operating income or earnings per share of Time Warner and its subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, for the then-current fiscal quarter or fiscal year will adversely deviate by five percent or more from the budget for such item for such period, the chief financial officer of Time Warner will promptly advise the chief financial officer of AT&T of such deviation and the basis for such deviation, and notify the chief financial officer of AT&T regarding actions proposed to be taken with respect to such deviation.

**Conduct of Business of AT&T Prior to Completion of the Transaction**

AT&T has agreed that, subject to certain exceptions or unless required by law, as expressly provided for in the merger agreement or as Time Warner approves in writing (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), between the date of the merger agreement and the completion of the transaction:

AT&T will not amend its governing documents in any manner that would prohibit or hinder, impede or delay in any material respect the transaction, although it may amend its certificate of incorporation to increase the authorized number of shares of any class or series of the capital stock or to create a new series of capital stock;

AT&T will not declare, set aside or pay any dividend or distribution payable in cash, stock or property in respect of any capital stock, other than certain normal quarterly cash dividends on its common stock and dividends and distributions with a record date after the first effective time;

AT&T will not, and will not permit any of its subsidiaries to, acquire another business or merge or consolidate with any other person or restructure, reorganize or completely or partially liquidate, in each case,

to the extent that such action would, or would reasonably be likely to, prevent, materially delay or materially impair the consummation of the transaction;

AT&T and Merger Subs will not knowingly take or omit to take any action that would impair the enforceability of the bridge credit agreement entered simultaneously with the merger agreement, reduce the aggregate amount of the debt financing under such credit agreement (except as required under such credit agreement or concurrently with the entry into alternative arrangements in equal amounts and on other terms that, with respect to conditionality, are not less favorable in any material respect to AT&T or Merger Subs than the terms and conditions of such credit agreement) or adversely modify the terms and conditions of the bridge credit agreement in a manner that would reasonably be likely to prevent or materially impede or delay the funding of the debt financing under the bridge credit agreement;

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AT&T will not knowingly take or omit to take any action if such action or failure to act would reasonably be likely to prevent or impede the mergers from qualifying for the Intended Tax Treatment; and

AT&T will not agree, resolve or commit to do any of the foregoing.

**No Solicitation or Negotiation of Acquisition Proposals**

The merger agreement provides that neither Time Warner nor any of its subsidiaries nor any of their respective officers, directors and employees will, and Time Warner will instruct and use its reasonable best efforts to cause its and its subsidiaries' representatives not to, directly or indirectly:

initiate, solicit, knowingly encourage or otherwise knowingly facilitate any inquiries or the making of any proposal or offer that constitutes, or would reasonably be expected to lead to, any acquisition proposal;

engage or otherwise participate in any discussions or negotiations relating to any acquisition proposal or to any proposal or offer that would reasonably be expected to lead to an acquisition proposal;

provide any information or data to any person in connection with any acquisition proposal or any inquiry, proposal or offer that would reasonably be expected to lead to an acquisition proposal; or

otherwise knowingly facilitate any effort or attempt to make an acquisition proposal.

The merger agreement provides that an acquisition proposal means (i) any proposal or offer from any person or group of persons with respect to a merger, joint venture, partnership, consolidation, dissolution, liquidation, tender offer, recapitalization, reorganization, spin-off, extraordinary dividend, share exchange, business combination or similar transaction involving Time Warner or any of its subsidiaries which is structured to permit such person or group of persons (or their stockholders) to acquire, directly or indirectly, beneficial ownership of 15% or more of Time Warner's consolidated total assets or any class of Time Warner's equity interests and (ii) any acquisition by any person or group of persons (or their stockholders) resulting in, or proposal or offer, which if consummated would result in, any person or group of persons (or their stockholders) obtaining control over or becoming the beneficial owner of, directly or indirectly, in one or a series of related transactions, 15% or more of the total voting power of any class of equity securities of Time Warner, or 15% or more of the consolidated total assets (including equity securities of its subsidiaries) of Time Warner, in each case other than the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

*Existing Discussions or Negotiations*

The merger agreement provides that Time Warner will, and will cause its subsidiaries to, use its reasonable best efforts to cause its representatives to immediately cease and cause to be terminated any discussions and negotiations with any person conducted prior to the date of the merger agreement with respect to any acquisition proposal, or proposal that would reasonably be expected to lead to an acquisition proposal. Time Warner also agreed to promptly inform the persons referred to in the preceding sentence of its obligations, and Time Warner will promptly request from each person that has executed a confidentiality agreement in connection with its consideration of making an acquisition proposal to return or destroy all confidential information concerning Time Warner and any of its subsidiaries and promptly terminate all physical and electronic data access previously granted to such person.



*Fiduciary Exception*

Prior to the time, but not after, the Time Warner stockholder approval is obtained, Time Warner may do any of the following in response to an unsolicited bona fide written acquisition proposal made after the date of the merger agreement:

contact the person who made such acquisition proposal and its representatives solely to clarify the terms and conditions thereof; and

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if the Time Warner board has determined in good faith that (A) based on the information available and after consultation with outside legal counsel, the unsolicited proposal either constitutes a superior proposal (as defined below) or could be reasonably likely to result in a superior proposal and (B) the failure to take such action would be inconsistent with the directors' fiduciary duties under applicable law:

provide access to information regarding Time Warner or any of its subsidiaries in response to a request to the person who made such acquisition proposal and such person's representatives, provided that such information has previously been, or is substantially concurrently, made available to AT&T and that, prior to furnishing any such non-public information, Time Warner receives from the person making such acquisition proposal an executed confidentiality agreement with terms at least as restrictive in all material respects on such person as the confidentiality agreement between Time Warner and AT&T (it being understood that such confidentiality agreement need not contain a standstill or similar obligations to the extent that AT&T is, concurrently with the entry by Time Warner or its subsidiaries into such confidentiality agreement, released from any standstill or similar obligations in its confidentiality agreement with Time Warner), provided, further, that if the person making such acquisition proposal is a competitor of Time Warner and its subsidiaries, Time Warner will not provide information that in the good faith determination of Time Warner constitutes commercially sensitive non-public information to such person in connection with such permitted actions other than in accordance with a clean room or other similar procedures designated to limit any potential adverse effect on Time Warner from sharing such information; and

engage or participate in any discussions or negotiations with any such person and its representatives regarding such acquisition proposal.

The merger agreement provides that a superior proposal means an unsolicited bona fide acquisition proposal made after the date of the merger agreement that would result in a person or group (or their stockholders) becoming, directly or indirectly, the beneficial owner of, all or substantially all of Time Warner's consolidated total assets or more than 50% of the total voting power of the equity securities of Time Warner or the successor person of Time Warner, that the Time Warner board has determined in its good faith judgment is reasonably likely to be consummated in accordance with its terms, taking into account all legal, financial and regulatory aspects of the proposal and the person or group of persons making the proposal, and, if consummated, would result in a transaction more favorable to Time Warner's stockholders from a financial point of view than the transaction contemplated by the merger agreement (after taking into account any revisions to the terms of the transaction and the time likely to be required to consummate the acquisition proposal).

*Notice*

Time Warner will promptly notify AT&T if any inquiries, proposals or offers with respect to an acquisition proposal are received by, any non-public information is requested in connection with any acquisition proposal from, or any discussions or negotiations with respect to an acquisition proposal are sought to be initiated or continued with, it, its subsidiaries or any of their respective representatives. In any such notice, Time Warner will indicate the name of such person and the material terms and conditions of any proposals or offers (including, if applicable, copies of any written requests, proposals or offers, including proposed agreements) and should continue to keep AT&T informed, on a reasonably current basis, of the status and terms of any such proposals or offers and the status of any such discussions or negotiations, including any change in Time Warner's intentions as previously notified.



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**No Change in Recommendation or Alternative Acquisition Agreement**

Subject to certain exceptions described below, the Time Warner board and each committee of the Time Warner board may not:

withhold, withdraw, qualify or modify (or publicly propose or resolve to withhold, withdraw, qualify or modify), in a manner adverse to AT&T, its recommendation to Time Warner stockholders that they vote in favor of the adoption of the merger agreement, which we refer to as the Time Warner recommendation (it being understood that if any acquisition proposal structured as a tender or exchange offer is commenced, the Time Warner board failing to recommend against acceptance of such tender or exchange offer by Time Warner's stockholders within 10 business days after commencement thereof pursuant to Rule 14d-2 of the Exchange Act will be considered a modification adverse to AT&T);

approve or recommend, or publicly declare advisable or publicly propose to enter into, an alternative acquisition agreement relating to any acquisition proposal; or

cause or permit Time Warner to enter into an alternative acquisition agreement.

*Fiduciary Exception*

However, at any time before the Time Warner stockholder approval is obtained, the Time Warner board may:

make a change in recommendation in connection with an acquisition proposal if:

the acquisition proposal did not result from or in connection with a material breach of the merger agreement and the acquisition proposal is not withdrawn; and

the Time Warner board determines in good faith, after consultation with outside counsel and a financial advisor of nationally recognized reputation, that (A) such acquisition proposal constitutes a superior proposal and (B) the failure to take such action would be inconsistent with its fiduciary duties under applicable law;

make a change in recommendation other than in connection with an acquisition proposal if (i) a development or change in circumstances occurs or arises after the date of the merger agreement that was not known by nor was reasonably foreseeable to the Time Warner board as of the date of the merger agreement and (ii) the Time Warner board determines in good faith and after consultation with outside counsel and a financial advisor of nationally recognized reputation that the failure to take such action would be inconsistent with its fiduciary duties under applicable law; and/or

terminate the merger agreement and concurrently cause Time Warner to enter into an alternative acquisition agreement providing for a superior proposal, which superior proposal did not result from or in connection with a material breach of the merger agreement, which termination we refer to as a superior proposal termination event.

However, the Time Warner board is in no event permitted to take or agree or resolve to take, any such action other than in compliance with this provision of the merger agreement. Additionally, the Time Warner board may not make a change in recommendation and/or effect a superior proposal termination until after at least five business days following AT&T's receipt of written notice from Time Warner advising that the Time Warner board intends to take such action and the basis for doing so (which notice will include a copy of any such superior proposal and a copy of any relevant proposed transaction agreements, the identity of the party making such superior proposal and the material terms of the superior proposal or, in the case of notice given other than in connection with a superior proposal, a reasonably detailed description of the development or change in connection with which the Time Warner board has given such notice). After providing such notice and prior to effecting such change in recommendation and/or superior proposal termination event:

Time Warner must, during such five business day period, negotiate in good faith with AT&T and its representatives, to the extent AT&T wishes to negotiate, with respect to any revisions to the terms of the transaction contemplated by the merger agreement proposed by AT&T; and

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in determining whether it may still under the terms of the merger agreement make a change in recommendation and/or effect a superior proposal termination, the Time Warner board must take into account any changes to the terms of the merger agreement proposed by AT&T and any other information provided by AT&T in response to such notice during such five business day period.

Any amendment to the financial terms or conditions or other material terms of any acquisition proposal will be deemed to be a new acquisition proposal except that the five business day notice period for such new acquisition proposal will be three business days. Subject to its right to change its recommendation described above, the Time Warner board is required to include its recommendation in this proxy statement/prospectus and recommend at the special meeting that Time Warner's stockholders adopt the merger agreement, and use its reasonable best efforts to obtain and solicit such adoption.

## **Limits on Release of Standstill and Confidentiality**

From the date of the merger agreement until the first effective time, Time Warner may not terminate, amend, modify or waive any provision of any standstill or similar obligation to which Time Warner or any of its subsidiaries is a party and must enforce, to the fullest extent permitted under applicable law, the provisions of any such agreement, including by seeking injunctions to prevent any breaches of such agreements and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions thereof. However, Time Warner will be permitted to fail to enforce any provision of any standstill or similar obligation of any person if the Time Warner board determines in good faith, after consultation with its outside legal counsel, that the failure to take such action is necessary in order for the directors to comply with their fiduciary duties under applicable law, as long as Time Warner promptly advises AT&T that it is taking such action and the identity of the party or parties with respect to which it is taking such action. In addition, Time Warner may permit a person to orally request the waiver of a standstill or similar obligation to the extent necessary to comply with fiduciary duties under applicable law.

