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# **UNITED STATES**

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

#### Washington, D.C. 20549

# **SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

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Abercrombie & Fitch Co.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the

Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on June 15, 2017.

# ABERCROMBIE & FITCH CO.

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P.O. BOX 182168

COLUMBUS, OH 43218

# **Meeting Information**

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting

For holders as of: April 17, 2017

**Date:** June 15, 2017 **Time:** 10:00 a.m., EDT

Location: Abercrombie & Fitch Co. Offices

6301 Fitch Path

New Albany, Ohio 43054

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#### For meeting directions, please call: (614) 283-6751.

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We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

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#### **Before You Vote**

How to Access the Proxy Materials

#### **Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

#### LETTER TO STOCKHOLDERS NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

# PROXY STATEMENT ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JANUARY 28, 2017 AND APPENDIX THERETO

#### How to View Online:

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) and visit: *www.proxyvote.com*.

#### How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

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1) BY INTERNET: www.proxyvote.com

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Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before June 1, 2017 to facilitate timely delivery of the proxy materials.

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#### How To Vote

#### Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** Many stockholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

**Vote By Internet:** To vote now by Internet, go to *www.proxyvote.com*. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

**Voting Items** 

#### A. Election of Directors

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the election of each of the following nominees:

1a. James B. Bachmann

1b. Bonnie R. Brooks

1c. Terry L. Burman

1d. Sarah M. Gallagher

1e. Michael E. Greenlees

1f. Archie M. Griffin

1g. Fran Horowitz

1h. Arthur C. Martinez

1i. Charles R. Perrin

1j. Stephanie M. Shern

# **B.** Proposals

The Board of Directors recommends you vote for conducting future advisory votes on executive compensation EVERY 1 YEAR under Item 2, FOR approval of the advisory resolution on executive compensation under Item 3 and FOR the proposals under Items 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8:

- 2. Advisory vote on the frequency of future advisory votes on executive compensation.
- 3. Approval of advisory resolution on executive compensation.
- 4. Approval of amendment and restatement of Abercrombie & Fitch Co. Short-Term Cash Incentive Compensation Performance Plan.
- 5. Approval of Abercrombie & Fitch Co. Long-Term Cash Incentive Compensation Performance Plan.
- 6. Approval of amendments to Abercrombie & Fitch Co. 2016 Long-Term Incentive Plan for Directors to authorize 400,000 additional shares and explicitly prohibit the current payment of dividends in any form on unvested equity awards.
- 7. Approval of amendments to Abercrombie & Fitch Co. 2016 Long-Term Incentive Plan for Associates to authorize 1,200,000 additional shares and explicitly prohibit the current payment of dividends in any form on unvested equity awards.
- 8. Ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending February 3, 2018.

# C. Stockholder Proposal The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal:

9. Stockholder proposal regarding proxy access, if the stockholder proposal is properly presented at the Annual Meeting.