

PRICELINE GROUP INC.

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**UNITED STATES
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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **March 7, 2017**

THE PRICELINE GROUP INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-36691

(Commission File Number)

06-1528493

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

800 Connecticut Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut

(Address of principal executive offices)

06854

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(203) 299-8000**

N/A

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

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ITEM 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On March 10, 2017, The Priceline Group Inc. (the “Company”) executed an Officers’ Certificate (the “Officers’ Certificate”), in accordance with Sections 2.02 and 10.04 of the Indenture dated September 23, 2014 (the “Base Indenture”, and together with the Officers’ Certificate, the “Indenture”) between the Company and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as trustee (the “Trustee”), in connection with the sale of €1,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company’s 0.800% Senior Notes due 2022 (the “Senior Notes”). The Senior Notes will mature on March 10, 2022, unless earlier redeemed or repurchased. The Senior Notes are the Company’s general senior unsecured obligations and rank equally with the Company’s other senior unsecured obligations.

The Company will pay interest on the Senior Notes at an annual rate of 0.800% payable on March 10 of each year, beginning March 10, 2018.

Prior to February 10, 2022, the date that is one month prior to the maturity date of the Senior Notes (the “Par Call Date”), the Company may redeem some or all of the Senior Notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, plus a specified “make-whole” premium. The Company may also redeem some or all of the Senior Notes on or after the Par Call Date at 100% of the principal amount of the Senior Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any. In addition, the Company may redeem the Senior Notes in whole but not in part, at any time at the Company’s option, in the event of certain developments affecting U.S. taxation.

The Indenture contains customary events of default with respect to the Senior Notes, including failure to make required payments, failure to comply with certain agreements or covenants, and certain events of bankruptcy and insolvency. Events of default under the Indenture arising from certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency will automatically cause the acceleration of the amounts due under the Senior Notes. If any other event of default under the Indenture occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Senior Notes may declare the acceleration of the amounts due under the Senior Notes.

The foregoing description of the Senior Notes is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Base Indenture, which was previously filed as Exhibit 4.1 to our Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 20, 2015, the Form of Senior Note, which is filed as Exhibit 4.1 hereto, and the Officers’ Certificate, which is filed as Exhibit 4.2 hereto, each of which is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 8.01 — OTHER EVENTS

On March 7, 2017, The Priceline Group Inc. entered into an underwriting agreement (the “Underwriting Agreement”) with BNP Paribas, Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch and HSBC Bank plc, as representatives of the several underwriters listed on Schedule II thereto (the “Underwriters”), pursuant to which the Company agreed to issue and sell to the Underwriters €1,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Senior Notes in a registered public offering (the “Offering”). The Offering was consummated pursuant to the Company’s shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration File No. 333-198515), as amended by Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 thereto filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 8, 2014 (as so amended, the “Registration Statement”). For a complete description of the terms and conditions of the Underwriting Agreement, please refer to the Underwriting Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 1.1 hereto, and is incorporated herein by reference.

The Opinion of Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP with respect to the validity of the Senior Notes is filed as Exhibit 5.1 hereto, and is incorporated herein by reference.

This Current Report on Form 8-K and the exhibits hereto are incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) The following exhibits are filed as a part of this Report.

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1.1	Underwriting Agreement, dated March 7, 2017, among The Priceline Group Inc., BNP Paribas, Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch and HSBC Bank plc, as representatives of the several underwriters listed on Schedule II thereto.
4.1	Form of 0.800% Senior Note due 2022.
4.2	Officers' Certificate, dated March 10, 2017, with respect to the 0.800% Senior Notes due 2022 issued pursuant to the Base Indenture.
5.1	Opinion of Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, relating to the Senior Notes.
23.1	Consent of Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP (included as part of Exhibit 5.1 to this Current Report).

SIGNATURES

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

THE PRICELINE GROUP INC.

By: /s/ Peter J. Millones

Name: Peter J. Millones

Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Date: March 10, 2017

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THE PRICELINE GROUP INC.

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0.800% Senior Notes due 2022

Underwriting Agreement

New York, New York
March 7, 2017

BNP Paribas
Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch
HSBC Bank plc
as representatives of the several underwriters named in Schedule II hereto

c/o BNP Paribas
10 Harewood Avenue
London NW1 6AA
United Kingdom

c/o Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch
1 Winchester House
1 Great Winchester Street
London EC2N 2DB
United Kingdom

c/o HSBC Bank plc
8 Canada Square
London, E14 5HQ
United Kingdom

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Priceline Group Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), proposes to sell to the several underwriters named in Schedule II hereto (the “Underwriters”), for whom BNP Paribas, Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch and HSBC Bank plc (the “Representatives”) are acting as representatives, the aggregate principal amount of its 0.800% Senior Notes due 2022 (the “Securities”) of the Company set forth in Schedule I hereto. The Securities are to be issued under an indenture dated as of September 23, 2014 (the “Base Indenture” and, as amended and supplemented (including, without limitation, by the officer’s certificate detailing the terms of the Securities pursuant to the authority granted by a resolution of the board of directors (or an authorized committee thereof) of the Company (the “Authorizing Certificate”), the “Indenture”), between the Company and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as trustee (the “Trustee”). To the extent there are no additional Underwriters listed on Schedule II other than you, the term Representatives as