## *Certain Permitted Disclosure*

Nothing in the merger agreement will prevent Time Warner from complying with its disclosure obligations under applicable U.S. federal or state law with regard to an acquisition proposal, provided that this right will not be deemed to permit Time Warner or its board of directors to effect a change in recommendation except in accordance with the requirements of the merger agreement.

## **Stockholders Meeting**

Time Warner is required to use its reasonable best efforts to convene and hold a special meeting of Time Warner stockholders to consider and vote on the adoption of the merger agreement not more than 45 days after the registration statement on Form S-4 filed by AT&T, of which this proxy statement/prospectus forms a part, is declared effective by the SEC. Time Warner may postpone or adjourn such meeting if, on a date preceding the date on which the special meeting is scheduled, Time Warner reasonably believes that it will not receive proxies representing a majority of the shares of Time Warner's common stock entitled to vote on the adoption of the merger agreement, or it will not have enough shares represented to constitute a quorum at the special meeting. Time Warner may postpone or adjourn the special meeting one or more times up to an aggregate postponement and/or adjournment of 15 calendar days. In addition, Time Warner may postpone or adjourn the Time Warner stockholder meeting to allow reasonable additional time for the filing or mailing of any supplemental or amended disclosure that Time Warner has determined, after consultation with outside legal counsel, is reasonably likely to be required under applicable law and for such supplemental or amended disclosure to be disseminated and reviewed by stockholders of Time Warner prior to the Time Warner stockholder meeting. The Time Warner board is required to include the Time Warner recommendation in the proxy statement/prospectus and recommend at the special meeting that Time Warner's stockholders adopt the

merger agreement, and use its reasonable best efforts to obtain and solicit such adoption, subject to the fiduciary exceptions in the merger agreement.

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### **Regulatory Approvals**

Time Warner and AT&T have agreed to cooperate with each other and use, and cause their respective subsidiaries to use, their respective reasonable best efforts to obtain all regulatory approvals required to complete the transaction. In furtherance of the foregoing, AT&T and Time Warner have agreed, as promptly as reasonably practicable, to:

prepare and file all documentation to effect all necessary notices, reports and other filings; and

to obtain all consents, registrations, approvals, permits, expirations of waiting periods and authorizations necessary or advisable to be obtained from any third party and/or any governmental entity in order to consummate the transaction.

For a more complete discussion of the regulatory approvals required to complete the transaction and the terms of the merger agreement related to regulatory approvals, see the section entitled "The Transaction - Regulatory Approvals" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

### **Access to Information**

Subject to certain exceptions and limitations, and upon reasonable prior notice, Time Warner will afford AT&T reasonable access to all of its and its subsidiaries' employees, properties, assets, books, records and contracts as may reasonably be requested. AT&T will also furnish certain information to Time Warner as may be reasonably requested.

### **Post-Closing Employee Matters**

Through December 31 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the first effective time occurs, a period we refer to as the continuation period, each Time Warner employee who continues to remain employed by Time Warner or one of its subsidiaries, whom we refer to as a continuing employee, will be provided (i) a base salary or base wage that is no less favorable than the base salary or base wage provided to such continuing employee immediately prior to the first effective time and (ii) target annual cash bonus opportunities and target long-term incentive compensation opportunities that are no less favorable in the aggregate than those opportunities provided to such continuing employee immediately prior to the first effective time. Also during the continuation period, the continuing employees will be provided pension and welfare benefits that are substantially comparable in the aggregate to those provided by Time Warner and its subsidiaries to such employees immediately prior to the first effective time. In addition, until the second anniversary of the first effective time, each continuing employee will be provided severance benefits that are no less favorable than the severance benefits provided to such continuing employee immediately prior to the first effective time.

AT&T will provide that no pre-existing conditions, exclusions or waiting periods will apply to a Time Warner employee under the benefit plans provided for such employee, except to the extent such condition or exclusion was applicable to such employee prior to the first effective time. With respect to the plan year during which the first effective time occurs, AT&T will provide each Time Warner employee credit for deductibles and out-of-pocket requirements paid prior to the first effective time in satisfying any applicable deductible or out-of-pocket requirements under any AT&T plan in which such employee is eligible to participate following the first effective time. From and after the first effective time, AT&T will provide credit to Time Warner employees for their service recognized by Time Warner and its subsidiaries as of the first effective time for purposes of eligibility, vesting, continuous service, determination of service awards, vacation, paid time off and severance benefits to the same extent and for the same



purposes as such service was credited under the Time Warner plans, provided that:

such service will not be recognized to the extent that such recognition would result in a duplication of benefits for the same period of service, for purposes of any frozen or discontinued AT&T plan or portion of an AT&T plan or for purposes of benefit accrual under any defined benefit pension plan or retiree medical plan; and

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if hire date is used to determine the particular AT&T plan or benefit structure in which a Time Warner employee would participate, if any, then, solely for such purposes, hire date will be the first effective time. With respect to any Time Warner employees who are, or become, subject to a collective bargaining or other agreement with a labor union or like organization, the foregoing will not apply and all compensation and benefits treatment and terms and conditions of employment afforded to such Time Warner employees will be provided in accordance with such agreement.

## **Expenses**

Subject to certain exceptions, all fees, costs and expenses incurred by any party to the merger agreement or on its behalf in connection with the merger agreement and the transaction will be paid by the party incurring such expenses, except expenses incurred in connection with the filing, printing and mailing of the registration statement on Form S-4 filed by AT&T, of which this proxy statement/prospectus is a part, will be shared equally by AT&T and Time Warner.

## **Indemnification and Insurance**

From and after the first effective time, AT&T and the initial surviving company will, and to the extent the subsequent merger is consummated, from and after the second effective time, the final surviving entity will also, indemnify and hold harmless each present and former director and officer of Time Warner determined as of the first effective time, against any costs or expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), judgments, fines, losses, claims, damages or liabilities incurred in connection with any claim, action, suit, proceeding or investigation, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (including with respect to matters existing or occurring at or prior to the first effective time), arising out of the fact that such indemnified person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of Time Warner, or is or was serving at the request of Time Warner as a director, officer, employee or agent of another person prior to the first effective time.

Prior to the first effective time, Time Warner will, and if Time Warner is unable to, AT&T will cause the initial surviving company as of the first effective time, or, if the subsequent merger is consummated, AT&T will cause the final surviving entity as of the second effective time, to obtain and fully pay for tail insurance policies with a claims period of at least six years from and after the first effective time with respect to directors' and officers' liability insurance and fiduciary liability insurance with benefits and levels of coverage at least as favorable as Time Warner's existing policies with respect to matters existing or occurring at or prior to the first effective time, subject to certain limitation and premium thresholds.

## **Dividends**

Time Warner agreed that it will coordinate with AT&T regarding the declaration and payment of dividends on Time Warner common stock so that holders of such shares do not receive dividends on shares of Time Warner common stock and AT&T common stock received in the initial merger, or fail to receive any dividend on shares of Time Warner common stock and AT&T common stock received in the initial merger, in each case, in respect of the same calendar quarter.

## **Alternative Structure**

### *Indebtedness*

Time Warner agreed that it will use reasonable best efforts to amend any agreement, instrument or indenture with respect to indebtedness for borrowed money to which it or any of its subsidiaries is a party not later than five business

days prior to the date the registration statement on Form S-4 filed by AT&T, of which this proxy statement/prospectus forms a part, is declared effective, if AT&T reasonably determines such amendment is necessary so that the subsequent merger will not constitute or result in a breach or violation of, a default or

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termination or modification under, payment of additional fees under, the creation or acceleration of any obligations under, the creation of a lien on any assets of Time Warner or any of its subsidiaries pursuant to, or a change in rights or obligations under, such agreement, instrument or indenture, which condition we refer to as an indenture impact. In taking any such action, Time Warner will not without the prior written consent of AT&T (i) make any consent payments (other than those that are de minimis) to any third party in connection with taking such actions or (ii) agree to amend any of the terms of such agreement, instrument or indenture except to amend the provision giving rise to the indenture impact. On November 17, 2016, Time Warner entered into an eleventh supplemental indenture to amend an indenture, dated as of January 15, 1993, to clarify that Time Warner is permitted to merge with and into a limited liability company so long as the successor limited liability company expressly assumes Time Warner's obligations as a guarantor under the indenture.

### *Failure to Qualify for Intended Tax Treatment*

In the event that either the mergers would reasonably be likely to fail to qualify for the Intended Tax Treatment or the subsequent merger would have an indenture impact, AT&T and Time Warner will:

cooperate in good faith to explore alternative structures that would permit the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement to qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

if each party to the merger agreement in the exercise of its reasonable business discretion agrees to pursue such an alternative structure, the parties will enter into an appropriate amendment to the merger agreement to reflect such alternative structure and provide for such other changes necessitated by such a decision.

However, the failure of the parties to the merger agreement to agree to an alternative structure will not cause any condition to the closing of the transaction set forth in the merger agreement not to be satisfied or otherwise cause any breach of the merger agreement. Additionally, any actions taken as a result of the failure to qualify for the Intended Tax Treatment as permitted by the merger agreement will neither, without the consent of Time Warner and AT&T, alter or change the amount, nature or mix of the merger consideration, nor impose any economic or other costs on AT&T or Time Warner that are more than immaterial. Any such actions taken will be capable of consummation without delay in relation to structures currently contemplated by the merger agreement.

Finally, in no event, will AT&T be required to cause the subsequent merger to occur or to effect any alternative structure if either would result in an indenture impact.

### *Necessity of Subsequent Merger*

In the event the transaction would reasonably be likely to fail to qualify for the Intended Tax Treatment, the parties may agree, in their respective reasonable business discretion, not to consummate the subsequent merger.

### *Alternative Structure Not a Closing Condition*

Neither the identification nor the implementation of an alternative structure will be a condition to completing the transaction.

## **Conditions to Completion of the Transaction**

The respective obligations of each of Time Warner, AT&T and Merger Subs to complete the transaction are subject to the satisfaction or waiver, at or prior to the closing of the transaction of certain conditions, including:

the Time Warner stockholder approval must have been obtained;

the shares of AT&T common stock to be issued in the initial merger must have been approved for listing on the NYSE upon official notice of issuance;

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any applicable waiting period under the HSR Act must have expired or been terminated, if required in connection with the consummation of the transaction, any FCC consents must have been obtained and the PUC consents, if required in connection with the transaction, and the foreign regulator consents must have been obtained, the foregoing which we refer to collectively as the required governmental consents;

no domestic, foreign or transnational governmental entity of competent jurisdiction has enacted, issued, promulgated, enforced or entered any law or order (whether temporary, preliminary or permanent) that is in effect and restrains, enjoins or otherwise prohibits the consummation of the transaction; and

the registration statement on Form S-4 filed by AT&T in respect of the shares of AT&T common stock to be issued in the initial merger, of which this proxy statement/prospectus forms a part, must have become effective under the Securities Act and must not be the subject of any stop order or any proceedings initiated or threatened for that purpose by the SEC.

