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The Company currently has a no-action letter pending before the Securities and Exchange Commission (the **SEC**) seeking to exclude the following stockholder proposal submitted under Rule 14a-8 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the **Exchange Act**): Proposal 4: Stockholder Proposal To Amend Bylaws To Allow Stockholders To Nominate Director Candidates For Inclusion In Proxy Materials. If the SEC concurs with the Company that this proposal may be properly excluded from the Company's proxy statement under Rule 14a-8 of the Exchange Act, the Company will exclude such proposal from its definitive proxy statement.

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PRELIMINARY PROXY STATEMENT

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED JUNE 28, 2012

July , 2012

Dear Forest Stockholders:

It is my pleasure to invite you to Forest's 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The Annual Meeting will be held on August 15, 2012 at [_____], at [_____]. Details regarding admission to the Annual Meeting and the business to be conducted are more fully described in the accompanying Notice of 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement.

Your Board of Directors is recommending a highly qualified, experienced and diverse slate of ten nominees for election at the 2012 Annual Meeting that will provide experience, leadership and continuity at a critical time for the Company's future. Since 2006, Forest has added five new independent directors 50% of your Board with four of these new directors joining since December 2009. In addition to infusing the Board with critical industry experience by adding Dr. Peter J. Zimetbaum in December 2009, a Director of Clinical Cardiology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and an Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Dr. Nesli Basgoz in 2006, the Associate Chief for Clinical Affairs, Division of Infectious Diseases at Massachusetts General Hospital, our stockholders elected Christopher J. Coughlin, former Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Tyco International, Gerald M. Lieberman, former President and Chief Operating Officer of AllianceBernstein, and Brenton L. Saunders, the current Chief Executive Officer and President of Bausch + Lomb to the Board at Forest's 2011 Annual Meeting. Your Board believes the entire ten-member slate is extremely well qualified to represent all of our stockholders and lead Forest through its next stage of growth and development.

Your management team and Board are excited about Forest and about continuing to create value for you. At the Annual Meeting, you will be asked to elect the ten directors named in the accompanying Proxy Statement, to cast an advisory vote in favor of the compensation of our named executive officers, to ratify the appointment of BDO USA, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm, and, if the following proposals are properly presented at the meeting, [to vote against a stockholder proposal requesting us to amend our Bylaws to allow stockholders to nominate director candidates for inclusion in our proxy materials] and to vote against a stockholder proposal regarding the repeal of bylaw amendments that Icahn Capital LP and certain affiliated entities, which are a group of hedge funds led by Carl C. Icahn (the Icahn Group), have indicated that they intend to propose at the Annual Meeting.

We hope you will be able to attend the Annual Meeting, but if you cannot do so it is important that your shares be represented. Your vote is very important to Forest. **We urge you to read the accompanying Proxy Statement carefully, and to use the Company's WHITE proxy card to vote for the Board's nominees and in accordance with the Board's recommendations on the other proposals, as soon as possible, by telephone or Internet, or by signing, dating, and returning the enclosed WHITE proxy card in the postage-paid envelope provided, whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting. Further instructions on how to vote are provided on the WHITE proxy card.**

You may have heard that members of the Icahn Group have stated their intention to propose four director nominees for election at the Annual Meeting and a proposal to repeal any provision of the Company's bylaws in effect at the time of the Annual Meeting that was not included in the Company's bylaws as publicly filed prior to June 18, 2012 (the Icahn Bylaw Repeal Proposal). Your Nominating and Governance Committee and Board urge you to vote only for your Board's proposed nominees and against the Icahn Bylaw Repeal Proposal by using the enclosed WHITE proxy card and not to sign or return or vote any proxy card sent to you by the Icahn Group. If you vote using a proxy card sent to you by the Icahn Group, you can subsequently revoke it by using the instructions on the WHITE proxy card to vote by telephone or Internet, or by signing, dating and returning the enclosed WHITE proxy card in the postage-paid envelope provided. Only your latest-dated proxy will count, and any proxy may be revoked at any time prior to its exercise at the Annual Meeting as described in this Proxy Statement.

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Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please contact MacKenzie Partners, Inc., our proxy solicitor that is assisting us in connection with the Annual Meeting, at (800) 322-2885.

Sincerely,

[_____ Signature _____]

Howard Solomon

Chairman of the Board, President and

Chief Executive Officer

**THIS PROXY STATEMENT AND PROXY CARD ARE
BEING DISTRIBUTED ON OR ABOUT JULY [], 2012**

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FOREST LABORATORIES, INC.

NOTICE OF 2012 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of Forest Laboratories, Inc. will be held on August 15, 2012 at [], at []. We are holding this meeting to:

1. Elect ten directors to the Company's Board of Directors, with the Company's nominees being those named in this Proxy Statement (Proposal 1);
2. Conduct an advisory vote on the compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers (Proposal 2);
3. Ratify the selection of BDO USA, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013 (Proposal 3);
- [4. Consider and act upon the stockholder proposal described at Proposal 4 if properly presented at the Annual Meeting (Proposal 4);]

[4/5]. Consider and act upon a stockholder proposal that Icahn Capital LP and certain affiliated entities, which are a group of hedge funds led by Carl C. Icahn (the Icahn Group), have indicated that they intend to propose at the Annual Meeting that would repeal any provision of the Company's bylaws in effect at the time of Annual Meeting that was not included in the Company's bylaws as publicly filed prior to June 18, 2012, if such stockholder proposal is properly presented at the Annual Meeting (Proposal [4/5] or the Icahn Bylaw Repeal Proposal); and

[5/6]. Consider and act upon such other matters as may properly be brought before the meeting or any postponements or adjournments thereof by or at the direction of the Board.

Only Forest stockholders of record at the close of business on June 25, 2012 may vote at the meeting or any postponements or adjournments of the meeting. A copy of the 2012 Annual Report to Stockholders has previously been mailed to Forest stockholders.

Please note that members of the Icahn Group have stated their intention to propose four alternative director nominees for election at the Annual Meeting and the Icahn Bylaw Repeal Proposal. We urge you to vote for the nominees proposed by the Board and against the Icahn Bylaw Repeal Proposal by using the enclosed WHITE proxy card and not to sign or return or vote any proxy card sent to you by the Icahn Group. If you have already voted using a proxy card sent to you by the Icahn Group, you can revoke it by using the instructions on the enclosed WHITE proxy card to vote by telephone or Internet, or by signing, dating and returning the WHITE proxy card in the postage-paid envelope provided. Only your latest dated proxy will count, and any proxy may be revoked at any time prior to its exercise at the Annual Meeting as described in this Proxy Statement.

You are invited to attend the Annual Meeting. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting in person, please vote by mail, by telephone or via the Internet in order to be certain your shares are represented at the meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

[____ Signature ____]

HERSCHEL S. WEINSTEIN,

Corporate Secretary

July [], 2012

New York, New York

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Your Vote Is Very Important, No Matter How Many Or How Few Shares You Own

If you have questions about how to vote your shares, or need additional assistance, please contact

MacKenzie Partners, which is assisting us in the solicitation of proxies:

105 Madison Avenue

New York, New York 10016

(212) 929-5500 (Call Collect)

Or

Call Toll-Free: (800) 322-2885

Email: frxproxy@mackenziepartners.com

IMPORTANT

We urge you NOT to sign the [] proxy card sent to you by the Icahn Group, which has notified us it

intends to put forth its own slate. If you have already signed the Icahn Group's [] card, you have every legal right

to change your vote by using the enclosed WHITE proxy card to vote TODAY by telephone, by Internet, or by signing, dating and returning the WHITE proxy card in the postage-paid envelope provided.

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FOREST LABORATORIES, INC.

909 THIRD AVENUE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022

PRELIMINARY PROXY STATEMENT FOR 2012 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

DATED JUNE 28, 2012

This Proxy Statement contains information related to our Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on August 15, 2012 beginning at [], at [], and at any postponements or adjournments thereof. This Proxy Statement is being sent to stockholders on or about July , 2012. You should review this information together with our 2012 Annual Report to Stockholders, which was previously sent to you.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEETING

Q: Why did you send me this Proxy Statement?

A: We sent you this Proxy Statement and the enclosed WHITE proxy card because the Board of Directors (the Board) of Forest Laboratories, Inc. (we or Forest or the Company) is soliciting your proxy to vote at our 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Annual Meeting) to be held on August 15, 2012 and at any postponements or adjournments of the Annual Meeting. This Proxy Statement summarizes information that is intended to assist you in making an informed vote on the proposals described in this Proxy Statement.

Q: Has the Company been notified that a stockholder intends to propose alternative director nominees at the Annual Meeting?

A: Yes. The Icahn Group, a group of affiliated hedge funds led by Carl C. Icahn, has notified the Company of its intention to propose four alternative director nominees for election at the Annual Meeting. The Icahn Group nominees have NOT been endorsed by our Board. The Board unanimously recommends a vote FOR each of the Board's nominees for director on the enclosed WHITE proxy card. We are not responsible for the accuracy of any information provided by or relating to the Icahn Group contained in any proxy solicitation materials filed or disseminated by, or on behalf of, the Icahn Group or any other statements that the Icahn Group may otherwise make.

Q: Who can vote at the Annual Meeting?

A: Only stockholders of record as of the close of business on June 25, 2012 (the Record Date) are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. On that date, there were 265,724,969 shares of our common stock (individually referred to in this Proxy Statement as a share) outstanding and entitled to vote.

Q: How many shares must be present to conduct the Annual Meeting?