The obligations of AT&T and Merger Subs to effect the transaction also are subject to the satisfaction or waiver by AT&T and Merger Subs at or prior to the closing of the transaction of certain conditions, including the following:

certain of the representations and warranties of Time Warner with respect to its capital structure must, both on the date of the merger agreement and at the closing of the transaction (unless such representation or warranty speaks as of a particular date, in which case such representation or warranty must be true and correct as of such earlier date), be true and correct, except for any failures to be so true and correct that are de minimis;

the representation and warranty of Time Warner that there has been no Time Warner material adverse effect since December 31, 2015 must, both on the date of the merger agreement and at the closing of the transaction, be true and correct in all respects;

certain representations and warranties of Time Warner with respect to corporate authority and approval of the transaction and financial advisor opinions and takeover statutes must, both on the date of the merger agreement and at the closing of the transaction (unless such representation or warranty speaks as of a particular date, in which case such representation or warranty must be true and correct as of such earlier date), be true and correct in all material respects;

generally, the other representations and warranties of Time Warner in the merger agreement (without giving effect to any references to any Time Warner material adverse effect or other qualifications based upon the concept of materiality or similar phrases contained therein) must be true and correct, both on the date of the merger agreement and at the closing of the transaction (unless such representation or warranty speaks as of a particular date, in which case such representation or warranty must be true and correct as of such earlier date), unless the failure of such representations and warranties to be so true and correct, individually or in the aggregate, has not had and would not be reasonably likely to have a Time Warner material adverse effect;

the performance, in all material respects, by Time Warner of its obligations under the merger agreement at or prior to the closing of the transaction; and

none of the required governmental consents or any other governmental consents required under applicable law in connection with the consummation of the transaction will have imposed any regulatory actions that, individually or in the aggregate, would be reasonably likely to have a regulatory material adverse effect. Time Warner's obligation to effect the transaction is also subject to the satisfaction or waiver by Time Warner at or prior to the closing of the transaction of the following additional conditions:

the representations and warranties of AT&T with respect to its capital structure must, both on the date of the merger agreement and at the closing of the transaction (unless such representation or warranty speaks as of a particular date, in which case such representation or warranty must be true and correct as of such earlier date), be true and correct in all material respects;

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the representation and warranty of AT&T that there has been no AT&T material adverse effect since December 31, 2015 must, both on the date of the merger agreement and at the closing of the transaction, be true and correct in all respects;

certain representations and warranties of AT&T with respect to corporate authority and approval of the transaction must, both on the date of the merger agreement and at the closing of the transaction (unless such representation or warranty speaks as of a particular date, in which case such representation or warranty must be true and correct as of such earlier date), be true and correct in all material respects;

the other representations and warranties of AT&T and Merger Subs in the merger agreement (without giving effect to any references to any material adverse effect, as that term is used in the merger agreement, with respect to AT&T, which we refer to as an AT&T material adverse effect, or other qualifications based on the concept of materiality or similar phrases contained therein) must be true and correct, both on the date of the merger agreement and at the closing of the transaction, in all material respects (unless such representation or warranty speaks as of a particular date, in which case such representation or warranty must be true and correct as of such earlier date), unless the failure of such representations and warranties to be so true and correct, individually or in the aggregate, has not had and would not be reasonably be likely to have an AT&T material adverse effect; and

each of AT&T and Merger Subs each must have performed in all material respects its respective obligations under the merger agreement at or prior to the closing of the transaction.

**Termination of the Merger Agreement**

*Termination*

The merger agreement may be terminated and the transaction may be abandoned at any time prior to the first effective time:

by mutual written consent of AT&T and Time Warner, by action of their respective boards of directors;

by either AT&T or Time Warner if, provided in each case that the party terminating the transaction agreement has not breached in any material respect its obligations under the merger agreement in any manner that has proximately contributed to the failure of the initial merger to be consummated:

whether before or after the Time Warner stockholder approval is obtained, the initial merger has not been consummated by October 22, 2017, which we refer to as the termination date, which may be extended one or more times by AT&T or Time Warner to a date not later than April 22, 2018 if on such termination date any required governmental consents have not been obtained, which we refer to as an outside date termination event;



the Time Warner stockholder approval is not obtained at a meeting duly convened therefor or at any adjournment or postponement thereof at which a stockholder vote is taken on the adoption of the merger agreement, which we refer to as a stockholder approval termination event; or

whether before or after the Time Warner stockholder approval is obtained, any law or order permanently restrains, enjoins or otherwise prohibits consummation of the transaction, and such law or order has become final and non-appealable, which we refer to as a final law or order termination event;

by Time Warner if:

whether before or after the Time Warner stockholder approval is obtained, AT&T breaches any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements in the merger agreement, or any of its representations or warranties shall have become untrue after the date of the merger agreement, such that the related conditions to the obligation of Time Warner to close the transaction would not be satisfied and such breach is not curable or, if curable, is not cured by the 30th day following

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notice to AT&T from Time Warner of such breach or failure, provided that Time Warner is not then in material breach of any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements under the merger agreement; or

before the Time Warner stockholder approval is obtained, Time Warner effects a superior proposal termination, provided that prior to or concurrently with such termination Time Warner pays AT&T the termination fee;

by AT&T if:

the Time Warner board effects a change in recommendation, which we refer to as an adverse recommendation change termination event; or

Time Warner breaches any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements in the merger agreement, or any of its representations or warranties shall have become untrue after the date of the merger agreement, such that the related conditions to the obligation of AT&T and Merger Subs to close the transaction would not be satisfied and such breach is not curable or, if curable, is not cured by the 30th day following notice to Time Warner from AT&T of such breach or failure, provided that AT&T is not then in material breach of any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements under the merger agreement, which we collectively refer to as a Time Warner breach termination event.

*Termination Fee & AT&T Payment*

Time Warner will pay AT&T the termination fee of \$1,725,000,000, if:

AT&T terminates the merger agreement pursuant to an adverse recommendation change termination event;

Time Warner terminates the merger agreement pursuant to a stockholder approval termination event at a time when AT&T had the right to terminate pursuant to an adverse recommendation change termination event;

Time Warner terminates the merger agreement pursuant to a superior proposal termination event; or

a tail termination fee event occurs.

A tail termination fee event occurs if:

AT&T or Time Warner terminates the merger agreement pursuant to an outside date termination event at a time when the conditions to closing relating to governmental consents, laws and orders and governmental approval have been satisfied, and between the date of the merger agreement and such termination, any person publicly made an acquisition proposal to Time Warner or any of its subsidiaries;

AT&T or Time Warner terminates the merger agreement pursuant to a stockholder approval termination event, and between the date of the merger agreement and such termination, any person publicly made an acquisition proposal to Time Warner or any of its subsidiaries; or

AT&T terminates the merger agreement pursuant to a Time Warner breach termination event, and between the date of the merger agreement and such termination, any person made an acquisition proposal to Time Warner publicly or privately; and

in each of the above three circumstances, within 12 months after the date of such termination, Time Warner consummates or enters into an agreement contemplating an acquisition proposal.

In defining acquisition proposal for purposes of the tail termination fee event, all references to 15% or more in the definition of acquisition proposal (found on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus) are replaced with references to 50% or more .

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AT&T will pay Time Warner an amount equal to \$500,000,000, which we refer to as the AT&T payment, if:

AT&T or Time Warner terminates the merger agreement pursuant to a final law or order termination event as a result of any applicable antitrust law, communications law, utilities law or foreign regulatory law or an order imposed by a governmental entity with jurisdiction over enforcement of any applicable antitrust law, communications law, utilities law or foreign regulatory law with respect to such laws; or

AT&T or Time Warner terminates the merger agreement pursuant to an outside date termination event at a time when one or more of the conditions to closing relating to governmental consents or governmental approvals or laws and orders (to the extent such failure of conditions relating to laws and orders relates to certain applicable antitrust laws, communications laws utilities laws or foreign regulatory laws) have not been satisfied; and

In each of the above two circumstances, both of the following requirements are satisfied:

all other conditions to the obligation of AT&T to effect the transaction have been satisfied or waived; and

Time Warner is not in breach in any material respect of its obligations under the merger agreement in any manner that would have proximately contributed to the events giving rise to the right of AT&T or Time Warner to terminate the merger agreement.

In the event that a payment of a termination fee or the AT&T payment is paid in the above circumstances, the recipient may refund such payment to the payer upon giving written notice within five business days after the receipt of such payment with the refund of the AT&T payment being paid within five business days of delivery of the written notice, and, in that event, the original recipient of the AT&T payment who makes such refund will be entitled to all remedies available under the merger agreement.

AT&T and Time Warner have agreed that payment of the termination fee or the AT&T payment, if such payment is actually paid and the recipient of such payment fails to exercise its right to refund such payment as described in the preceding paragraph, subject to certain exceptions under the merger agreement, the payer of the termination fee or the AT&T payment will have no further liabilities to the recipient of such payment, and such payer will have no further liabilities to the recipient under the merger agreement.

Under no circumstances will the termination fee or the AT&T payment be payable more than once.

**Amendment and Modification**

The merger agreement may be amended, modified or supplemented by written agreement of the parties by action taken or authorized by their respective boards of directors at any time prior to the closing of the transaction subject to applicable law, except that no amendments or modification is possible with respect to certain provisions to which financing sources are expressly made third-party beneficiaries.

**Remedies**

The parties will be entitled to an injunction or injunctions to prevent breaches of the merger agreement and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions of the merger agreement (and each party waived any requirement for the security or posting of any bond in connection with such remedy). This right is in addition to any other remedy to which the parties are entitled at law or in equity, including monetary damages. The parties further agreed not to assert that a remedy of specific enforcement is unenforceable, invalid or contrary to applicable law or inequitable for any reason, and not to assert that a remedy of monetary damages would provide an adequate remedy for any such breach or that Time Warner or AT&T otherwise have an adequate remedy at law.

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**NON-BINDING, ADVISORY VOTE ON TRANSACTION-RELATED COMPENSATION FOR  
TIME WARNER'S NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

**Golden Parachute Compensation**

This section sets forth the information required by Item 402(t) of the SEC's Regulation S-K regarding certain compensation that may be paid or become payable to Time Warner's named executive officers, assuming that their employment is terminated under certain circumstances, in connection with the transaction and the agreements and understandings pursuant to which such compensation may be paid or become payable, which we refer to as the transaction-related executive compensation. These potential payments consist of:

Severance payments and benefits that each named executive officer would be entitled to receive in connection with a covered termination (as defined below) pursuant to the terms of his employment agreement. These payments are not enhanced by the transaction, and would be payable to a named executive officer in the event of any covered termination, regardless of whether the first effective time has occurred.

Payments in connection with Time Warner equity-based compensation awards, the treatment of which is described in more detail in the section entitled "The Merger Agreement Treatment of Time Warner Equity Compensation Awards in the Transaction" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus and, with respect to the Special Retention RSUs, as defined below, in the section entitled "Interests of Time Warner's Directors and Executive Officers in the Transaction" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

Special cash and equity-based retention awards that each named executive officer, other than Mr. Bewkes, is entitled to receive in connection with a broad-based retention program that was approved by the Compensation and Human Development Committee of the Time Warner board, which we refer to as the Compensation Committee, in order to promote the retention and continued focus of certain key employees, including the named executive officers, during the pendency of the transaction and following the closing of the transaction.

The cash retention awards are generally payable 50% on the first effective time and 50% on the six-month anniversary of the first effective time, generally subject to continued employment through the applicable date.

The equity-based retention awards consist of a grant of special retention restricted stock units, which we refer to as the Special Retention RSUs, which were generally granted to Time Warner employees who receive long-term incentive compensation awards. Each award of Special Retention RSUs was granted with a grant date value generally equal to two times the target value of the recipient's annual long-term incentive compensation and with special vesting conditions to enhance their retention value, including the suspension of retirement vesting until after the first effective time. For employees who receive the Special Retention RSUs, including the named executive officers, Time Warner has no plan to grant those individuals long-term incentive awards in 2017 or 2018.

Although Mr. Bewkes did not participate in the broad-based retention program outlined above, under the terms of the merger agreement it is anticipated that the Compensation Committee will award him a grant of Special Retention RSUs on February 15, 2017, subject to the same terms and conditions as apply to the other Special Retention RSUs, and with a grant date value equal to two times the target value of his annual long-term incentive compensation provided for in his employment agreement, consistent with the approach used to determine the value of Special Retention RSUs granted to other employees. However, because the amounts in the table below do not include awards that have not been granted as of the date of this proxy statement/prospectus, this value is not included.

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Further details on these potential payments and benefits, including applicable vesting terms and conditions, are provided in the footnotes to the table below and in the section entitled "Interests of Time Warner's Directors and Executive Officers in the Transaction" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

For purposes of quantifying these potential payments and benefits for the table below, the following assumptions were used:

the first effective time is October 22, 2017, which is the termination date of the merger agreement (absent any extension), and which, solely for purposes of this transaction-related executive compensation disclosure, is the assumed date of the closing of the initial merger;

immediately following the first effective time, the employment of each named executive officer of Time Warner is terminated without cause, or each named executive officer resigns due to a material breach of his employment agreement or for good reason under his equity award agreements, to the extent applicable (we refer to such a termination or resignation as a covered termination); and

the value of a share of Time Warner common stock is \$87.67, which is equal to the five-day average closing price of a share of Time Warner common stock following the announcement of the transaction, which we refer to as the five-day average value.

The amounts shown are estimates based on multiple assumptions and do not reflect compensation actions that could occur after the date of this proxy statement/prospectus and before the first effective time. As a result, the actual amounts received by a named executive officer may differ materially from the amounts shown in the following table.

For purposes of this discussion, "single-trigger" refers to benefits that arise as a result of the closing of the initial merger and "double-trigger" refers to benefits that require two conditions, which are the closing of the initial merger, as well as either a covered termination following the first effective time or continued employment through a specified date following the first effective time, as applicable.

**Golden Parachute Compensation<sup>(1)</sup>**

<b>Name<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Cash (\$)<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>Equity (\$)<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>Perquisites / Benefits (\$)<sup>(5)</sup></b>	<b>Total (\$)<sup>(6)</sup></b>
Mr. Bewkes Chairman of the Time Warner Board and Chief Executive Officer	44,522,603	23,383,255	1,213,332	69,119,189
Mr. Averill Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	16,103,716	19,714,866	103,101	35,921,683
Mr. Cappuccio Executive Vice President and General Counsel	17,337,459	10,351,372	108,901	27,797,732
Mr. Ginsberg Executive Vice President, Corporate Marketing & Communications	9,582,243	4,725,046	102,259	14,409,549



Mr. Olafsson Executive Vice President, International & Corporate Strategy	7,944,114	4,365,966	102,259	12,412,339
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- (1) A significant portion of the total amounts in the table above reflects amounts that are payable upon any covered termination without regard to the transaction. The following table reflects the only portion of the amounts included in the table above that are payable in connection with the transaction.

Name	Amounts Payable in Connection with the Transaction		
	Cash (\$)	Equity (\$)	Total (\$)
Mr. Bewkes			
Mr. Averill	1,750,000	4,649,315	6,339,315
Mr. Cappuccio	1,575,000	3,436,489	5,011,489
Mr. Ginsberg	900,000	2,146,615	3,046,615
Mr. Olafsson	693,750	1,414,994	2,108,744

- (2) In accordance with SEC rules, Time Warner's named executive officers for purposes of this proxy statement/prospectus consist of Time Warner's chief executive officer, chief financial officer and each other executive officer who was a named executive officer for purposes of Time Warner's proxy statement for its 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (i.e., the three other most highly compensated executive officers, based on 2015 compensation levels, who served in such capacities on December 31, 2015).
- (3) The cash amounts reflect (i) for named executive officers other than Mr. Bewkes, a cash retention award payable pursuant to the terms of a retention letter agreement entered into between Time Warner and the applicable named executive officer on October 22, 2016 and (ii) for all named executive officers, cash severance payments pursuant to his employment agreement with Time Warner, which consist of:
- two times the named executive officer's annual base salary in effect immediately prior to the termination of employment (without regard to any reduction that would constitute a material breach);
  - two times the named executive officer's average annual bonus, which is generally equal to the average of the two highest annual bonuses paid to the named executive officer for the three calendar years prior to the termination of employment; and
  - a pro rated annual bonus for the year of termination of employment based on the average annual bonus. Such amounts are payable as follows: (w) 50% of the cash retention awards will be payable in a lump sum within 30 days following the first effective time, and, therefore, such amounts are single-trigger payments, (x) the remaining 50% of the cash retention awards will be payable on the earlier of the six-month anniversary of the first effective time and a covered termination, and, therefore, such amounts are double-trigger payments, (y) all cash severance payments to Mr. Bewkes will be payable in a lump sum on the 70th day following his covered termination and (z) all cash severance payments to the other named executive officers will be payable at the same time that such payments would have been made had the named executive officer remained a Time Warner employee during the two-year period following a covered termination. The cash severance payments are considered double-trigger payments because they will only be paid in connection with a covered termination. In addition, the cash severance amounts received are not

enhanced by the transaction and are payable on a covered termination regardless of whether the first effective time has occurred. An executive's right to receive any amounts described above that are payable in connection with a covered termination is conditioned on the executive's execution of a general release of claims. Furthermore, each named executive officer's employment agreement with Time Warner provides that following a termination of employment, including a covered termination, he will be bound by certain restrictive covenants, including restrictions on competing with Time Warner.

Details of the cash amounts are shown in the following supplementary table. In determining the value of the average annual bonus for purposes of this proxy statement/prospectus, the actual bonuses paid to the applicable named executive officer in respect of 2013, 2014 and 2015 were used because the bonus amounts in respect of 2016 have not yet been determined. All of the amounts shown below are double-trigger payments, except for 50% of the retention award amounts, which are single-trigger payments. Amounts included in the table below in respect of pro rated bonuses reflect the amount of time the named

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executive officer has been employed with Time Warner in the calendar year in which a covered termination occurs, and therefore the amount is based on when the first effective time is assumed to occur. If the first effective time were assumed to occur on December 31 of a calendar year, no value would be included.

Name	Cash Payable Upon Any Covered Termination Regardless of the Transaction			Cash Payable in Connection with the Transaction	Total (\$)
	Salary Continuation (\$)	Bonus Continuation (\$)	Pro Rated Bonus (\$)	Retention Award (\$)	
Mr. Bewkes	4,000,000	28,860,000	11,662,603		44,522,603
Mr. Averill	2,800,000	8,228,500	3,325,216	1,750,000	16,103,716
Mr. Cappuccio	2,800,000	9,231,800	3,730,659	1,575,000	17,337,459
Mr. Ginsberg	1,800,000	4,901,500	1,980,743	900,000	9,582,243
Mr. Olafsson	1,850,000	3,846,113	1,554,251	693,750	7,944,114

- (4) The equity amounts reflect payments in respect of (i) performance stock units awarded in 2015 and 2016, (ii) unvested options and restricted stock units awarded in the ordinary course in 2014, 2015 and 2016 and (iii) the Special Retention RSUs awarded to each named executive officer other than Mr. Bewkes. The table does not reflect a value for the Special Retention RSU award that is anticipated to be granted to Mr. Bewkes on February 15, 2017, because that award is not outstanding as of the date of this proxy statement/prospectus. It is anticipated that the grant date value of Mr. Bewkes' Special Retention RSUs would equal two times the \$16 million target value of his annual long-term incentive compensation provided for in his employment agreement. In each case, these amounts exclude any awards that are expected to vest in the ordinary course prior to October 22, 2017 or which the applicable named executive officer would be entitled to receive in connection with his being eligible for retirement (which is defined as having attained age 55 and at least 10 years of service) prior to October 22, 2017. Each of Messrs. Bewkes, Cappuccio and Olafsson is currently retirement eligible or will be eligible for retirement prior to October 22, 2017.

The equity amounts will vest and become payable as follows: (a) the performance stock units will vest and become payable on the first effective time, and are therefore single-trigger payments, however, the performance stock units would also become payable following any covered termination, based on actual company performance, and (b) all options and restricted stock units, including the Special Retention RSUs, will vest and become payable on the earlier of (x) the original vesting date and (y) a covered termination, which makes them double-trigger payments; in addition, all such awards, other than certain non-qualified options with special vesting terms granted in 2015, which we refer to as special incentive options, to each of Messrs. Ginsberg and Olafsson and the Special Retention RSUs, will also vest on the first anniversary of the first effective time, if earlier. The consideration received at the time the applicable award vests is described in the section entitled "The Merger Agreement Treatment of Time Warner Equity Compensation Awards in the Transaction" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

Details of the equity amounts are shown in the following supplementary table. For purposes of valuing the equity awards: (A) the relevant price per share of Time Warner common stock is the five-day average value; (B) options are valued at the excess of the five-day average value over the applicable per share exercise price; (C) performance stock units awarded in 2015 are assumed to vest at 165.84% of target level, determined by assuming a cumulative adjusted earnings per share performance metric based on actual performance for 2015 and budgeted performance for 2016 and

2017 and a total stockholder return modifier of 104.3%, which was determined by using the five-day average value for both Time Warner common stock and the average value of the S&P 500 over the same five-day period as the final stock prices in the performance period, and using the initial stock prices as provided in the terms of the applicable performance stock unit award agreement; and (D) performance stock units awarded in 2016 are assumed to vest at target-level performance because the first year of the performance period has not elapsed as of the date of this proxy statement/prospectus.

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The amounts reflected in the table below under the heading **Equity Payable Upon Any Covered Termination Regardless of the Transaction** would be payable to the applicable named executive officer in connection with any covered termination that occurred, i.e., such amounts are not increased or otherwise affected by the transaction, although payments in respect of performance stock units would be based on actual performance through the end of the relevant performance period. The amounts reflected in the table below under the heading **Equity Payable in Connection with the Transaction** are amounts that are payable in connection with a covered termination that occurs upon or after the first effective time. Such amounts would also become payable in the ordinary course based on continued employment until the relevant vesting date.

Name	Equity Payable Upon Any Covered Termination Regardless of the Transaction			Equity Payable in Connection with the Transaction		Total (\$)
	Performance Stock Units (\$)	Options (\$)	Restricted Stock Units (\$)	Options (\$)	Restricted Stock Units (\$)	
Mr. Bewkes	23,383,255					23,383,255
Mr. Averill	4,705,950	2,739,412	7,620,189		4,649,315	19,714,866
Mr. Cappuccio	3,478,395		3,436,489		3,436,489	10,351,372
Mr. Ginsberg	920,798	528,488	1,129,146	140,594	2,006,021	4,725,046
Mr. Olafsson	1,432,265	103,713	1,414,994		1,414,994	4,365,966

- (5) The perquisites and benefits amounts shown are double-trigger benefits and based on rates as in effect on December 31, 2015. Mr. Bewkes amount reflects the sum of (i) \$978,374, representing the estimated present value of the cost to Time Warner for maintaining his split-dollar life insurance policy for the estimated duration of his life, (ii) \$125,000 for the cost of providing comparable office space and secretarial support for one year after termination (based on the maximum allowance for this benefit), (iii) \$60,000 for the reimbursement of financial services for a two-year period and (iv) \$33,844, equal to the premiums that Mr. Bewkes would pay for group universal life insurance coverage (with a value equal to twice his salary, minus \$50,000) for a two-year period. For each named executive officer other than Mr. Bewkes, the amounts reflect (a) reimbursement of up to \$30,000 per year of financial services and (b) cash payments equal to two times the premiums that the named executive officer would pay for \$3 million in group universal life insurance coverage, in each case, for a two-year period. In addition, for each named executive officer, the amounts also reflect the cost to Time Warner of continued participation in group benefit plans (i.e., medical and dental insurance coverage, \$50,000 of basic life insurance coverage and accidental death and dismemberment insurance coverage) for a two-year period. These benefits are considered double-trigger payments because they will only be paid in connection with a covered termination, and they are not enhanced by the transaction and are payable on a covered termination regardless of whether the first effective time has occurred.
- (6) No named executive officer is entitled to a gross-up or other make-whole payment in connection with any golden parachute excise taxes imposed due to Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code, which we refer to as the 280G Excise Tax, on the payments and benefits that he may receive in connection with the transaction, including the payments and benefits reflected above. Instead, in the event that the 280G Excise Tax would be applicable to a named executive officer in connection with the transaction, he will be subject to a best net approach, under which

he will receive either (i) the full amount of such payments and benefits or (ii) the greatest amount of such payments and benefits that will not subject him to the 280G Excise Tax, whichever would result in the greatest after-tax amount. Based on information available to date, Mr. Averill is the only named executive officer who would be expected, absent any mitigating actions, to be subject to the 280G Excise Tax. Under the best net approach, absent any mitigating actions, Mr. Averill would be expected to receive the full amount of his payments and benefits described above, resulting in Time Warner's inability to claim deductions with respect to a portion of such compensation and the imposition on Mr. Averill of the 280G Excise Tax. Therefore, in order to mitigate the expected impact of Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code, preserving Time Warner's ability to claim tax deductions and

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reducing the expected impact of the 280G Excise Tax on Mr. Averill, the Compensation Committee approved certain actions that are described in more detail in the section entitled "Interests of Time Warner's Directors and Executive Officers in the Transaction - 280G Mitigation Actions" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

**Vote Required and Board of Directors Recommendation**

The Dodd-Frank Act and Rule 14a-21(c) under the Exchange Act require that Time Warner seek a non-binding, advisory vote from Time Warner stockholders to approve the transaction-related executive compensation, as disclosed in the section entitled "Non-Binding, Advisory Vote on Transaction-Related Compensation for Time Warner's Named Executive Officers" beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus. The approval, by non-binding, advisory vote, of the transaction-related executive compensation requires the affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast thereon. Votes to abstain are counted toward a quorum, but are not counted for any purpose in determining whether this matter has been approved. Accordingly, Time Warner is asking Time Warner stockholders to vote in favor of the adoption of the following resolution, on a non-binding, advisory basis:

RESOLVED, that the compensation that may be paid or become payable to Time Warner's named executive officers in connection with the transaction and the agreements or understandings pursuant to which such compensation may be paid or become payable, in each case as disclosed pursuant to Item 402(t) of Regulation S-K in "Non-Binding, Advisory Vote on Transaction-Related Compensation for Time Warner's Named Executive Officers" are hereby APPROVED.