A: We must have a quorum present in person or by proxy to hold the Annual Meeting. A quorum is a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote. Abstentions and broker non-votes (defined below) will be counted for the purpose of determining the existence of a quorum.

Q: What matters are to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting?

A: [Five] [Four] proposals are scheduled for a vote:

Election of ten directors to the Company's Board of Directors, with the Company's nominees being those named in this Proxy Statement;

Approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers;

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Ratification of the selection of BDO USA, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013;

If properly presented at the Annual Meeting, consider and act upon the non-binding stockholder proposal requesting us to amend our Bylaws to allow stockholders to nominate director candidates for inclusion in our proxy materials as further described in Proposal 4 (the Stockholder Proposal); and

If properly presented at the Annual Meeting, consider and act upon the stockholder proposal that the Icahn Group has indicated that it intends to propose at the Annual Meeting that would repeal any provision of the Company's bylaws in effect at the time of Annual Meeting that was not included in the Company's bylaws as publicly filed prior to June 18, 2012 (Icahn Bylaw Repeal Proposal).

As of the date of this Proxy Statement, our Board does not know of any other business to be presented at the Annual Meeting. If other business is properly brought before the Annual Meeting, the persons named on the enclosed WHITE proxy card will vote on these other matters in their discretion.

Q: How does the Board recommend that I vote?

A: The Board recommends that you vote:

1. **FOR** the election of each of the director nominees named in this Proxy Statement;
2. **FOR** the proposal to approve (on an advisory basis) the compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers;
3. **FOR** the proposal to ratify the selection of BDO USA, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013; and

[4. **AGAINST** the Stockholder Proposal].

[4/5]. **AGAINST** the Icahn Bylaw Repeal Proposal.

Q: What should I do if I receive a proxy card from the Icahn Group?

A: The Icahn Group has stated its intention to propose four alternative director nominees for election at the Annual Meeting and to propose the Icahn Bylaw Repeal Proposal. If the Icahn Group proceeds with its alternative nominations or the Icahn Bylaw Repeal Proposal you may receive proxy solicitation materials from the Icahn Group, including an opposition proxy statement and [] proxy card. Your Board unanimously recommends you disregard these materials. If you have already voted using the [] proxy card, you have every right to change your vote by executing and returning the enclosed WHITE proxy card or by voting by telephone or via the Internet by following the instructions provided on the enclosed proxy card. Only the latest dated proxy you submit will be counted. If you vote to **WITHHOLD** your vote with respect to any Icahn Group nominee using the [] proxy card, your vote will not be counted as a vote **FOR** the Board's nominees and will result in the revocation of any previous vote you may have cast on the Company's WHITE proxy card. If you wish to vote pursuant to the recommendation of the Board, you should disregard any proxy card that you receive other than the

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WHITE proxy card. If you have any questions or need assistance voting, please call MacKenzie Partners, Inc. at (800) 322-2885.

Q: How do I vote before the Annual Meeting?

A: You may vote your shares by mail by filling in, signing and returning the enclosed WHITE proxy card or WHITE voting instruction form you receive from your broker. For your convenience, you may also vote your shares by telephone or via Internet by following the instructions on the enclosed WHITE proxy card or your WHITE voting instruction form. If you vote by telephone or via the Internet, you do not need to return your proxy card or voting instruction form. With respect to the election of directors, you may vote **FOR** all the nominees to the Board of Directors of Forest, you may withhold authority to vote for any nominee(s) you specify and you may withhold authority to vote for all of the nominees as a group. For the advisory vote on the compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers, the ratification of the selection of BDO USA, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013, [the vote on the Stockholder Proposal] and the vote on the Icahn Bylaw Repeal Proposal, you may vote **FOR** or **AGAINST** or abstain from voting. We encourage you to disregard any non-WHITE proxy cards or non-WHITE voting instruction forms you may receive.

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Q: May I vote at the Annual Meeting?

A: Yes, you may vote your shares at the Annual Meeting if you attend in person. Even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting in person, we recommend that you also submit your proxy or voting instructions as described above so that your vote will be counted if you later decide not to attend the Annual Meeting in person.

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

A: If your shares are registered in your name on the Company's books and records or with our transfer agent, Computershare, you are the stockholder of record of those shares and this Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement and any accompanying documents have been provided directly to you by Forest. In contrast, if you purchased your shares through a brokerage or other financial intermediary, the brokerage or other financial intermediary will be the stockholder of record of those shares. Generally, when this occurs, the brokerage or other financial intermediary will automatically put your shares into street name, which means that the brokerage or other financial intermediary will hold your shares in its name or another nominee's name and not in your name, but will keep records showing you as the real or beneficial owner. If you hold shares beneficially in street name, this Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement and any accompanying documents have been forwarded to you by your broker, bank or other holder of record.

Q: How do I vote if my bank or broker holds my shares in street name ?

A: If you hold shares beneficially in street name, you may vote by submitting the enclosed voting instruction form. Telephone and Internet voting may be available – please refer to the voting instruction card provided by your broker.

Q: What should I do if I receive more than one WHITE proxy card or other set of proxy materials from the Company?

A: If you hold your shares in multiple accounts or registrations, or in both registered and street name, you will receive a WHITE proxy card for each account. Please sign, date and return all WHITE proxy cards you receive from the Company. If you choose to vote by phone or by Internet, please vote once for each WHITE proxy card you receive. Only your latest dated proxy for each account will be voted. If the Icahn Group proceeds with its previously announced alternative nominations, we will likely conduct multiple mailings prior to the Annual Meeting date to ensure stockholders have our latest proxy information and materials to vote. We will send you a new WHITE proxy card with each mailing, regardless of whether you have previously voted. The latest dated proxy you submit will be counted, and, if you wish to vote as recommended by the Board then you should only submit WHITE proxy cards.

Q: How many votes do I have?

A: Each share of common stock that you own as of the close of business on the Record Date (June 25, 2012) entitles you to one vote on each matter voted upon at the Annual Meeting. As of the close of business on the Record Date, there were 265,724,969 shares of our common stock outstanding.

Q: May I change my vote?

A:

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Yes, you may change your vote or revoke your proxy at any time before the vote at the Annual Meeting. You may change your vote prior to the Annual Meeting by executing a valid WHITE proxy card bearing a later date and delivering it to us prior to the Annual Meeting at Forest Laboratories, Inc., Attention: Corporate Secretary, 909 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022. Submitting a WHITE proxy card will revoke votes you may have made on an Icahn Group proxy card. You may withdraw your vote at the Annual Meeting and vote in person by giving written notice to our Corporate Secretary. You may also revoke your

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vote without voting by sending written notice of revocation to our Corporate Secretary at the above address. Attendance at the meeting will not by itself revoke a previously granted proxy.

If you have previously signed a [] proxy card sent to you by the Icahn Group, you may change your vote by marking, signing, dating and returning the enclosed WHITE proxy card in the accompanying postage-paid envelope or by voting by telephone or via the Internet by following the instructions on your WHITE proxy card. Submitting an Icahn Group proxy card will revoke votes you have made via the Company's WHITE proxy card.

Q: How are my shares voted if I submit a WHITE proxy card but do not specify how I want to vote?

A: If you submit a properly executed WHITE proxy card but do not specify how you want to vote, your shares will be voted FOR the election of each of the Company's nominees for director; FOR advisory approval of the compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers; FOR the ratification of the selection of BDO USA, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013; AGAINST approval of the Stockholder Proposal; and AGAINST approval of the Icahn Bylaw Repeal Proposal.

Q: Will my shares be voted if I don't provide instructions to my broker?

A: If you are the beneficial owner of shares held in street name by a broker, you must instruct your broker how to vote your shares. If you do not provide voting instructions at least ten days prior to the Annual Meeting date, your broker will be entitled to vote the shares with respect to discretionary items but will not be permitted to vote the shares with respect to non-discretionary items (we refer to the latter case as a broker non-vote). In the case of a broker non-vote, your broker can register your shares as being present at the Annual Meeting for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum, but will not be able to vote on those matters for which specific authorization is required under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).

Under NYSE rules, the proposal to elect directors, the advisory vote relating to executive compensation, the proposal to ratify the appointment of BDO USA, LLP as Forest's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013, [the Stockholder Proposal] and the Icahn Bylaw Repeal Proposal are non-discretionary matters for which specific instructions from beneficial owners are required. As a result, your broker will not be allowed to vote with respect to the election of directors, the proposal to approve (on an advisory basis) the compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers, the proposal to ratify BDO USA, LLP's appointment as independent registered public accounting firm, [the Stockholder Proposal] and the Icahn Bylaw Repeal Proposal on your behalf if you do not provide your broker with specific voting instructions on the proposals.

Your vote is important and we strongly encourage you to vote your shares by following the instructions provided on the enclosed voting instruction form. Please vote promptly.

Q: What vote is required to elect directors?

A: As a result of the Icahn Group's declared intention to propose alternative director nominees, assuming such nominees are in fact proposed for election at the Annual Meeting and such nominees have not been withdrawn by the Icahn Group on or prior to the tenth day before we mail the Notice of Meeting in this Proxy Statement to our stockholders, there will be more nominees than available positions and, as provided in the Company's Bylaws and Corporate Governance Guidelines, directors will be elected on a plurality basis. This means that the ten candidates receiving the highest number of FOR votes will be elected. A properly executed proxy card marked WITHHOLD with respect to the election of a director nominee will be counted for purposes of determining if there is a quorum at the Annual Meeting, but will not be considered to have been voted for or against the director nominee. Withhold votes and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of the election.

It will NOT help elect your Board if you sign and return proxies sent by the Icahn Group even if you vote to WITHHOLD your vote with respect to their directors using the Icahn [] proxy card.

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In fact, doing so may cancel any previous vote you cast on the Company's WHITE proxy card. The only way to support your Board's nominees is to vote FOR the Board's nominees on the WHITE proxy card.

In the event that the Icahn Group withdraws its nominees on or prior to the tenth day before we mail the Notice of Meeting in this Proxy Statement to our stockholders, we will disclose such withdrawal to our stockholders and, as provided by the Company's Bylaws and Corporate Governance Guidelines, our directors will be elected by a vote of a majority of the votes cast. In the event that our directors are elected by a vote of a majority of the votes cast, you may vote FOR or AGAINST or abstain from voting with respect to each director nominee. A majority of votes cast means that the number of shares cast FOR a director's election exceeds the number of votes cast AGAINST such director's election. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the outcome of the election.

Q: What happens in an uncontested election where the majority of votes cast standard applies and an incumbent director does not receive enough votes to be elected?

A: Pursuant to our Corporate Governance Guidelines, the Board expects an incumbent director to tender his or her irrevocable resignation if he or she fails to receive the required number of votes cast for his or her re-election. In order to ensure that the Company always has a fully functioning Board, if an incumbent director fails to receive the required number of votes cast, he or she continues as a holdover director except in a contested election where an alternative director has been duly elected. The Nominating and Governance Committee will act on an expedited basis to determine whether to accept or reject the director's resignation and will submit such recommendation to the Board for prompt consideration. The Nominating and Governance Committee and the Board may consider any factors they deem relevant in deciding whether to accept a director's resignation. The Board will make its decision public as soon as practicable following the Annual Meeting.

Q: What vote is required to approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers?

A: This matter is being submitted to enable stockholders to approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers. In order to be approved on an advisory basis, this proposal must receive the FOR vote of a majority of the shares present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote on the matter. Abstentions will have the same effect as a vote against the proposal. Broker non-votes will have no effect on this proposal as brokers are not entitled to vote on such proposals in the absence of voting instructions from the beneficial owner.

Q: What vote is required to ratify the selection of BDO USA, LLP as Forest's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013?

A: For approval of this proposal, the proposal must receive the FOR vote of a majority of the shares present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote on the matter. Abstentions will have the same effect as a vote against the proposal. Broker non-votes will have no effect on this proposal as brokers are not entitled to vote on this proposal in the absence of voting instructions from the beneficial owner.

[Q: What vote is required to approve the Stockholder Proposal?

A: This matter is being submitted to enable stockholders to approve, on an advisory basis, the Stockholder Proposal. In order to be approved on an advisory basis, this proposal must receive the FOR vote of a majority of the shares present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote on the matter. Abstentions will have the same effect as a vote against the proposal. Broker non-votes will have no effect on this proposal as brokers are not entitled to vote on such proposals in the absence of voting instructions from the beneficial owner.]

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Q: What vote is required to approve the Icahn Bylaw Repeal Proposal?

A: In order to be approved, the Icahn Bylaw Repeal Proposal must receive the FOR vote of a majority of the shares of common stock outstanding (which constitutes the whole capital stock of the Company) entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as a vote against the proposal.

Q: Who will count the votes?

A: Votes will be counted by an independent inspector of election appointed for the Annual Meeting by the Chairman of the Annual Meeting.

Q: Do stockholders have any appraisal or dissenters' rights on the matters to be voted on at the Annual Meeting?

A: No, stockholders of Forest will not have rights of appraisal or similar dissenters' rights with respect to any of the matters identified in this Proxy Statement to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting.

Q: What do I need for admission to the Annual Meeting?

A: Attendance at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof will be limited to record and beneficial stockholders as of the Record Date, individuals holding a valid proxy from a record holder, and other persons authorized by the Company. If you are a stockholder of record, your name will be verified against the list of stockholders of record prior to your admittance to the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. You should be prepared to present photo identification for admission. If you hold your shares in street name, you will need to provide proof of beneficial ownership on the Record Date, such as a brokerage account statement showing that you owned our stock as of the Record Date, a copy of a voting instruction form provided by your broker, bank or other nominee, or other similar evidence of ownership as of the Record Date, as well as your photo identification, for admission. If you do not provide photo identification or comply with the other procedures described above upon request, you will not be admitted to the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. For security reasons, you and your bags will be subject to search prior to your admittance to the Annual Meeting.

Q: Who pays for the Company's solicitation of proxies?

A: We will pay for the entire cost of soliciting proxies on behalf of the Company. We will also reimburse brokerage firms, banks and other agents for the cost of forwarding the Company's proxy materials to beneficial owners. In addition, our directors and employees may solicit proxies in person, by telephone, via the Internet or by other means of communication. Directors and employees will not be paid any additional compensation for soliciting proxies, but MacKenzie Partners, Inc. (MacKenzie), our third party proxy solicitor, will be paid a fee, estimated to be about \$[], for rendering solicitation services. MacKenzie expects that approximately [] of its employees will assist in the solicitation. MacKenzie will ask brokerage houses and other custodians and nominees whether other persons are beneficial owners of our common stock.

Our aggregate expenses, including those of MacKenzie, related to our solicitation of proxies in excess of those normally spent for an Annual Meeting as a result of the potential proxy contest and excluding salaries and wages of our regular employees, are expected to be approximately \$[], of which approximately \$[] has been spent to date. Appendix B sets forth information relating to certain of our directors, officers and employees who are considered participants in our solicitation under the rules of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) by reason of their position as directors of the Company or because they may be soliciting proxies on our behalf.

Q: How can I find out the results of the voting at the Annual Meeting?

A: We will announce results promptly once they are available and will report final results in a filing with the SEC on Form 8-K.

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Q: What is the deadline to propose actions for consideration at next year's Annual Meeting of Stockholders?

A: Stockholders may present proper proposals for inclusion in our proxy statement and for consideration at the next annual meeting of stockholders by submitting their proposals in writing to the Company in a timely manner. Proposals should be addressed to our principal executive offices: Forest Laboratories, Inc., Attention: Corporate Secretary, 909 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022. For a stockholder proposal to be considered for inclusion in our proxy statement for our 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, we must receive the written proposal no later than March [], 2013. In addition, stockholder proposals must otherwise comply with the requirements of Rule 14a-8 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act).

Our Bylaws also establish an advance notice procedure for stockholders who wish to present a proposal, including the nomination of directors, before an annual meeting of stockholders but do not intend for the proposal to be included in our proxy statement. Pursuant to our Bylaws, a proposal may be brought before the meeting by a stockholder who was a stockholder of record at the time notice is given and is entitled to vote at the annual meeting, and who complied with the notice procedures specified in our Bylaws. To be timely for our 2013 Annual Meeting, we must receive the written notice at our principal executive offices between the close of business on May [], 2013 and the close of business on June [], 2013. For further information on how a stockholder may nominate a candidate to serve as a director, please see the disclosure appearing under the heading, Selection of Nominees for Election to the Board on Page 21.

If a stockholder who has notified us of his or her intention to present a proposal at an annual meeting does not appear to present his or her proposal at such meeting, we are not required to present the proposal for a vote at such meeting.

Q: What is householding and how does it work?

A: The SEC's householding rules permit us to deliver only one set of proxy materials to stockholders who share an address unless otherwise requested. This procedure reduces printing and mailing costs. If you share an address with another stockholder and have received only one set of proxy materials, you may request a separate copy of these materials at no cost to you by writing to Forest Laboratories, Inc., Attention: Corporate Secretary, 909 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022, or by calling us at (212) 421-7850. Alternatively, if you are currently receiving multiple copies of the proxy materials at the same address and wish to receive a single copy in the future, you may contact us by calling or writing to us at the telephone number or address given above.

If you are a beneficial owner (i.e., your shares are held in the name of a bank, broker or other holder of record), the bank, broker or other holder of record may deliver only one copy of the Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement to stockholders who have the same address unless the bank, broker or other holder of record has received contrary instructions from one or more of the stockholders. If you wish to receive a separate copy of the Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement, now or in the future, you may contact us at the address or telephone number above and we will promptly deliver a separate copy. Beneficial owners sharing an address, who are currently receiving multiple copies of the Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement and wish to receive a single copy in the future, should contact their bank, broker or other holder of record to request that only a single copy be delivered to all stockholders at the shared address in the future.