The Time Warner board recommends that Time Warner stockholders approve, by non-binding, advisory vote, the transaction-related executive compensation described in this proxy statement/prospectus by voting **FOR** the above proposal.

Approval of this proposal is not a condition to completion of the transaction, and the vote with respect to this proposal is advisory only and will not be binding on Time Warner, the initial surviving company, the final surviving entity or AT&T. If the transaction is completed, the transaction-related executive compensation may be paid to Time Warner's named executive officers to the extent payable in accordance with the terms of the compensation arrangements even if Time Warner stockholders fail to approve, by non-binding, advisory vote, the transaction-related executive compensation.



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**ADJOURNMENT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING TO SOLICIT ADDITIONAL PROXIES**

Time Warner stockholders are being asked to grant authority to proxy holders to vote in favor of one or more adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement or if a quorum is not present at the special meeting. In accordance with the merger agreement, if this proposal is approved, the special meeting could be successively adjourned to any date that is not more than an aggregate of 15 days from the special meeting. In accordance with the Time Warner bylaws, a vote on adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement may be taken in the absence of a quorum. Time Warner does not intend to call a vote on adjournments of the special meeting to solicit additional proxies if the adoption of the merger agreement is approved at the special meeting.

If the special meeting is adjourned to solicit additional proxies, Time Warner stockholders who have already submitted their proxies will be able to revoke them at any time prior to their use. If the Chairman of the special meeting does not do so, approval of adjournment of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement will require the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Time Warner common stock present in person or represented by proxy at the special meeting and entitled to vote at the special meeting, whether or not a quorum is present. Accordingly, if your shares of Time Warner common stock are present at the special meeting but are not voted on the proposal, or if you vote to abstain on the proposal, this will have the effect of a vote

**AGAINST** adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement. If you fail to submit a proxy or to attend the special meeting or if your shares of Time Warner common stock are held through a bank, brokerage firm or other nominee and you do not instruct your bank, brokerage firm or other nominee to vote your shares of Time Warner common stock, your shares of Time Warner common stock will not be voted, but this will not have an effect on the vote to adjourn the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement.

The Time Warner board unanimously recommends that you vote **FOR** adjournments of the special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to adopt the merger agreement.

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**In considering the recommendation of the Time Warner board that Time Warner stockholders vote to adopt the merger agreement, Time Warner stockholders should be aware that the directors and executive officers of Time Warner have certain interests in the transaction that may be different from, or in addition to, the interests of Time Warner stockholders generally. The Time Warner board was aware of these interests and considered them, among other things, in evaluating the merger agreement and the transaction and in recommending that the Time Warner stockholders adopt the merger agreement.**

**Equity Compensation Awards***Grant of Special Retention RSUs*

As described above in the section entitled *Non-Binding, Advisory Vote on Transaction-Related Compensation for Time Warner s Named Executive Officers*, the Compensation and Human Development Committee of the Time Warner board, which we refer to as the Compensation Committee, approved a broad-based retention program that provided, in part, that each Time Warner employee who receives long-term incentive compensation awards, other than Mr. Bewkes, but including the other executive officers, would receive a grant of Special Retention RSUs with a grant date value generally equal to two times the target value of his or her annual long-term incentive compensation. For executive officers who receive the Special Retention RSUs, Time Warner has no plan to grant those individuals long-term incentive awards in 2017 or 2018. In accordance with the terms of the applicable award agreements, half of the Special Retention RSUs will vest 25% per year on each of the first four anniversaries of February 15, 2017, and the remaining half will vest 25% per year on each of the first four anniversaries of February 15, 2018 (we refer to February 15, 2017 and February 15, 2018, as applicable, as the vesting commencement dates).

The Special Retention RSUs contain special vesting terms in order to enhance their retentive impact. Pursuant to the applicable award agreements, vesting as a result of retirement is not permitted unless the employee retires following the first effective time. In addition, unlike other outstanding RSUs held by employees, the Special Retention RSUs do not accelerate on the first anniversary of the first effective time, and the awards will only vest on the scheduled vesting date, on a covered termination following the earlier of the vesting commencement date and the initial effective time or due to retirement (if the holder is eligible) following the initial effective time. Any outstanding Special Retention RSUs will also immediately vest on the death or disability of the holder of the award.

As noted above, Mr. Bewkes has not received Special Retention RSUs; however, Time Warner anticipates that the Compensation Committee will grant him an award of Special Retention RSUs on February 15, 2017 with a grant date value equal to two times the \$16 million target value of his annual long-term incentive compensation provided for in his employment agreement, consistent with the approach used to determine the value of Special Retention RSU awards granted to other employees. If such a grant is made, the vesting terms would be the same as those described above for the Special Retention RSUs that have already been granted.

*Treatment of Equity Compensation Awards in Connection with the Transaction*

Each Time Warner equity compensation award, including the Special Retention RSUs, regardless of whether held by a non-employee director or employee, will be treated in connection with the transaction as described in the section entitled *The Merger Agreement Treatment of Time Warner Equity Compensation Awards in the Transaction* beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

*Treatment of Equity Compensation Awards Following the Transaction*

Following the initial effective time, each Time Warner equity compensation award that remains unvested, including each such award held by the an executive officer, will generally be treated as described above in the section entitled Non-Binding, Advisory Vote on Transaction-Related Compensation for Time Warner s Named Executive Officers . Specifically, the Time Warner equity compensation awards held by the Time Warner executive officers will vest on the earlier of (i) the original vesting date and (ii) a covered termination (provided, in the case of the special incentive options, that the covered termination occurs within 24 months of the first effective time), except that all such equity compensation awards other than the Special Retention RSUs and the special incentive options granted to each of

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Messrs. Ginsberg and Olafsson and Ms. Magee and Melton will vest on the first anniversary of the first effective time, if earlier.

*Quantification of Equity Compensation Awards*

See the section entitled *Non-Binding, Advisory Vote on Transaction-Related Compensation for Time Warner's Named Executive Officers* beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus for information regarding unvested equity compensation awards for the named executive officers in accordance with Item 402(t) of the SEC's Regulation S-K. Based on the assumptions described in such section, including the assumption that the first effective time occurs on October 22, 2017, that all executive officers experience a covered termination at such time and that the price per share of Time Warner common stock is equal to \$87.67, which is the five-day average value, the aggregate value of the unvested equity awards expected to be held by Time Warner's two executive officers who are not named executive officers as of the first effective time is \$7,055,243. This amount excludes any awards that are expected to vest in the ordinary course prior to October 22, 2017 or which the applicable named executive officer would be entitled to receive in connection with her being eligible for retirement (which is defined as having attained age 55 and at least 10 years of service) prior to October 22, 2017, and does not reflect compensation actions that may occur before the first effective time. The aggregate value of the unvested equity awards expected to be held by Time Warner's nine current non-employee directors at the first effective time is \$1,305,000, assuming that each non-employee director will receive a grant of equity awards immediately following Time Warner's 2017 annual meeting of stockholders with a grant date fair value equal to \$145,000 and that such grant date value will also be the value of such awards at the first effective time. Two former non-employee directors of Time Warner, who served as non-employee directors since the beginning of the last fiscal year, do not hold any unvested equity awards currently and are not expected to at the first effective time.

For more information on equity holdings of Time Warner directors and executive officers, see the table entitled *Security Ownership of Directors and Named Executive Officers* on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

**Employment Agreements**

Each executive officer is party to an employment agreement with Time Warner that provides for certain severance payments and benefits on any covered termination, regardless of whether the first effective time has occurred. These severance payments and benefits are not enhanced as a result of the transaction. The payments and benefits that the named executive officers may receive on a covered termination, including the potential value of such payments and benefits, are described above in the section entitled *Non-Binding, Advisory Vote on Transaction-Related Compensation for Time Warner's Named Executive Officers* beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus, and do not reflect compensation actions that may occur before the first effective time. The payments and benefits that the two executive officers who are not named executive officers may receive on a covered termination are, other than with respect to the amounts payable, substantially the same as those provided to Messrs. Averill, Cappuccio, Olafsson and Ginsberg, both in terms of the type of payments and benefits that may be provided and any applicable terms and conditions, including payment timing. The aggregate value of such severance payments and benefits, based on the assumptions used for valuing such payments and benefits to the named executive officers, including the assumption that a covered termination occurs immediately following the first effective time, would be \$12,964,363.

As in the case of the named executive officers, each of the employment agreements of Time Warner's other executive officers provides for a best net approach in the event the executive officer could be subject to excise taxes due to Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code, which we refer to as the 280G Excise Tax. Based on information available to date, it is not expected that any of Time Warner's other executive officers would be subject to the 280G Excise Tax.

**Retention Bonuses**

Beginning on October 22, 2016, in connection with entering into the merger agreement, Time Warner granted retention bonuses to certain of its key employees, including the executive officers other than Mr. Bewkes. Fifty percent of each retention bonus will be paid as soon as practicable following the closing of the initial merger, and the remaining 50% will be payable on the six-month anniversary of the closing of the initial merger, subject in each case to continued employment through the applicable date. On a covered termination, all unpaid portions of the bonus will be

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paid to such employee in a lump sum as soon as practicable but no later than 70 days after the date of such termination, provided that the employee executes, and does not revoke, a release of claims. See the section entitled Non-Binding, Advisory Vote on Transaction-Related Compensation for Time Warner's Named Executive Officers beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus, for the value of the retention bonuses held by Time Warner's named executive officers. Time Warner's two other executive officers hold retention bonuses with an aggregate value of \$1,237,500.

**280G Mitigation Actions**

As discussed above, in the section entitled Non-Binding, Advisory Vote on Transaction-Related Compensation for Time Warner's Named Executive Officers beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus, based on information available to date, Mr. Averill is the only executive officer who would be expected, absent any mitigating actions, to be subject to the 280G Excise Tax. As previously noted, under the best net approach, the current analysis indicates that, absent any mitigating actions, Mr. Averill would be expected to receive the full amount of the payments and benefits due to him, resulting in Time Warner's inability to claim deductions with respect to a portion of such compensation and the imposition on Mr. Averill of the 280G Excise Tax.

Therefore, in order to mitigate the expected impact of Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code on both Time Warner and Mr. Averill, the Compensation Committee approved the following actions to occur on or prior to December 31, 2016: (i) accelerating payment of a portion of Mr. Averill's bonus for 2016 performance that would have otherwise been payable by March 15, 2017 and (ii) accelerating the vesting and settlement of all RSUs and a portion of PSUs held by Mr. Averill that would have otherwise vested and settled on February 15, 2017. The Compensation Committee was mindful that the bonus and PSU amounts accelerated and paid or settled in 2016 are less than the amounts that Mr. Averill would have otherwise been substantially likely to receive in the first calendar quarter of 2017, based on Time Warner's and, where applicable, Mr. Averill's performance. As a result, Mr. Averill is expected to receive the remaining amounts earned in respect of his bonus for 2016 and the PSUs in the ordinary course in the first calendar quarter of 2017.

Time Warner believes that none of these actions will result in any incremental cost to Time Warner because Mr. Averill would have otherwise been expected to receive such compensation in the first calendar quarter of 2017, so these actions merely serve to accelerate, by a matter of weeks, amounts that Mr. Averill would otherwise receive. Moreover, as Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Averill's compensation is not subject to Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, so Time Warner does not expect to forgo any tax deductions as a result of the acceleration of payment or settlement. Additionally, Time Warner is not providing Mr. Averill any gross-up or reimbursement payment for any taxes, including any 280G Excise Taxes, that he may incur as a result of the transaction. Taking into account the expected impacts, the Compensation Committee and Time Warner believe that these actions were appropriate in light of the potential benefits to Time Warner and Mr. Averill, including preserving Time Warner's ability to claim tax deductions.