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The following table sets forth, as of June 25, 2012, the number of shares of common stock owned beneficially by any persons we know to be beneficial owners of more than five percent of our outstanding shares, each of our directors and each of our executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table below and all of our directors and executive officers as a group: The percentage of ownership is calculated based upon the 265,724,969 shares of common stock issued and outstanding as of June 25, 2012.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class (1)
<u>5% Stockholders</u>		
Wellington Management Company, LLP (2)	34,137,700	12.85%
280 Congress Street		
Boston, MA 02210		
Icahn Capital LP (3)	26,361,686	9.92%
c/o Icahn Associates Corp.		
767 Fifth Avenue, 47th Floor		
New York, NY 10153		
Vanguard Specialized Funds Vanguard (4)	25,903,000	9.75%
Health Care Fund		
100 Vanguard Boulevard		
Malvern, PA 19355		
BlackRock, Inc. (5)	20,953,169	7.89%
40 East 52nd Street		
New York, NY 10022		
Morgan Stanley (6)	18,579,695	6.99%
1585 Broadway		
New York, NY 10036		
ClearBridge Advisors, LLC (7)	17,714,848	6.67%
620 8th Avenue		
New York, NY 10018		
Capital Research Global Investors (8)	14,730,948	5.54%
333 South Hope Street		
Los Angeles, CA 90071		
<u>Named Executive Officers and Directors</u>		
Howard Solomon	2,835,915(9)	1.07%

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Elaine Hochberg	689,811(10)	*
Francis I. Perier, Jr.	500,178(11)	*
Marco Taglietti, M.D.	212,818(12)	*
David F. Solomon	251,486(13)	*
Nesli Basgoz, M.D.	44,569(14)	*
Christopher J. Coughlin	10,000(15)	*
Dan L. Goldwasser	68,099(16)	*
Kenneth E. Goodman	199,294(17)	*
Gerald M. Lieberman	10,000(18)	*
Lawrence S. Olanoff, M.D., Ph.D.	330,175(19)	*
Lester B. Salans, M.D.	62,679(20)	*
Brenton L. Saunders	10,000(21)	*
Peter J. Zimetbaum, M.D.	25,448(22)	*
All directors and executive officers as a group	6,476,171(23)	2.44%

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- * Less than 1%
- (1) For purposes of computing the percentage of outstanding shares of common stock held by each person named in the table on a given date, any security which such person has the right to acquire within 60 days after such date is deemed to be outstanding, but is not deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person.
 - (2) Based on the information provided pursuant to a statement on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 14, 2012 by Wellington Management Company, LLP (Wellington Management). Wellington Management reported that it has shared voting power with respect to 5,243,970 shares of common stock and shared dispositive power with respect to 34,137,700 shares of common stock. Wellington Management acts as investment advisor to various clients who have the right to receive, or the power to direct the receipt of, dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of the shares of common stock deemed to be beneficially owned by Wellington Management. Other than Vanguard Specialized Funds – Vanguard Health Care Fund, no such client of Wellington Management was known to have such right or power with respect to more than five percent of the shares of our common stock.
 - (3) Based on the information provided pursuant to Amendment No. 3 to a statement on a Schedule 13D filed with the SEC on May 30, 2012 (the Icahn Schedule 13D) by Icahn Capital LP with respect to itself, the other members of the Icahn Group, Carl C. Icahn and certain other affiliated entities of Carl C. Icahn (collectively, the Reporting Persons). The Reporting Persons reported that (i) High River Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership (High River), has sole voting power and sole dispositive power with regard to 5,272,335 shares of common stock; (ii) Icahn Partners LP, a Delaware limited partnership (Icahn Partners), has sole voting power and sole dispositive power with regard to 8,077,405 shares of common stock; (iii) Icahn Partners Master Fund LP, a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership (Icahn Master), has sole voting power and sole dispositive power with regard to 8,749,838 shares of common stock; (iv) Icahn Partners Master Fund II L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership (Icahn Master II), has sole voting power and sole dispositive power with regard to 2,960,767 shares of common stock; and (v) Icahn Partners Master Fund III L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership (Icahn Master III), has sole voting power and sole dispositive power with regard to 1,301,341 shares of common stock. Carl C. Icahn, by virtue of his relationship to High River, Icahn Partners, Icahn Master, Icahn Master II and Icahn Master III, is deemed to beneficially own the shares of common stock which High River, Icahn Partners, Icahn Master, Icahn Master II and Icahn Master III directly beneficially own. Per the Icahn Schedule 13D, each of the Reporting Persons may have shared voting and/or dispositive power over all or some of such shares.
 - (4) Based on the information provided pursuant to a statement on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on January 26, 2012 by Vanguard Specialized Funds – Vanguard Health Care Fund (Vanguard). Vanguard reported that it has sole voting power with respect to 25,903,000 shares of common stock.
 - (5) Based on the information provided pursuant to a statement on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 13, 2012 by BlackRock, Inc. (BlackRock). BlackRock reported that it has sole voting and dispositive power with respect to 20,953,169 shares of common stock.
 - (6) Based on the information provided pursuant to a statement on Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 10, 2012 by Morgan Stanley and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC (MS & Co.). Morgan Stanley reported that it has sole voting power with respect to 18,128,738 shares of common stock, shared voting power with respect to 21,005 shares of common stock, and sole dispositive power with respect to 18,579,695 shares of common stock. MS & Co. reported that it has sole voting and dispositive power with respect to 14,318,580 shares of common stock. Morgan Stanley further reported that in accordance with SEC Release No. 34-39538 (January 12, 1998) (the Release), its filing reflected securities beneficially owned, or that may be deemed to be beneficially owned, by certain operating units (collectively, the MS Reporting Units) of Morgan Stanley and its subsidiaries and affiliates (collectively, MS), but did not reflect securities, if any, beneficially owned by any operating units of MS whose ownership of securities is disaggregated from that of the MS Reporting Units in accordance with the Release.

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- (7) Based on the information provided pursuant to a statement on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 14, 2012 by ClearBridge Advisors, LLC (ClearBridge). ClearBridge reported that it has sole voting power with respect to 15,085,513 shares of common stock and sole dispositive power with respect to 17,714,848 shares of common stock.
- (8) Based on the information provided pursuant to a statement on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 14, 2012 by Capital Research Global Investors (Capital Research), a division of Capital Research and Management Company (CRMC). Capital Research reported that it has sole voting and dispositive power with respect to 14,730,948 shares of common stock, and is deemed to be the beneficial owner of 14,730,948 shares of common stock as a result of CRMC acting as investment adviser to various investment companies registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940.
- (9) Includes 107,856 shares of stock that are subject to a risk of forfeiture, 1,740,000 shares issuable pursuant to options that were exercisable on June 25, 2012 or which become exercisable within 60 days of June 25, 2012 and 58,431 shares held by a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation, as to which Mr. Solomon disclaims beneficial ownership. Does not include a target grant of 95,800 performance stock units granted on December 5, 2011 which vest, if at all, following the conclusion of fiscal year 2015 based on the achievement of certain performance metrics.
- (10) Includes 48,600 shares of stock that are subject to a risk of forfeiture, 540,000 shares issuable pursuant to options that were exercisable on June 25, 2012 or which become exercisable within 60 days of June 25, 2012 and 24,560 shares which are pledged as security. Does not include a target grant of 23,850 performance stock units granted on December 5, 2011 which vest, if at all, following the conclusion of fiscal year 2015 based on the achievement of certain performance metrics.
- (11) Includes 77,636 shares of stock that are subject to a risk of forfeiture and includes 370,500 shares issuable pursuant to options that were exercisable on June 25, 2012 or which become exercisable within 60 days of June 25, 2012. Does not include a target grant of 22,400 performance stock units granted on December 5, 2011 which vest, if at all, following the conclusion of fiscal year 2015 based on the achievement of certain performance metrics.
- (12) Includes 88,950 shares of stock that are subject to a risk of forfeiture and includes 92,250 shares issuable pursuant to options that were exercisable on June 25, 2012 or which become exercisable within 60 days of June 25, 2012. Does not include a target grant of 19,100 performance stock units granted on December 5, 2011 which vest, if at all, following the conclusion of fiscal year 2015 based on the achievement of certain performance metrics.
- (13) Includes 89,150 shares of stock that are subject to a risk of forfeiture and includes 71,500 shares issuable pursuant to options that were exercisable on June 25, 2012 or which become exercisable within 60 days of June 25, 2012. Does not include a target grant of 19,100 performance stock units granted on December 5, 2011 which vest, if at all, following the conclusion of fiscal year 2015 based on the achievement of certain performance metrics.
- (14) Includes 3,262 shares of stock that are subject to a risk of forfeiture and includes 37,667 shares issuable pursuant to options that were exercisable on June 25, 2012 or which become exercisable within 60 days of June 25, 2012.
- (15) Includes 10,000 shares issuable pursuant to options that were exercisable on June 25, 2012 or which become exercisable within 60 days of June 25, 2012.
- (16) Includes 3,262 shares of stock that are subject to a risk of forfeiture and includes 41,167 shares issuable pursuant to options that were exercisable on June 25, 2012 or which become exercisable within 60 days of June 25, 2012. Does not include 21,680 shares owned by Mr. Goldwasser's wife of which Mr. Goldwasser disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (17) Includes 3,262 shares of stock that are subject to a risk of forfeiture and includes 23,167 shares issuable pursuant to options that were exercisable on June 25, 2012 or which become exercisable within 60 days of June 25, 2012.
- (18) Includes 10,000 shares issuable pursuant to options that were exercisable on June 25, 2012 or which become exercisable within 60 days of June 25, 2012.
- (19) Includes 1,683 shares of stock that are subject to a risk of forfeiture and includes 240,546 shares issuable pursuant to options that were exercisable on June 25, 2012 or which become exercisable within 60 days of

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- June 25, 2012. Does not include 10,000 shares beneficially owned by a charitable remainder trust as to which Dr. Olanoff disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (20) Includes 3,262 shares of stock that are subject to a risk of forfeiture and includes 41,167 shares issuable pursuant to options that were exercisable on June 25, 2012 or which become exercisable within 60 days of June 25, 2012.
 - (21) Includes 10,000 shares issuable pursuant to options that were exercisable on June 25, 2012 or which become exercisable within 60 days of June 25, 2012.
 - (22) Includes 3,012 shares of stock that are subject to a risk of forfeiture, 20,546 shares issuable pursuant to options that were exercisable on June 25, 2012 or which become exercisable within 60 days of June 25, 2012.
 - (23) Includes 841,215 shares of stock that are subject to a risk of forfeiture and includes 3,829,260 shares issuable pursuant to options that were exercisable on June 25, 2012 or which become exercisable within 60 days of June 25, 2012. Does not include a target grant of 180,250 performance stock units granted on December 5, 2011 which vest, if at all, following the conclusion of fiscal year 2015 based on the achievement of certain performance metrics.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Federal securities laws require our executive officers and directors and persons owning more than 10% of our common stock to file certain reports on ownership and changes in ownership with the SEC. Based on a review of our records and other information, we believe that during fiscal year 2012, our executive officers and directors and all persons holding more than 10% of our common stock timely filed all such Section 16(a) reports except for (1) a report on Form 4 filed by Dr. Lawrence Olanoff reporting the forfeiture of 21,250 shares of restricted stock effective upon his resignation as President and COO of the Company December 31, 2010 was inadvertently filed late and (2) a report on Form 4 filed by William Meury reporting the grant of restricted stock and options on December 5, 2011 and the delivery of shares to the Company on December 6 and 7, 2011 in satisfaction of Mr. Meury's tax obligations upon the vesting of previously granted restricted stock awards was inadvertently filed late.