**Indemnification; Directors and Officers Insurance**

The merger agreement provides that each present and former director and officer of Time Warner will have rights to indemnification and expense advancement arising out of matters existing or occurring at or prior to the initial merger, from AT&T, the initial surviving company and the final surviving entity, on the same terms and conditions as such director or officer was indemnified by Time Warner immediately prior to the initial merger. In addition, prior to the first effective time, Time Warner will, and if Time Warner is unable to, AT&T will cause the initial surviving company as of the first effective time, or, if the subsequent merger is consummated, AT&T will cause the final surviving entity as of the second effective time, to obtain and fully pay for tail insurance policies with a claims period

of at least six years from and after the first effective time with respect to directors and officers liability insurance and fiduciary liability insurance with benefits and levels of coverage at least as favorable as Time Warner's existing policies with respect to matters existing or occurring at or prior to the first effective time, subject to certain limitation and premium thresholds. For additional information see the section entitled The Merger Agreement Indemnification and Insurance beginning on page [ ] of this proxy statement/prospectus.

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**UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED FINANCIAL DATA**

The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements, which we refer to as the Pro Forma Financial Statements, presented below are derived from the historical consolidated financial statements of AT&T, DIRECTV and Time Warner. The Pro Forma Financial Statements do not give effect to (a) the acquisition of Quickplay Media, Inc., which was acquired by AT&T during 2016, nor do they reflect (b) the consolidation of the ROOT SPORTS™ Southwest joint venture between AT&T and DIRECTV, or (c) the acquisitions of GSF Telecom Holdings, S.A.P.I. de C.V. (marketed as Iusacell) and Nextel Mexico, which were acquired by AT&T during 2015. The Pro Forma Financial Statements are prepared as a business combination reflecting AT&T's acquisitions of DIRECTV and Time Warner as if those acquisitions had been completed on January 1, 2015 for statement of income purposes and as if AT&T's acquisition of Time Warner acquisition had been completed on September 30, 2016, for balance sheet purposes.

The Pro Forma Financial Statements are developed from (a) the unaudited consolidated financial statements of AT&T contained in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016, (b) the unaudited consolidated financial statements of Time Warner contained in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016, (c) the audited consolidated financial statements of AT&T contained in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, (d) the audited consolidated financial statements of Time Warner contained in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, (e) the unaudited consolidated financial statements of DIRECTV contained in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2015, and (f) the accounting records of DIRECTV for the period from June 30, 2015, through July 24, 2015, adjusted to reclassify certain DIRECTV amounts to conform to the AT&T presentation.

As of the date of this proxy statement/prospectus, AT&T has not completed the detailed valuation studies necessary to arrive at the final estimates of the fair market value of the Time Warner assets to be acquired and the liabilities to be assumed and the related allocations of purchase price, nor has it identified the adjustments necessary to conform Time Warner to AT&T's accounting policies. As indicated in Note 2 to the Pro Forma Financial Statements, AT&T has made certain adjustments to the historical book values of the assets and liabilities of Time Warner to reflect preliminary estimates of the fair values necessary to prepare the Pro Forma Financial Statements, with the excess of the purchase price over the adjusted historical net assets of Time Warner recorded as goodwill. Actual results may differ from these Pro Forma Financial Statements once AT&T has determined the final purchase price for Time Warner and has completed the valuation studies necessary to finalize the required purchase price allocations and identified any necessary conforming accounting policy changes for Time Warner. There can be no assurance that such finalization will not result in material changes. AT&T has completed the valuations of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the acquisition of DIRECTV.

The Pro Forma Financial Statements have been prepared to reflect adjustments to AT&T's historical consolidated financial information that are (i) directly attributable to the acquisitions of DIRECTV and Time Warner, (ii) factually supportable and (iii) expected to have a continuing impact on AT&T's results.

The Pro Forma Financial Statements are provided for illustrative purposes only and do not purport to represent what the actual consolidated results of operations of AT&T would have been had the DIRECTV and Time Warner acquisitions occurred on the dates assumed, nor are they necessarily indicative of future consolidated results of operations or consolidated financial position.

The Pro Forma Financial Statements do not include the realization of cost savings from operating efficiencies, revenue synergies or other integration costs expected to result from the DIRECTV and Time Warner acquisitions, except for any of the following already reflected in the historical financial statements of AT&T after the acquisition of



DIRECTV.

The Pro Forma Financial Statements and accompanying notes should be read in conjunction with the separate historical consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes of AT&T, DIRECTV and Time Warner.

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## AT&amp;T INC.

## UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED BALANCE SHEET

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

(\$ in millions)

	Historical		Pro Forma		
	AT&T	Time Warner	Adjustments	Combined	
<b>ASSETS</b>					
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,895	\$ 2,308	\$ (a)		\$ 8,203
Accounts receivable net	16,855	8,031	(468)	(b2)	24,418
Other current assets	14,624	2,925			17,549
Total current assets	37,374	13,264	(468)		50,170
<b>Noncurrent inventories and theatrical film and television production costs</b>					
		8,196	(2,246)	(b6)	5,950
<b>Property, Plant and Equipment Net</b>	123,922	2,482	1,749	(b7)	128,153
<b>Goodwill</b>	105,271	27,694	(27,694)	(b3)	162,236
			56,965	(b)	
<b>Licenses</b>	94,241				94,241
<b>Customer Lists and Relationships Net</b>	15,227		75	(b5b)	15,302
<b>Distribution Networks Net</b>			21,250	(b5a)	21,250
<b>Other Intangibles Net</b>	8,734	7,814	(7,814)	(b3)	44,934
			18,000	(b4)	
			12,350	(b5a)	
			5,850	(b5b)	
<b>Other Assets</b>	18,206	6,314	(68)	(b6)	25,980
			1,528	(b8)	
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$ 402,975	\$ 65,764	\$ 79,477		\$ 548,216
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>					
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Debt maturing within one year	\$ 7,982	\$ 52	\$		\$ 8,034
Other current liabilities	39,120	7,487	(468)	(b2)	46,139
Total current liabilities	47,102	7,539	(468)		54,173
Long-Term Debt	117,239	24,419	41,459	(a)	188,173
			5,056	(b9)	
Other noncurrent liabilities	114,031	9,527	(151)	(b8)	140,799

			17,392	(b10)	
Total noncurrent liabilities	231,270	33,946	63,756		328,972
<b>Stockholders Equity</b>					
Common shares issued	6,495	17	1,108	(b1)	7,603
			(17)	(b12)	
Capital in excess of par value	89,536	147,032	39,359	(b1)	128,895
			(147,032)	(b12)	
Retained earnings (deficit)	35,319	(73,748)	73,748	(b12)	35,319
Treasury shares (at cost)	(12,589)	(47,409)	47,409	(b12)	(12,589)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	4,850	(1,614)	1,614	(b12)	4,850
Noncontrolling interest	992	1	1	(b11)	993
			(1)	(b12)	
Total stockholders equity	124,603	24,279	16,189		165,071
<b>Total Liabilities and Stockholders Equity</b>	<b>\$ 402,975</b>	<b>\$ 65,764</b>	<b>\$ 79,477</b>		<b>\$ 548,216</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements.

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## AT&amp;T INC.

## UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED STATEMENT OF INCOME

FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

(\$ in millions, except per share data)

	Historical Time		Pro Forma		
	AT&T	Warner	Adjustments	(c1)	Combined
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	\$ 121,945	\$ 21,427	\$(2,091)	(c1)	\$ 141,281
<b>Operating Expenses</b>					
Cost of services and sales					
Equipment	13,090				13,090
Broadcast, programming and operations	14,239		(2,018)	(c1)	20,458
			8,237	(c2a)	
Other cost of services (exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown separately below)	28,436	11,718	(5)	(c1)	31,729
			(8,237)	(c2a)	
			(183)	(c2b)	
Selling, general and administrative	26,363	3,710	(68)	(c1)	29,829
			(176)	(c2b)	
Depreciation and amortization	19,718	143	(143)	(b3)	22,789
			2,031	(b5a)	
			600	(b5b)	
			359	(c2b)	
			81	(b7)	
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	101,846	15,571	478		117,895
<b>Operating Income</b>	20,099	5,856	(2,569)		23,386
Interest expense	3,689	874	171	(c2c)	5,768
			(365)	(c3)	
			1,399	(c4)	
Other income (expense) net	211	(198)	171	(c2c)	184
<b>Income from Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes</b>	16,621	4,784	(3,603)		17,802
Income tax expense	5,803	1,187	(1,369)	(g)	5,621
<b>Income from Continuing Operations</b>	10,818	3,597	(2,234)		12,181
	(279)	1			(278)

Less: Net (income) loss attributable to Noncontrolling  
Interest

<b>Income from Continuing Operations Attributable to Registrant</b>	\$ 10,539	\$ 3,598	\$(2,234)	\$ 11,903	
Basic Earnings Per Share from Income from Continuing Operations Attributable to Registrant	\$ 1.70	\$ 4.58		\$ 1.64	(e)
Diluted Earnings Per Share from Income from Continuing Operations Attributable to Registrant	\$ 1.70	\$ 4.53		\$ 1.63	(e)
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding (000,000)					
Basic	6,171	784		7,279	(e)
Diluted	6,191	795		7,315	(e)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements.

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## AT&amp;T INC.

## UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED STATEMENT OF INCOME

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

(\$ in millions, except per share data)

	Historical AT&T	Historical DIRECTV *	Adjustments		Pro Forma AT&T/ DIRECTV	Historical Time Warner	Adjustments		Combined Pro Forma AT&T Inc.
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	\$ 146,801	\$ 18,736	\$ 229 (d1) (72) (d3)		\$ 165,694	\$ 28,118	\$ (2,678) (c1)		\$ 191,134
<b>Operating Expenses</b>									
Cost of services and sales									
Equipment	19,268				19,268				19,268
Broadcast, programming and operations	11,996		8,309 (d4)		20,305		(2,595) (c1)		28,765
							11,055 (c2a)		
Other cost of services (exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown separately below)	35,782	9,918	(588) (d2) (72) (d3) 295 (d4) (8,309) (d4) 4 (d8) 29 (d10)		37,059	16,154	(6) (c1) (11,055) (c2a) (245) (c2b)		41,907
Selling, general and administrative	32,954	4,298	(295) (d4) (292) (d5) (19) (d8)		36,646	4,885	(77) (c1) (247) (c2b)		41,207
Asset impairment and currency		1,052			1,052	25			1,077

devaluation charge									
Depreciation and amortization	22,016	1,632	4 (d6)	26,461	189	(189)	(b3)	30,421	
			2,836 (d7)			2,708	(b5a)		
			(27) (d7)			652	(b5b)		
						492	(c2b)		
						108	(b7)		
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	122,016	16,900	1,875	140,791	21,253	601		162,645	
<b>Operating Income</b>	24,785	1,836	(1,718)	24,903	6,865	(3,279)		28,489	
Interest expense	4,120	540	(48) (d9)	4,851	1,163	219	(c2c)	7,655	
			(17) (d10)			72	(c2d)		
			256 (d11)			(516)	(c3)		
						1,866	(c4)		
Other income (expense) net	27	86	(10) (d12)	103	(256)	219	(c2c)	138	
						72	(c2d)		
<b>Income from Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes</b>	20,692	1,382	(1,919)	20,155	5,446	(4,629)		20,972	
Income tax expense	7,005	969	(729) (g)	7,245	1,651	(1,759)	(g)	7,137	
<b>Income from Continuing Operations</b>	13,687	413	(1,190)	12,910	3,795	(2,870)		13,835	
Less: Net (income) loss attributable to Noncontrolling Interest	(342)	(3)		(345)	1			(344)	
<b>Income from Continuing Operations Attributable to Registrant</b>	\$ 13,345	\$ 410	\$ (1,190)	\$ 12,565	\$ 3,796	\$ (2,870)		\$ 13,491	
	\$ 2.37			\$ 2.04 (f)	\$ 4.64			\$ 1.86 (f)	

Basic Earnings  
Per Share from  
Continuing  
Operations  
Attributable to  
Registrant  
Diluted  
Earnings Per  
Share from  
Continuing  
Operations  
Attributable to  
Registrant

\$	2.37		\$	2.04	(f)	\$	4.58		\$	1.85	(f)
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Weighted  
Average  
Common  
Shares  
Outstanding  
(000,000)

Basic	5,628		6,145	(f)	815		7,253	(f)
Diluted	5,646		6,163	(f)	830		7,293	(f)

\* DIRECTV results prior to July 24, 2015, acquisition (January 1, 2015, through July 24, 2015).  
The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Statements.