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PROPOSAL 1

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Overview of Election of Directors

Our entire Board is elected each year at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and we are recommending a highly qualified, experienced and diverse slate of ten nominees for election at the 2012 Annual Meeting, each of whom has been recommended by our Nominating and Governance Committee and approved by our Board. The ten nominees listed below include eight independent directors as defined in the NYSE rules and regulations. We are confident that our Board of Directors consists of the right group to best serve the interests of all of our stockholders.

Each nominee elected as a director will continue in office until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until his or her successor has been elected or appointed. Each person nominated below has consented to be named in this Proxy Statement and has agreed to serve if elected.

Background to the Board's Recommendation in Favor of Forest's Nominees

Our Board of Directors has been engaged in a long-term effort to strengthen its composition in service of the best interests of Forest stockholders. In the last six years, we bolstered our Board with five new independent directors who have brought valuable experience and leadership in critical areas—our five newest independent directors, who comprised 50% of our Board, are Dr. Peter J. Zimetbaum, a Director of Clinical Cardiology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and an Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, who joined in December 2009; Dr. Nesli Basgoz, the Associate Chief for Clinical Affairs, Division of Infectious Diseases at Massachusetts General Hospital, who joined in 2006; Christopher J. Coughlin, former Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Tyco International, who joined in 2011; Gerald M. Lieberman, former President and Chief Operating Officer of AllianceBernstein, who joined in 2011; and Brenton L. Saunders, Chief Executive Officer and President of Bausch + Lomb, who also joined in 2011. Each of these independent directors serve significant roles on our Board committees. In light of their complementary experience, relevant expertise, and diverse industry and educational backgrounds, these nominees, who bring executive leadership and insights from the fields of pharmaceuticals, research and development, healthcare, law, finance and accounting, will serve as a superior and independent board best suited to lead Forest into the future.

We believe that each of our nominees has professional experience in areas relevant to our strategy and operations and offers experience, leadership and continuity at a critical time for the Company's future. We also believe that our nominees have other attributes necessary to create an effective board: high personal and professional ethics, integrity and values; vision and long-term strategic perspective; experience with regulatory and government processes; practical judgment and excellent decision-making skills; the ability to devote significant time to serve on our board and its committees and to work in a collaborative manner with other board members; and a commitment to representing the long-term interests of all our stockholders.

The names of our Board nominees and certain other information about them is set forth further below.

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR EACH OF THE BOARD'S TEN NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR ON THE ENCLOSED WHITE PROXY CARD.

The persons named as proxies intend to vote the proxies FOR the election of each of these nominees unless you indicate on the WHITE proxy card a vote to WITHHOLD your vote with respect to any of the nominees. If for some reason any director nominee is unable to serve, or for good cause will not serve if elected, the persons named as proxies may vote for a substitute nominee recommended by the Board, and unless you indicate otherwise on the WHITE proxy card, the proxies will be voted in favor of the remaining nominees. If any substitute nominees are designated, we will file an amended proxy statement that, as applicable, identifies

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the substitute nominees, discloses that such nominees have consented to being named in the revised proxy statement and to serve if elected, and includes certain biographical and other information about such nominees required by SEC rules.

Background to Potential Contested Solicitation

On May 30, 2012, Icahn Capital LP and certain affiliated entities, a group of hedge funds led by Carl C. Icahn (collectively, the Icahn Group) announced their intention to nominate a slate of directors for election to Forest's Board of Directors at the 2012 Annual Meeting that would constitute less than a majority of the Board. By letter dated June 18, 2012, the Icahn Group submitted a request pursuant to Section 220 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware to inspect certain books and records of the Company. On June 19, 2012, the Icahn Group delivered a notice to the Company advising the Company of its intent to nominate a slate of four directors for election to the Board and to propose that stockholders adopt the Icahn Bylaw Repeal Proposal. On June 26, 2012, the Icahn Group submitted a request pursuant to Section 220 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware to inspect certain stocklist and related ancillary materials of the Company. From May 30th to June 19th, Carl Icahn and Howard Solomon, Chairman of Forest's Board, had several conversations concerning Icahn's perspectives on the Company and the upcoming annual election, including Mr. Icahn's desire for representation on the Board. No agreements or understandings resulted from these conversations.

Biographical Information for Nominees

In addition to the information set forth below, Appendix B sets forth information relating to our directors and certain of our officers and employees who are considered participants in our solicitation under the rules of the SEC by reason of their position as directors of the Company or because they may be soliciting proxies on our behalf. The following persons have been nominated as directors:

Howard Solomon Director since 1964

Mr. Solomon, 84, is Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of Forest. He began his career as an attorney at leading law firms in New York and joined Forest in 1964 as a director and secretary of the Board while serving as outside counsel for the Company. He became CEO of Forest in 1977 and Chairman in 1998. Mr. Solomon is a Trustee of the New York Presbyterian Hospital and previously served on the Board of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories. He is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Opera and Chairman of its Finance Committee. He also serves on the Board of the New York City Ballet. Mr. Solomon graduated from the City College of New York and holds a J.D. from Yale University.

We believe that Mr. Solomon's experience as a senior executive and leader in our industry, his in-depth knowledge of our Company and its day-to-day operations and his strong record and strategic vision for the Company qualify him to serve on our Board.

Nesli Basgoz, M.D. Director since 2006

Dr. Basgoz, 54, is the Associate Chief for Clinical Affairs, Division of Infectious Diseases at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and serves on the hospital's Board of Trustees. In addition, Dr. Basgoz is an Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Previously, she served as Clinical Director in the Infectious Diseases Division of MGH for six years. Dr. Basgoz earned her M.D. Degree and completed her residency in internal medicine at Northwestern University Medical School. She also completed a fellowship in the Infectious Diseases Division at the University of California at San Francisco. She is board certified in both infectious diseases and internal medicine.

Dr. Basgoz's broad medical expertise and nationally recognized leadership in the medical field, as well as her extensive clinical trial experience has equipped her to effectively advise the Board and management with respect to many strategic matters, including navigating regulatory approvals and the clinical trial process. Moreover, her particular expertise in infectious diseases has enabled Dr. Basgoz to advise the Board and management with respect to the Company's current and potential portfolio of drugs within the relevant indications, including Forest's recently launched Teflaro[®] product and other antibiotics under development at the Company.

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Christopher J. Coughlin Director since 2011

Mr. Coughlin, 59, most recently served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Tyco International from 2005 to 2010 and remains an advisor to Tyco. During his tenure, he played a central role in the separation of Tyco into three independent, public companies and provided financial leadership surrounding major transactions, including the \$2 billion acquisition of Broadview Security, among many other responsibilities and accomplishments. Prior to joining Tyco, he worked as the Chief Operating Officer of the Interpublic Group of Companies from June 2003 to December 2004, as Chief Financial Officer from August 2003 to June 2004 and as a director from July 2003 to July 2004. Previously, Mr. Coughlin was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Pharmacia Corporation from 1998 until its acquisition by Pfizer in 2003. Prior to that, he was Executive Vice President of Nabisco Holdings and President of Nabisco International. From 1981 to 1996 he held various positions, including Chief Financial Officer, at Sterling Drug. Mr. Coughlin is currently serving as the lead independent director on the board of Dun & Bradstreet, where he is a member of the Audit Committee and the Compensation and Benefits Committee. He also serves on the board of Covidien plc, where he is Chair of the Compliance Committee and a member of its Transaction Committee. In addition, Mr. Coughlin previously served on the boards of the Interpublic Group of Companies, Monsanto Company and Perrigo Company. Mr. Coughlin has a B.S. in accounting from Boston College.

A veteran of service and leadership on public company boards, Mr. Coughlin's wide array of senior management positions in global companies, pharmaceutical background, finance experience and compliance and governance expertise enhances the Board's ability to make strategic decisions for the long-term growth of the Company.

Dan L. Goldwasser Director since 1977

Mr. Goldwasser, 72, is a retired attorney. During the early part of his legal career he practiced corporate and securities law representing both public and private corporations. From 1992 through 2011 he was a shareholder in the law firm Vedder Price, P.C. where he was a member of the firm's Accounting Law Practice Group. During this period Mr. Goldwasser served as Chairman of the American Bar Association's Business Law Section's Committee on Law and Accounting and as the American Bar Association's Co-Chairman of the National Conference of Lawyers and Certified Public Accountants. Each year from 1994 through 2004 he was named by the editors of Accounting Today as one of the 100 most influential people in accounting. From 2003 to 2006, he also was a member of the Auditing Standards Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Goldwasser holds a B.A. from Harvard University and an LL.B from Columbia Law School where he taught Accounting for Lawyers.