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On October 22, 2016, AT&T and Time Warner entered into the merger agreement, pursuant to which AT&T would acquire Time Warner. At the closing of the initial merger, each share of Time Warner common stock will be exchanged for (1) \$53.75 per share in cash plus (2) a number of shares of AT&T common stock equal to the exchange ratio described below. If the AT&T average stock price is between (or equal to) \$37.411 and \$41.349 per share, the exchange ratio will be obtained by dividing \$53.75 by the average stock price. If the average stock price is greater than \$41.349, the exchange ratio will be 1.300. If the average stock price is less than \$37.411, the exchange ratio will be 1.437. The closing stock price of AT&T common stock on October 21, 2016, the last trading day prior to the announcement of the merger agreement would have resulted in an exchange ratio of 1.434, or \$53.75 per share of Time Warner common stock. Based on AT&T's share price and the number of shares of Time Warner common stock outstanding at November 11, 2016, the purchase price would be approximately \$81,926. After the closing of the transaction, the surviving entity of the mergers described above will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of AT&T.

As of and for the period ended September 30, 2016, the accompanying Pro Forma Financial Statements present the pro forma combined results of operations of the combined company based upon the historical financial statements of AT&T and Time Warner, after giving effect to the acquisition of Time Warner and adjustments described in these footnotes, and is intended to reflect the impact on AT&T of the pending Time Warner acquisition. The Pro Forma Financial Statements do not give effect to the acquisition of Quickplay Media, Inc., which was acquired by AT&T during 2016.

For the year ended December 31, 2015, the accompanying Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Statement of Income, which we refer to as the 2015 Pro Forma Statement of Income, presents the pro forma combined consolidated results of operations of the combined company based upon the historical financial statements of AT&T, DIRECTV and Time Warner, after giving effect to the acquisitions of DIRECTV and Time Warner and adjustments described in these footnotes, and is intended to reflect the impact on AT&T of both the completed DIRECTV acquisition (for the period prior to acquisition) and the pending Time Warner acquisition. The 2015 Pro Forma Statement of Income does not give effect to (a) the consolidation of the ROOT SPORTS™ Southwest joint venture between AT&T and DIRECTV and (b) AT&T's acquisitions of GSF Telecom Holdings, S.A.P.I. de C.V. (marketed as Iusacell) and Nextel Mexico, which were also acquired during 2015. The historical financial results of AT&T do not include the results of DIRECTV prior to July 24, 2015, the date on which AT&T completed the acquisition of DIRECTV.

As of the date of this proxy statement/prospectus, AT&T has not performed the detailed valuation studies necessary to arrive at the final estimates of the fair value of the Time Warner assets to be acquired and the liabilities to be assumed and the related allocations of purchase price, nor has it identified the adjustments necessary to conform Time Warner to AT&T's accounting policies and presentation. As indicated in Note 2 to the Pro Forma Financial Statements, AT&T has made certain adjustments to the historical book values of the assets and liabilities of Time Warner to reflect preliminary estimates of fair value necessary to prepare the Pro Forma Financial Statements, with the excess of the purchase price over the adjusted historical net assets of Time Warner, recorded as goodwill. Actual results may differ from these Pro Forma Financial Statements once AT&T has determined the final purchase price for Time Warner and has completed the valuation studies necessary to finalize the required purchase price allocations and identified any necessary conforming accounting policy changes for Time Warner. There can be no assurance that such finalization will not result in material changes. AT&T has completed the valuations of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the acquisition of DIRECTV.

The accompanying Pro Forma Financial Statements are presented for illustrative purposes only and do not give effect to any cost savings, revenue synergies or costs for the integration of AT&T's, DIRECTV's and Time Warner's operations, except for those already reflected in the historical financial statements of AT&T after the acquisition of

DIRECTV. The accompanying Pro Forma Financial Statements have been adjusted to reflect conforming changes in (1) DIRECTV's accounting for customer set-up and installation costs and (2) to reclassify

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certain Time Warner and DIRECTV items to conform to the AT&T presentation. The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Balance Sheet, which we refer to as the Pro Forma Balance Sheet reflects the acquisition of Time Warner as if it was completed on September 30, 2016. The Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Statements of Income for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and the year ended December 31, 2015, which we refer to collectively as the Pro Forma Statements of Income, reflect the Time Warner and DIRECTV acquisitions as if they had been completed on January 1, 2015.

**Note 2. Pro Forma Adjustments**

- (a) The Pro Forma Balance Sheet has been adjusted to record the issuance of \$41,459 of AT&T term loans and cash payments totaling \$41,459, or \$53.75 per share, to Time Warner stockholders. The Pro Forma Balance Sheet assumes that the term loans would be entered into at, or near the closing of the transaction with maturities of 3 to 30 years, with an average interest rate of 4.5%, including 3 basis points of debt issuance cost.
- (b) This entry reflects the preliminary allocation of the purchase price to identifiable net assets acquired and the excess purchase price to goodwill as follows:

	Cash	Common Stock	Additional Capital	Total	
<b>Total consideration: cash and AT&amp;T common stock to Time Warner stockholders</b>	\$ 41,459	\$ 1,108	\$ 39,359	\$ 81,926	(b1)
<b>Book value of net assets acquired</b>					
Time Warner's equity				24,279	(b12)
Elimination of Time Warner goodwill				(27,694)	(b3)
Elimination of Time Warner film library, brands, trade names and other intangibles				(7,814)	(b3)
Elimination of Time Warner noncurrent inventories and theatrical film and television production costs recognized as other intangibles				(2,314)	(b6)
Fair value of Time Warner distribution networks				21,250	(b5)
Fair value of trade names - indefinite lived				18,000	(b4)
Fair value of trade names - amortized				1,000	(b5)
Fair value of film and television library				14,000	(b5)
Fair value of other intangible assets				3,275	(b5)
<i>Preliminary fair value adjustment of Time Warner:</i>					
Property, plant and equipment				1,749	(b7)
Investments in equity affiliates				1,679	(b8)
Long-term debt				(5,056)	(b9)
Tax impact of fair value adjustments				(17,392)	(b10)
Fair value of Time Warner noncontrolling interest				(1)	(b11)
				24,961	

Preliminary estimate of fair value of identifiable net  
assets acquired

Goodwill	\$ 56,965
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- (b1) The purchase price allocation included within these Pro Forma Financial Statements is based upon a purchase price of \$81,926 calculated as follows:

Time Warner shares outstanding at November 11, 2016 <sup>1</sup>	771,324,843
Exchange ratio	1.437
AT&T shares issued <sup>2</sup>	1,108,393,799
Price per share <sup>3</sup>	\$ 36.51
Aggregate value of AT&T shares issued	\$ 40,467
Cash consideration <sup>4</sup>	\$ 41,459
Aggregate value of AT&T consideration	\$ 81,926
Aggregate value of AT&T shares issued	\$ 40,467
Value attributed to par at \$1 par value	\$ 1,108
Balance to capital in excess of par value	\$ 39,359

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Time Warner equity awards.

<sup>2</sup> AT&T shares issued does not adjust for fractional shares, which may be settled in cash.

<sup>3</sup> Price per share is based on the closing price of AT&T common stock on November 11, 2016.

<sup>4</sup> Time Warner shareholders to receive cash of \$53.75 per share.

It is assumed that all AT&T common stock issued will be new issuances. However, AT&T may issue treasury shares for a portion of the required shares of AT&T common stock. The actual number of newly issued shares of AT&T common stock or treasury shares to be delivered in connection with the transaction will be based upon the number of shares of Time Warner common stock issued and outstanding when the transaction closes. If the average stock price is between (or equal to) \$37.411 and \$41.349 per share, the purchase price would be \$82,917 (based on the number of shares of Time Warner common stock outstanding at November 11, 2016). If the average stock price is \$1 per share greater than \$41.349, the purchase price would be \$83,953 and if the average stock price is \$1 per share less than \$37.411, the purchase price would be \$81,816.

- (b2) The Pro Forma Financial Statements reflect a preliminary allocation of the purchase price to identifiable assets and liabilities and unless otherwise noted in notes b4 through b11, fair values are assumed to approximate historical book values as of September 30, 2016. The remaining unallocated purchase price was allocated to goodwill. The final purchase price allocations, which will be based on third-party valuations, may result in different allocations for tangible and intangible assets than presented in these Pro Forma Financial Statements, and those differences could be material.

The Pro Forma Balance Sheet reflects the elimination of payables and receivables between Time Warner and AT&T and the aggregation of the following balance sheet categories: (1) Time Warner's inventory has been reported as Other current assets and (2) investments, including investments in equity affiliates, have been reported as Other Assets.

- (b3) The Pro Forma Balance Sheet has been adjusted to reflect the elimination of Time Warner's historical goodwill and other purchased intangibles, including film libraries, brands, trade names and other intangibles. The Pro Forma Statements of Income have been adjusted to eliminate the associated amortization expense recorded in the historical Time Warner Statements of Income.
  
- (b4) The Pro Forma Balance Sheet includes \$18,000 that was allocated to Other Intangibles Net, representing a preliminary estimate of the fair value of certain indefinite-lived trade names. The valuation of intangible assets is sensitive to input assumptions such as the magnitude and timing of forecasted cash flows, royalty rate, discount rate and revenue growth rate. These intangible assets have indefinite lives and, as such, are not subject to amortization.
  
- (b5) AT&T has preliminarily identified certain finite-lived intangible assets, and has selected an amortization method that best aligns the pattern of cash flows that support the value of those intangible assets as noted below. The valuation of these intangibles is sensitive to input assumptions

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such as the magnitude and timing of forecasted cash flows, royalty rate, discount rate, revenue growth rate and useful life assumptions. The sensitivities presented below are for illustrative purposes, and therefore, should not be substituted for the results shown in these pro forma financial statements which reflect amortization based on preliminarily assigned values.

*(b5a) Straight-line method*

The Pro Forma Balance Sheet includes \$21,250 that was allocated to Distribution Networks Net, representing a preliminary estimate of the fair value of Time Warner's distribution networks. The asset lives range from 9 to 14 years.

AT&T has preliminarily identified Other Intangibles Net of approximately \$12,350. The preliminary value represents Time Warner's advertising network, certain television content, certain trade names, digital media, production agreements and other rights. The asset lives range from 5 to 20 years.

Amortization of these intangibles is reflected in the Pro Forma Statements of Income using the straight-line method of amortization.

The following table is presented for illustrative purposes and provides the estimated annual impact on pro forma net income for every decremental or incremental \$1,000 assigned to these intangibles. Amortization of these assets is calculated utilizing the straight-line method over the lives shown.

Lives in years	Estimated Amortization Expense	Net income impact	Per share impact
2	\$ 500	\$ 310	\$ 0.04
10	100	62	0.01
20	50	31	0.00

*(b5b) Sum-of-the-months digits method*

AT&T has preliminarily identified Other Intangibles Net, of approximately \$5,850 for film and video game libraries. The asset lives range from 2 to 10 years. Time Warner utilizes the film forecast computation method to amortize film and television production costs. Because this estimate of fair value was performed on a portfolio basis, AT&T used the sum-of-the-months-digits method as the most appropriate method for this aggregated preliminary valuation. AT&T expects to utilize the film forecast computation method when the detailed information becomes available after close.

AT&T has preliminarily identified Customer Lists and Relationships Net, of approximately \$75 for customers acquired from Time Warner with asset lives ranging from 1 to 3 years.

Amortization of these intangibles is reflected in the Pro Forma Statements of Income using the sum-of-the-months-digits method of amortization. The sum-of-the-months-digits method is a process of allocation, not of valuation and reflects the expected cash flows that will be generated from the assets during the earlier years of their lives, recording a larger portion of the amortization expense earlier in the life of the assets.





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The following table is presented for illustrative purposes and provides the estimated annual impact on pro forma net income for every incremental \$1,000 assigned to these intangible assets of Time Warner. Amortization of these assets is utilizing the sum-of-the-months digits method over the lives shown and the first year of amortization is displayed. Expense for each year thereafter will decrease.

<b>Lives in years</b>	<b>Estimated Amortization Expense</b>	<b>Net income impact</b>	<b>Per share impact</b>
2	\$ 740	\$ 459	\$ 0.06
6	304	188	0.03
10	189	117	0.02

(b6) Time Warner reports the capitalized cost of production of theatrical films and television episodes as Noncurrent inventories and theatrical film and television production costs, net of amortization. The Pro Forma Balance Sheet has been adjusted to report the estimated fair value of certain content costs for completed and released programming as Other Intangibles Net, rather than inventories.

(b7) Property, plant and equipment reflect the value of replacing the assets, which takes into account changes in technology, usage, and relative obsolescence and depreciation of the assets. For land, fair value was based on estimated market prices of comparable assets.

The Pro Forma Balance Sheet has been adjusted to report Time Warner's property, plant and equipment at estimated fair value. The estimated fair value of \$4,231 includes land and other assets with estimated lives ranging from 3 to 35 years. The carrying value of Time Warner's property, plant and equipment was \$2,482 at September 30, 2016, resulting in a total increase of \$1,749.

The following table is presented for illustrative purposes and provides the estimated annual impact on pro forma net income for every decremental or incremental \$1,000 assigned to property, plant and equipment (excluding land) of Time Warner. Depreciation of these assets is calculated utilizing the straight-line method over estimated lives.

<b>Lives in years</b>	<b>Estimated Depreciation Expense</b>	<b>Net income impact</b>	<b>Per share impact</b>
3	\$ 333	\$ 206	\$ 0.03
10	100	62	0.01
20	50	31	0.00

The Pro Forma Statements of Income have been adjusted to reflect higher depreciation expense due to the adjustment of Time Warner's property, plant and equipment to fair value.

(b8) The Pro Forma Balance Sheet has been adjusted to report Time Warner's investments in equity affiliates at fair value.

- (b9) The Pro Forma Balance Sheet has been adjusted to report Time Warner's public long-term debt at fair value. The estimated fair value of Time Warner's public long-term debt was \$29,296 calculated using quotes or rates available for debt with similar terms and maturities, based on Time Warner's debt ratings at September 30, 2016. The carrying value of Time Warner's public long-term debt is calculated based on the principal amount of the notes, net of premiums and/or unamortized discounts and was \$24,240 at September 30, 2016, resulting in a total increase to debt of \$5,056. None of this fair value adjustment was attributed to current maturities of long-term debt.
- (b10) The Pro Forma Balance Sheet has been adjusted to reflect adjustments to deferred taxes based on estimated revaluation of Time Warner's assets and liabilities.

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- (b11) The book value of Time Warner's noncontrolling interest is assumed to approximate fair value in the Pro Forma Balance Sheet.
- (b12) The Pro Forma Balance Sheet has been adjusted to eliminate the historical stockholders' equity accounts of Time Warner.
- (c) The Pro Forma Statements of Income include the results of Time Warner's operations and have been adjusted to reflect notes c1 through c4.
  - (c1) The Pro Forma Statements of Income have been adjusted to eliminate certain intercompany revenues and expenses between AT&T and Time Warner, consisting primarily of Time Warner's licensing of content and programming to AT&T.
  - (c2) The Pro Forma Statements of Income have been adjusted to align the Time Warner expense categories with the AT&T presentation as follows:
    - (c2a) To report content-related expenses in Broadcast programming and operations expenses instead of Costs of revenues as reported by Time Warner.
    - (c2b) To report depreciation in Depreciation and amortization instead of Cost of revenues and Selling, general and administrative as reported by Time Warner.
    - (c2c) To report interest income as Other income (expense) net instead of Interest expense net as reported by Time Warner.
    - (c2d) To report premiums paid and costs incurred on debt redemption in Interest expense instead of Other loss, net as reported by Time Warner.
  - (c3) The Pro Forma Statements of Income have been adjusted to reflect lower interest expense using the effective interest method due to the adjustment of Time Warner's public long-term debt to fair value.
  - (c4) The Pro Forma Statements of Income have been adjusted to reflect higher interest expense due to the addition of \$41,459 of AT&T term loans expected to be used to finance the payment of the cash consideration in the transaction of \$53.75 per share of Time Warner common stock (see note a).
- (d) The 2015 Pro Forma Statement of Income includes the results of DIRECTV's operations and has been adjusted to reflect notes d1 through d12.

- (d1) The 2015 Pro Forma Statement of Income has been adjusted to conform DIRECTV's practice of recognizing revenue to be received under contractual commitments on a straight line basis over the minimum contract period to AT&T's method of limiting the revenue recognized to the monthly amounts billed.
- (d2) The 2015 Pro Forma Statement of Income has been adjusted to conform DIRECTV's method of accounting for customer set-up and installation costs to AT&T's method of capitalizing these costs and amortizing them over the expected economic life of the customer relationship of approximately four years, subject to an assessment of the recoverability of such costs.
- (d3) The 2015 Pro Forma Statement of Income has been adjusted to eliminate certain intercompany revenues and expenses, consisting primarily of switched access and high-capacity transport services and agency sales arrangements.
- (d4) The 2015 Pro Forma Statement of Income has been adjusted to align the DIRECTV operating expense categories with the AT&T presentation, and provide the combined Equipment, Broadcast programming and operations, Other cost of services and Selling, general and administrative expenses.
- (d5) The 2015 Pro Forma Statement of Income has been adjusted to eliminate acquisition costs incurred by DIRECTV and/or AT&T.

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- (d6) The 2015 Pro Forma Statement of Income has been adjusted to reflect higher depreciation and amortization expense due to the adjustment of DIRECTV's property, plant and equipment to fair value.
- (d7) The 2015 Pro Forma Statement of Income has been adjusted to eliminate associated amortization expense recorded in the historical DIRECTV Statement of Income and to reflect the amortization of the amortizable intangible assets identified.

Amortization of customer list intangibles identified by AT&T is reflected in the 2015 Pro Forma Statement of Income using the sum-of-the-months-digits method of amortization, with asset lives ranging from 2 to 11 years. The sum-of-the-months-digits method is a process of allocation, not of valuation, and reflects the expected cash flows that will be generated from the assets during the earlier years of their lives, recording a larger portion of the amortization expense earlier in the life of the assets.

The DIRECTV U.S. trade name has an estimated life of 36 months and is reflected in the 2015 Pro Forma Statement of Income using the straight-line method of amortization. Additionally, DIRECTV's distribution network and other identified amortizable intangibles are reflected in the 2015 Pro Forma Statement of Income using the straight-line method of amortization, with estimated useful lives ranging from 3 to 7 years.

- (d8) The 2015 Pro Forma Statement of Income has been adjusted to eliminate DIRECTV's amortization of prior service cost and unrealized losses due to the adjustment of DIRECTV's pension and postretirement plans to fair value and to conform DIRECTV pension and postretirement benefit assumptions to those used by AT&T. The adjustments are reflected on the 2015 Pro Forma Statement of Income in the cost categories in which the expenses would have been charged, based on the expected allocation to AT&T's labor force.
- (d9) The 2015 Pro Forma Statement of Income has been adjusted to reflect lower interest expense using the effective interest method due to the adjustment of DIRECTV's long-term debt to fair value.
- (d10) The 2015 Pro Forma Statement of Income has been adjusted to reflect lower interest expense due to the adjustment of DIRECTV's capital leases to fair value and to reclassify the service component of the associated leases to costs of services and sales.
- (d11) The 2015 Pro Forma Statement of Income has been adjusted to reflect higher interest expense due to the addition of \$14,379 of AT&T debt issued to provide DIRECTV shareholders with cash of \$28.50 per share of DIRECTV common stock at the closing of the DIRECTV acquisition.
- (d12) DIRECTV's investments in equity affiliates has been adjusted to fair value and the 2015 Pro Forma Statement of Income has been adjusted to reflect the impact of the depreciation and amortization of the tangible and intangibles assets recognized in AT&T's memo accounts for the excess in the fair value of certain equity method investments as compared to AT&T's proportional share in their equity.

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For the nine months ended September 30, 2016, pro forma combined basic earnings per common share is computed using the average of the daily closing market price and the number shares outstanding per day for the reporting period and is based on the historical AT&T weighted average shares outstanding during the nine months ended September 30, 2016, of 6.171 billion and the assumption that the 1.108 billion shares to be issued by AT&T (see note b1) were outstanding for all of the first nine months of 2016, calculated using income from continuing operations attributable to AT&T.

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Pro forma combined weighted average basic shares outstanding for the period ended September 30, 2016 was calculated as follows (shares in millions):

AT&T weighted shares outstanding	6,171	
AT&T shares issued for Time Warner acquisition	1,108	(b1)
<b>Pro Forma Combined weighted average basic shares outstanding</b>	<b>7,279</b>	

Pro forma combined diluted earnings per common share are based on the historical AT&T weighted average shares with dilution outstanding during the first nine months of 2016 of 6.191 billion and the assumption that 1.124 billion shares and equivalents (1.108 billion shares assumed to be issued by AT&T plus 11 million Time Warner weighted average common stock equivalents converted at the exchange ratio of 1.437) were outstanding for all of first nine months of 2016, calculated using income from continuing operations attributable to AT&T.

Pro forma combined weighted average shares outstanding with dilution for the period ended September 30, 2016 was calculated as follows (shares in millions):

AT&T weighted shares outstanding with dilution	6,191	
AT&T shares issued for Time Warner acquisition (771 shares converted at 1.437)	1,108	(b1)
Dilutive impact of Time Warner common stock equivalents outstanding (11 shares converted at 1.437)	16	
<b>Pro Forma Combined weighted average shares outstanding with dilution</b>	<b>7,315</b>	

- (f) For the year ended December 31, 2015, pro forma combined basic earnings per common share is calculated using the AT&T shares outstanding at December 31, 2015, which assumes the shares of AT&T common stock issued for the DIRECTV acquisition were outstanding for the entire period presented and that the 1.108 billion shares of AT&T common stock assumed to be issued for the Time Warner acquisition were outstanding for all of 2015, calculated using income from continuing operations attributable to AT&T.

Pro forma combined weighted average basic shares outstanding for the year ended December 31, 2015 was calculated as follows (shares in millions):

AT&T shares outstanding	6,145	
AT&T shares issued for Time Warner acquisition	1,108	(b1)
<b>Pro Forma Combined weighted average basic shares outstanding</b>	<b>7,253</b>	

Pro forma combined diluted earnings per common share is calculated using the shares of AT&T common stock outstanding at December 31, 2015, which assumes the shares of AT&T common stock issued for the DIRECTV acquisition were outstanding for the entire period presented and that the 1.130 billion shares and equivalents (1.108

billion shares assumed to be issued by AT&T plus 15 million Time Warner weighted average common stock equivalents converted at the exchange ratio of 1.437) were outstanding for all of 2015, calculated using income from continuing operations attributable to AT&T.



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Pro forma combined weighted average shares outstanding with dilution for the year ended December 31, 2015 was calculated as follows (shares in millions):

AT&T shares outstanding at December 31, 2015	6,145	
Dilutive impact of DIRECTV common stock equivalents outstanding	18	
Pro Forma Combined weighted average shares outstanding with dilution	6,163	
AT&T shares issued for Time Warner acquisition	1,108	(b1)
Dilutive impact of Time Warner common stock equivalents outstanding (15 shares converted at 1.437)	22	
Pro Forma Combined weighted average shares outstanding with dilution	7,293	

- (g) The Pro Forma Statements of Income have been adjusted to reflect the aggregate pro forma income tax effect of notes (c1) through (c4), notes (d1) through (d12) and the amortization impact of notes (b3) and (b5) through (b7). The aggregate pre-tax effect of these adjustments is reflected as **Income Before Income Taxes** on the Pro Forma Statements of Income, which was taxed at a rate of 38.0%.