Mr. Goldwasser's knowledge of federal and state corporate and securities laws, leadership roles in accounting organizations, service on the AICPA's Auditing Standards Board, expertise in legal, regulatory and accounting matters and his deep understanding of Forest's business make him a valuable contributor to the Board.

Kenneth E. Goodman Director since 1998

Mr. Goodman, 64, is the former President and Chief Operating Officer of Forest, a position that he held from 1998 to 2006. For eighteen years prior thereto, Mr. Goodman served as Forest's Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer and was named Executive Vice President, Operations in February 1998. From 1975 to 1980, he served as a senior financial officer at Wyeth, and before that, as a C.P.A. at Main Hurdman, which is now part of KPMG LLP. Mr. Goodman currently serves Syracuse University as Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, a member of the Executive Committee and Chairman of the Audit Committee; he previously served as Chairman of the Budget Committee. He is also Chairman of the International Board of Directors of the Israel Cancer Research Fund and Co-Chairman of its New York Board. Mr. Goodman is a C.P.A. and holds a B.S. degree from The Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University.

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Mr. Goodman's intimate knowledge of the Company's operations, having served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Forest with broad responsibility for sales, commercial operations, compliance, manufacturing operations, information technology and other areas, his substantial expertise in financial matters, and his service as an important interface between management and the Board as its presiding independent director, make him a valuable member of the Board.

Gerald M. Lieberman Director since 2011

Mr. Lieberman, 65, most recently served as the President and Chief Operating Officer, as well as a member of the board of directors of AllianceBernstein from 2004 to 2009, where he oversaw several critical functions for AllianceBernstein, including finance, global risk management, technology, operations, human resources and investor and public relations. In addition, he was instrumental in developing AllianceBernstein's global integrated platform and enhancing its corporate governance and financial transparency. Prior to joining AllianceBernstein in 1998, Mr. Lieberman held a number of senior positions at Fidelity Investments from 1993 to 1998, including Chief Financial Officer and Chief of Administration and he was a member of Fidelity's operating committee, reporting directly to the Chairman. Before joining Fidelity, Mr. Lieberman spent 14 years with Citicorp, where he served as Senior Human Resources Officer and a member of the policy committee, reporting to the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. At Citicorp, he also held several other senior leadership positions, including Chief Executive Officer of Citibank Mexico and Division Head of Latin America. Mr. Lieberman is currently serving as a director at Computershare. He served 9 years as a trustee of the University of Connecticut Foundation and was a practicing C.P.A. with Arthur Anderson. He received a B.S. from the University of Connecticut and attended New York University's Graduate School of Business Administration.

Mr. Lieberman's senior roles at AllianceBernstein and Fidelity Investments, premier investment and asset management firms, and his breadth and depth of experiences, including his finance and accounting expertise and career-long focus on risk management, enable him to provide important and valuable perspectives to the Board.

Lawrence S. Olanoff, M.D., Ph.D. Director since 2006

Dr. Olanoff, 60, served as Forest's Chief Operating Officer from 2006 to 2010 and currently serves as Senior Scientific Adviser to the Company. From July 2005 to October 2006, Dr. Olanoff was President and Chief Executive Officer at Celsion Corporation, an oncology drug development company. He also served as Executive Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer of Forest from 1995 to 2005. Prior to joining Forest in 1995, Dr. Olanoff served as Senior Vice President of Clinical Research and Development at Sandoz Pharmaceutical Corporation (now a division of the Novartis Group) and at the Upjohn Company in a number of positions including Corporate Vice President of Clinical Development and Medical Affairs. Over his entire career, he was involved in 30 product approvals. In addition, he is currently an adjunct Assistant Professor and Special Adviser to the President for Corporate Affairs at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), a Director Emeritus of the MUSC Foundation for Research Development, which is a non-profit foundation created to benefit the university, as well as the Chairman of the Board of Ariel Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a private, development-stage pharmaceutical company. He holds a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering and an M.D. degree from Case Western Reserve University.

Dr. Olanoff's detailed knowledge of the pharmaceutical industry, his broad operational experience and research and development leadership over the course of his career at Forest, Sandoz and Upjohn, including with respect to thirty product approvals, and his service as a senior executive and intimate knowledge of Forest's operations combine to make him an important asset to the Board.

Lester B. Salans, M.D. Director since 1998

Dr. Salans, 76, is a Clinical Professor and member of the Clinical Attending Staff of Internal Medicine at the Mount Sinai Medical School. Prior thereto, Dr. Salans was a senior executive at Sandoz Pharmaceutical Corporation (now a division of the Novartis Group). Dr. Salans is a former Director of the National Institutes of Health.

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Arthritis, Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases of the National Institutes of Health. He was dean of the faculty of Medicine, Senior Vice President and Professor of Medicine at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in New York. He served as Professor of Medicine and Director of the Division of Endocrinology at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Hanover, from 1968-1975. He also founded and is president of LBS Advisors, Inc., a consultancy serving several pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, academic institutions, the National Institutes of Health and many investment firms. He serves on the board of directors of PharmaIN Corporation, a biopharmaceutical company. Dr. Salans earned a B.A. from University of Michigan and M.D. from University of Illinois.

Dr. Salans' recognized leadership in the medical field, his varied positions in the pharmaceutical sector, and particular medical expertise in the fields of diabetes mellitus, obesity and endocrinology and clinical research experience bring valuable perspectives to the Board on research and development matters generally and with respect to the Company's current and potential portfolio drugs within such indications. As a practicing physician in addition to his other roles, Dr. Salans bridges the gap between basic science and clinical medicine, enabling him to offer valuable insights to the Board.

Brenton L. Saunders Director since 2011

Mr. Saunders, 42, has been the Chief Executive Officer and President of Bausch + Lomb and a board director since March 2010. Previously, Mr. Saunders served as a senior executive with Schering-Plough from 2003 to 2010, most recently as President of Global Consumer Health Care. He also served as Head of Integration for both Schering-Plough's merger with Merck & Co. and for its \$16 billion acquisition of Organon BioSciences. Before joining Schering-Plough, Mr. Saunders was a Partner and Head of the Compliance Business Advisory Group at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP from 2000 to 2003. Prior to that, he was Chief Risk Officer at Coventry Health Care between 1998 and 1999 and a co-founder of the Health Care Compliance Association in 1995. Mr. Saunders began his career as Chief Compliance Officer for the Thomas Jefferson University Health System. In addition to the Bausch + Lomb board, he serves on the boards of ElectroCore LLC and the Overlook Hospital Foundation. He is also the former Chairman of the New York chapter of the American Heart Association. Mr. Saunders was also recently named to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's Upstate New York Regional Advisory Board. He received a B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh, an M.B.A. from Temple University School of Business, and a J.D. from Temple University School of Law.

Mr. Saunders' leadership experience as CEO of a global, branded healthcare company and deep pharmaceutical experience make him an asset to the Board. In addition to his other attributes, his 15 years of senior compliance experience and broad regulatory expertise at a number of different companies, including Bausch + Lomb and Schering-Plough, are particularly valuable.

Peter J. Zimetbaum, M.D. Director since 2009

Dr. Zimetbaum, 48, has served as Director of Clinical Cardiology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston (BIDMC) since 2005 and is the Director of ECG and Arrhythmia Core Laboratory at the Harvard Clinical Research Institute. Additionally, since 2006, Dr. Zimetbaum has been an Associate Professor of Medicine at the Harvard Medical School (HMS), and he currently serves on the HMS Standing Committee on Conflicts of Interest. Dr. Zimetbaum received his M.D. degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1990 and is board certified in both cardiovascular medicine and cardiovascular electrophysiology.

Dr. Zimetbaum's extensive experience in the practice of medicine and clinical trials provides the Board and management with the perspectives of physicians and other healthcare providers who use the Company's products and with insight into the clinical trial process. His expertise in cardiology, including the cardiovascular safety profile of products, is a valuable resource to the Board and management in analyzing and developing current and potential portfolio drugs. In addition, his service on Harvard Medical School's conflict of interest committee provides the Company with important insights on the ethics of healthcare.

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

We seek to follow best practices in corporate governance in a manner that is in the best interests of our business and our stockholders. We are in compliance with the corporate governance requirements imposed by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the SEC and the NYSE and will continue to review our policies and practices to meet ongoing developments in this area.

Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

All of our employees, including our Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Financial Officer (CFO), all other senior financial officers and all other executive officers, are required to comply with our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. You can access our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics by clicking on the Corporate Governance link in the Investors section of our website at www.frx.com. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is also available in print to any requesting stockholder. We post amendments to, and waivers of, our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, as applicable, on our website.

Corporate Governance Guidelines

Our Corporate Governance Guidelines reflect the principles by which we operate. From time to time, the Nominating and Governance Committee and the Board review and revise our Corporate Governance Guidelines in response to regulatory requirements and evolving best practices. In 2012, the Corporate Governance Guidelines were revised to implement stock ownership guidelines for our executive officers and non-employee directors, a holding period requirement for certain shares of common stock acquired by our executive officers, and an anti-hedging policy for our executive officers and non-employee directors. In particular, under our stock ownership guidelines, our executive officers are required to hold shares of Company common stock in amounts ranging from one times to six times their annual base salary, depending upon their seniority, on or before December 31st of the year which includes the fifth anniversary of the date they became subject to the stock ownership guidelines, and our non-employee directors are required to hold shares of Company common stock in amounts equal to three times their annual retainer fee on or before December 31st of the year which includes the seventh anniversary of the date they became subject to the stock ownership guidelines. Under the holding period requirement adopted in 2012, our executive officers who are subject to the stock ownership guidelines are also required to hold all shares obtained upon the exercise of Company stock options and shares acquired through restricted stock awards and performance stock units until they have satisfied the stock ownership guidelines, with exceptions provided for shares required to be sold in order to exercise the option or pay the taxes accruing as a result of the exercise of the option or the vesting of the restricted stock award or performance stock unit and in connection with corporate transactions that are generally available to stockholders. Finally, our anti-hedging policy prohibits our executive officers and directors from hedging their ownership in Company common stock, including trading in options, puts, calls or other derivative instruments designed to limit or eliminate the risk from owning the Company's common stock.

You can access our Corporate Governance Guidelines by clicking on the Corporate Governance link in the Investors section of our website at www.frx.com. The Corporate Governance Guidelines are also available in print to any requesting stockholder.

Disclosure, Legal Compliance and Risk Management Committee

The Disclosure, Legal Compliance and Risk Management Committee (the Disclosure Committee) is made up of the following members of senior management: CFO, Chief Commercial Officer, Senior Vice President General Counsel and Senior Vice President Research and Development. The primary purpose of the Disclosure Committee is to review and evaluate our disclosure documents, to develop and monitor a program of risk assessment and management and to evaluate legal compliance and compliance with our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. The Disclosure Committee met 4 times during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2012. The

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Disclosure Committee does not have oversight responsibility for financial matters, including financial statements and systems of internal control over financial reporting, which are monitored by the Company's Audit Committee.

Compliance Committee

We have established a Compliance Committee chaired by our Vice President – Compliance and Chief Compliance Officer. Our Compliance Committee is responsible for overseeing our program for compliance with applicable laws and regulations specific to the pharmaceutical industry. The Compliance Committee includes senior management and senior departmental personnel from various corporate divisions (marketing, contract-customer operations, medical and scientific affairs, sample policy compliance, operations, corporate quality management, internal audit and legal counsel). Other personnel are invited to participate from time to time as specific issues warrant. The Compliance Committee meets approximately every six weeks to review issues related to our Comprehensive Compliance Program, establish and approve compliance policies and provide support, guidance and advice to our Chief Compliance Officer regarding the compliance program.

Certain Relationships and Related Persons Transactions

Related Person Transactions.

David F. Solomon, our Senior Vice President – Corporate Development and Strategic Planning, is the son of Howard Solomon, Chairman of the Board, CEO, President and a director of the Company.

In connection with his retirement as the Company's Chief Operating Officer, the Company and Dr. Olanoff entered into a Consultant Services Letter Agreement dated January 1, 2011, pursuant to which Dr. Olanoff may provide consulting services to Forest on a project-by-project basis relating to the evaluation of products and potential product opportunities. Under his Consultant Services Letter Agreement, Dr. Olanoff is compensated at the rate of \$500 per hour and, in the event the Company requires Dr. Olanoff to travel in connection with the performance of such services, the Company will reimburse Dr. Olanoff for out-of-pocket expenses, including the reasonable cost of transportation, meals and lodging, where applicable.

The compensation paid to Mr. Solomon during fiscal year 2012 is reported in the Summary Compensation Table on Page 41 of this Proxy Statement and the compensation paid to Dr. Olanoff in connection with his Consultant Services Letter Agreement is reported in the Director Compensation Table on Page 48 of this Proxy Statement.

Related Persons Transaction Procedures. The Company's written Code of Business Conduct and Ethics provides that all conflicts of interest, including transactions with Related Persons (as defined in Item 404 of Regulation S-K), are prohibited unless approved by the Company's Board or a Committee of the Board. In addition, all directors and executive officers are required to annually complete a questionnaire to identify their related interests and are required to notify the Company of changes in that information. These reports are reviewed in the first instance by the Company's outside counsel. If members of management or the Board become aware of a related person transaction, then with respect to matters other than executive officer compensation, the Audit Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving or ratifying any transaction or series of transactions in which the Company or a subsidiary is a participant, the amount involved exceeds \$120,000 and a Related Person has a direct or indirect material interest. The Compensation Committee is responsible for annually reviewing and approving compensation arrangements with executive officers of the Company whose annual compensation exceeds \$120,000.

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BOARD MATTERS; COMMITTEES

Board of Directors Meetings and Attendance of Directors

The Board held thirteen meetings during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2012. During fiscal year 2012, each of the directors attended 75% or more of the combined total meetings of the Board and the respective committees on which he or she served. Directors are required to make every reasonable effort to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders. All members of the Board attended our 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Board Leadership Structure

The Board believes the interests of all stockholders are best served at the present time through a leadership model with a combined Chairman and CEO position. However, the Board retains authority to amend the Bylaws to separate the positions of Chairman and CEO at any time.

Mr. Solomon, the current Chairman and CEO, possesses detailed and in-depth knowledge of the issues, opportunities and challenges facing the Company, and is thus best positioned to develop agendas that ensure that the Board's time and attention are focused on the most critical matters. His combined role enables decisive leadership, ensures clear accountability and enhances the Company's ability to communicate its message and strategy clearly and consistently to stockholders, employees, partners and customers. Furthermore, the Board believes that Mr. Solomon's experiences as CEO and other insights put him in the best position to provide broad leadership to the Board as it considers strategy and as it exercises its fiduciary responsibilities to stockholders.

The Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines provide for the position of a presiding director. Mr. Goodman currently serves as the presiding director and is responsible for, among other things, presiding at all meetings at which the Chairman is not present, including the executive sessions of the independent directors that are held after each Board meeting, and apprising the Chairman of the issues considered and decisions made at such meetings; being available for consultation and direct communication with the Company's stockholders; calling meetings of the independent directors when necessary and appropriate; and, in consultation with the other independent directors, advising the Chairman as to an appropriate schedule of Board meetings and reviewing and providing the Chairman with input regarding the agenda for Board meetings. In addition, the Board believes that its governance practices support its independent oversight, including having open and direct communication with management, encouraging independent director input on meeting agendas, performing annual evaluations of director performance and holding regular executive sessions after each Board meeting. In addition, each independent director has access to the CEO and other Company executives upon request, and may call meetings of the independent directors and may request agenda topics to be added or dealt with in more detail at meetings of the full Board or an appropriate Board committee.

The Board's Role in Risk Oversight

In order to assist the Board in overseeing risk management, we use enterprise risk management (ERM), a company-wide initiative overseen by the Disclosure Committee, which in turn reports to the Audit Committee, that involves management and other personnel in an integrated effort to identify, assess, prioritize and manage a broad range of risks (e.g., financial, operational, business, reputational, governance and managerial) that may affect our ability to execute on our corporate strategy and fulfill our business objectives. The ERM approach is designed to enable the Board to establish a mutual understanding with management of the effectiveness of the Company's risk management practices and capabilities, to review the Company's risk exposure and to elevate certain key risks for discussion at the Board or Audit Committee level.

While the Board has the ultimate oversight responsibility for the risk management process, various committees of our Board and the Disclosure Committee also have responsibility for risk management. Our Board is advised by the committees of significant risks and management's response via periodic updates. The Audit Committee oversees our financial risk exposures, including monitoring the integrity of our financial statements,

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financial reporting process and systems of internal controls, accounting and legal compliance and the independence and qualifications of our independent registered public accounting firm, and receives an annual internal controls assessment report from our independent registered public accounting firm. Additionally, as discussed below in Executive Compensation Compensation Discussion and Analysis , the Compensation Committee attempts to design compensation standards for the Company s personnel in a way that discourages behavior that may lead to excessive risk-taking. Finally, as discussed above, the Disclosure Committee is responsible for developing and monitoring a program of risk assessment and management and overseeing our ERM program.

Director Independence

The Board has affirmatively determined that the following directors have no material relationship with us and are independent within the meaning of the NYSE definition of independence : Nesli Basgoz, M.D., Christopher J. Coughlin, Dan L. Goldwasser, Kenneth E. Goodman, Gerald M. Lieberman, Lester B. Salans, M.D., Brenton L. Saunders and Peter J. Zimetbaum, M.D. To assist in making the independence determination, the Board has adopted Director Qualification Standards as part of our Corporate Governance Guidelines. The Director Qualification Standards satisfy the NYSE independence requirements, and a copy of these standards is attached to this Proxy Statement as Appendix A. In determining that Dr. Zimetbaum was independent within the meaning of the NYSE definition of independence , the Board considered the Consultant Services Letter Agreement that Dr. Zimetbaum and the Company entered into on October 21, 2010, pursuant to which Dr. Zimetbaum may provide consulting services to Forest on a project-by-project basis relating to the evaluation of products and potential product opportunities. The Agreement provides that the total annual fees payable to Dr. Zimetbaum for such services cannot exceed \$100,000 per annum. Independent directors receive no compensation from us for service on the Board or the Committees other than directors fees and non-discretionary grants under our 2007 Equity Incentive Plan.

Executive Sessions

As required by the NYSE listing standards, our non-management directors meet in executive session at which only non-management directors are present on a regularly scheduled basis. As discussed above, Mr. Goodman, as Presiding Director, presides over each meeting of the independent directors in executive session (see Board Leadership Structure above at Page 19).

Communications with Directors

You may contact the entire Board, any Committee, the non-management directors as a group or any individual director by calling our Audit Committee Hotline at 1-800-461-0825. An outside vendor collects all reports or complaints and delivers them to the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee will forward all correspondence to the appropriate director or group of directors. You are also welcome to communicate directly with the Board at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Board Committees

The Board has four standing committees: the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Nominating and Governance Committee and the Board Compliance Committee. All of the members of the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Nominating and Governance Committee and the Board Compliance Committee are independent directors within the meaning of the NYSE Listing Standards and Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), Rule 10A-3. Each of the committees has the authority to retain independent advisors and consultants, with all fees and expenses to be paid by the Company.

The Board-approved charters of the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Nominating and Governance Committee and the Board Compliance Committee are available on our website by clicking on the Corporate Governance link under the Investors section at www.frx.com. The charters are also available in print to any requesting stockholder.

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Audit Committee. For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2012, the Audit Committee consisted of Christopher J. Coughlin (the Chairman), Dan L. Goldwasser and Lester B. Salans, M.D. The Board has determined that each of Mr. Coughlin and Mr. Goldwasser qualifies as an audit committee financial expert for purposes of the federal securities laws.

The Audit Committee's primary responsibilities are to: (i) oversee our financial reporting principles and policies and internal control systems, including review of our quarterly and annual financial statements; (ii) review and monitor the performance and independence of our independent registered public accounting firm and the performance of the internal audit department; (iii) oversee our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; (iv) provide an open avenue of communication among the independent registered public accounting firm, financial and senior management, the internal audit department and the Board; and (v) appoint (subject to stockholder ratification), evaluate, compensate and, where appropriate, terminate and replace our independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee held eight meetings during fiscal year 2012.

Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee is composed of Mr. Coughlin, Mr. Goldwasser (the Chairman), Mr. Gerald M. Lieberman, and Mr. Brenton L. Saunders. Pursuant to the Compensation Committee Charter, the Committee is responsible for (i) discharging the Board's responsibilities relating to compensation of our executive officers and (ii) producing an annual report on executive compensation for inclusion in our Proxy Statement in accordance with applicable rules and regulations. During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2012, the Compensation Committee held three meetings at which the Committee made recommendations concerning compensation for our executive officers for the 2012 calendar year and discussed and approved the change in the Company's compensation cycle effected in furtherance of the implementation of our formula based Annual Incentive Plan and performance stock units as further described under the heading "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" beginning on Page 25 of this Proxy Statement, and granted stock options, stock awards and performance stock units under the 2007 Equity Incentive Plan. The Committee approved all equity awards granted during the year at regularly scheduled Board meetings.

Nominating and Governance Committee. The Nominating and Governance Committee is composed of Nesli Basgoz, M.D., Mr. Lieberman (the Chairman) and Peter J. Zimetbaum, M.D. The Committee's responsibilities include (i) identifying individuals qualified to become Board members consistent with criteria approved by the Board and recommending that the Board select the director nominees for the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders; (ii) developing and recommending to the Board the Corporate Governance Guidelines; and (iii) overseeing evaluation of the Board and management. The Nominating and Governance Committee held two meetings during fiscal year 2012.

Board Compliance Committee. The Board Compliance Committee is composed of Dr. Basgoz, Lester B. Salans, M.D. (the Chairman), Mr. Saunders and Peter J. Zimetbaum, M.D. The Committee's responsibilities include (i) reviewing and overseeing matters relating to our compliance with Federal health care program requirements, FDA requirements and the obligations imposed by the Corporate Integrity Agreement dated September 15, 2010 that we entered into with the Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; (ii) appointing, compensating, retaining (or terminating) and overseeing the work of an independent Compliance Expert; and (iii) providing an additional avenue of communication among Compliance Department personnel, including the Chief Compliance Officer, the Compliance Committee described at Page 18 of this Proxy Statement, our management and the Board. The Board Compliance Committee was formed in December 2010 and held three meetings during fiscal year 2012.

Selection of Nominees for Election to the Board

The Nominating and Governance Committee has established a process for identifying and evaluating nominees for director. The Nominating and Governance Committee believes that its process for identifying and evaluating nominees is designed to produce nominees that possess the educational, professional, business and personal attributes that are best suited to further Forest's purposes. The Nominating and Governance Committee

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will consider nominees recommended by stockholders in accordance with our Bylaws as well as those recommended by management or consultants retained by the Nominating and Governance Committee. Under our Bylaws and as described in this Proxy Statement under the heading, "What is the deadline to propose actions for consideration at next year's Annual Meeting of Stockholders?", any interested person may recommend a nominee by submitting the nomination within the timeframe specified by our Bylaws, together with the information and materials required by our Bylaws, to the Company's Secretary at Forest Laboratories, Inc., Attention: Corporate Secretary, 909 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022. All recommended candidates submitted in accordance with our Bylaws will be considered using the criteria set forth in our Corporate Governance Guidelines.

The Nominating and Governance Committee will consider, among other factors, the following to evaluate recommended nominees:

The Board's current composition, including expertise, diversity, balance of management and non-management directors;

Independence and other qualifications required or recommended by applicable laws, rules and regulations (including NYSE requirements) and Forest's policies and procedures; and

The general qualifications of potential nominees, including, but not limited to: personal integrity, loyalty to Forest and concern for its success and welfare; experience at strategy and policy setting, high-level leadership experience in business; breadth of knowledge about issues affecting Forest; an ability to work effectively with others; sufficient time to devote to Forest; and freedom from conflicts of interest.

The Nominating and Governance Committee annually reviews the individual expertise and skills of the directors as well as the composition of the Board as a whole. The Corporate Governance Guidelines expressly provide for the Board to consider the configuration of the Board in evaluating qualifications of potential Board members. In this regard, the Nominating and Governance Committee strives to nominate directors with diverse business and professional experience and skills relevant to the Company's current and anticipated needs. The Nominating and Governance Committee does not follow any fixed ratio or formula to determine the appropriate mix, but rather uses its judgment to seek directors whose attributes and experience taken as a whole will contribute to the high standards of Board service at the Company.

Named Executive Officers of Forest

Name	Age	Position with Forest
Howard Solomon	84	Chairman of the Board, CEO and President
Elaine Hochberg	55	Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer
Francis I. Perier, Jr.	52	Executive Vice President - Finance and Administration and CFO
Marco Taglietti, M.D.	52	Senior Vice President - Research and Development and President, Forest Research Institute, Inc.
David F. Solomon	45	Senior Vice President - Corporate Development and Strategic Planning

Set forth below is certain biographical information concerning our executive officers who are not also directors:

Elaine Hochberg has served as the Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer of the Company since December 31, 2010. Prior thereto, Ms. Hochberg served as our Senior Vice President - Marketing from

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December 1999 through December 2010 and has also served as our Chief Commercial Officer since December 2007. Ms. Hochberg joined us in June 1997 as Vice President Marketing of our wholly-owned subsidiary Forest Pharmaceuticals, Inc. In February 1998, she was promoted to Vice President Marketing of the Company. Prior to joining us in 1997, Ms. Hochberg was Assistant Vice President Marketing at Wyeth-Lederle Laboratories.

Francis I. Perier, Jr. has served as the Executive Vice President Finance and Administration and CFO of the Company since December 31, 2010. Prior thereto, Mr. Perier served as our Senior Vice President Finance from September 2004 through December 2010 and has also served as our CFO since September 2004. From March 2004 until joining us in September 2004, Mr. Perier was Vice President Finance Operations Planning Americas Medicines at Bristol-Myers Squibb. For eight years prior to March 2004, Mr. Perier served in senior financial positions at Bristol-Myers Squibb including four years as Vice President Finance, Planning, Business Development and Information Technology at its ConvaTec Division. Prior to that, Mr. Perier had been a partner at Deloitte & Touche, LLP.

Marco Taglietti, M.D. has served as the Senior Vice President Research and Development of the Company and President, Forest Research Institute, Inc. since December 31, 2010. Prior thereto, Dr. Taglietti served as our Vice President Research and Development since December 2008. Dr. Taglietti joined Forest in August 2007 as Executive Vice President Research and Development and Chief Medical Officer of our wholly-owned subsidiary Forest Research Institute, Inc. Prior to joining us, Dr. Taglietti was Senior Vice President and Head of Global Research and Development at Stiefel Laboratories for three years. Prior to that, Dr. Taglietti was at Schering-Plough for twelve years in positions of increasing responsibilities including Vice President Worldwide Clinical Research for Anti-Infectives, Oncology, CNS, Endocrinology and Dermatology.

David F. Solomon has served as the Senior Vice President Corporate Development and Strategic Planning since December 31, 2010. Prior thereto, Mr. Solomon served as our Vice President Business Development and Strategic Planning from December 2007 through December 2010. From June 2006 through December 2007, Mr. Solomon served as our Vice President Business Development. Mr. Solomon joined the Company in 2001.

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EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Introduction

Our executive compensation programs are designed to attract, reward and retain our executive officers. This Compensation Discussion and Analysis provides a detailed description of the Company's executive compensation philosophy and programs, the compensation decisions made by the Compensation Committee of the Board (the Compensation Committee) and the issues considered in making such decisions. This Compensation Discussion and Analysis focuses on the compensation of our CEO, CFO, and the next three most highly compensated executive officers (referred to herein as the Named Executive Officers) for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2012 (fiscal year 2012), who were:

Name	Title
Howard Solomon	Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President
Elaine Hochberg	Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer
Francis I. Perier, Jr.	Executive Vice President Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer
Marco Taglietti, M.D.	