used herein shall mean you, as Underwriters, and the term Underwriters shall mean either the singular or plural as the context requires. The use of the neuter in this Agreement shall include the feminine and masculine wherever appropriate. Any reference herein to the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Final Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein pursuant to Item 12 of Form S-3 that were filed under the Exchange Act on or before the Effective Date of the Registration Statement or the issue date of the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Final Prospectus, as the case may be; and any reference herein to the terms “amend,” “amendment” or “supplement” with respect to the Registration Statement, the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Final Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the filing of any document under the Exchange Act after the Effective Date of the Registration Statement or the issue date of the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Final Prospectus, as the case may be, deemed to be incorporated therein by reference. Certain terms used herein are defined in Section 20 hereof.

1. Representations and Warranties.

The Company represents and warrants to, and agrees with, each Underwriter as set forth below in this Section 1.

(a) The Company meets the requirements for use of Form S-3 under the Act and has prepared and filed with the Commission an automatic shelf registration statement, as defined in Rule 405 (the file number of which is set forth in Schedule I hereto) on Form S-3, including a related base prospectus, for registration under the Act of the offering and sale of the Securities not earlier than three years prior to the date hereof, which Registration Statement, including any amendments thereto filed prior to the Applicable Time, became effective upon filing under the Act and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued under the Act and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or are pending, or to the knowledge of the Company, are threatened. The Company may have filed with the Commission, as part of an amendment to the Registration Statement or pursuant to Rule 424(b), one or more Preliminary Prospectuses, each of which has previously been furnished to you and at the time of the filing thereof with the Commission, each such Preliminary Prospectus complied in all material respects with the requirements of the Act. The Company will file with the Commission a final prospectus supplement relating to the Securities in accordance with Rule 424(b). As filed, such final prospectus supplement shall contain all information required by the Act and the rules thereunder, and, except to the extent the Representatives shall agree in writing to a modification, shall be in all substantive respects in the form furnished to you prior to the Applicable Time or, to the extent not completed at the Applicable Time, shall contain only such specific additional information and other changes (beyond that contained in the Base Prospectus and any Preliminary Prospectus) as the Company has advised you, prior to the Applicable Time, will be included or made therein. The Registration Statement, at the Applicable Time, meets the requirements set forth in Rule 415(a)(1)(x).

(b) On each Effective Date, the Registration Statement did, and when the Final Prospectus is first filed (if required) in accordance with Rule 424(b) and on the Closing Date (as defined herein) the Final Prospectus (and any supplement thereto) will, comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Act, the Exchange Act and the Trust Indenture Act and the respective rules thereunder; on each Effective Date, at the Applicable Time and on the Closing Date, the Registration Statement did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading; and on the date of any filing pursuant to Rule 424(b) and on the Closing Date, the Final Prospectus (together with any supplement thereto) will not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and on each Effective Date and the Closing Date, the Indenture did or will comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Trust Indenture Act and the rules thereunder; provided, however, that the Company makes no representations or warranties as to the information contained in the Registration Statement or the Final Prospectus (or any supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished in writing to the Company by or on behalf of any Underwriter through the Representatives, specifically for inclusion in the Registration Statement or the Final Prospectus (or any supplement thereto), it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by or on behalf of any Underwriters consists of the information described as such in Section 7 hereof. The documents incorporated, or to be incorporated, by reference in the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Final Prospectus, at the time filed with the Commission conformed or will conform in all material respects to the requirements of the Exchange Act.

(c) As of the Applicable Time, neither (i) the Disclosure Package, when taken together as a whole, nor (ii) any road show that is a “written communication” within the meaning of Rule 433(d)(8)(i), when considered together with the Disclosure Package, contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The preceding sentence does not apply to statements in or omissions from the Disclosure Package or any road show described in clause (ii) above based upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by or on behalf of any Underwriter consists of the information described as such in Section 7 hereof.

(d) (i) At the time of filing the Registration Statement, (ii) at the time of the most recent amendment thereto for the purposes of complying with Section 10(a)(3) of the Act (whether such amendment was by post-effective amendment, incorporated report filed pursuant to Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act or form of prospectus), (iii) at the time the Company or any person acting on its behalf (within the meaning, for this clause only, of Rule 163(c)) made any offer relating to the

Securities in reliance on the exemption in Rule 163, and (iv) at the Applicable Time (with such date being used as the determination date for purposes of this clause (iv)), the Company was or is (as the case may be) a Well-Known Seasoned Issuer. The Company agrees to pay the fees required by the Commission relating to the Securities within the time required by Rule 456(b)(1) without regard to the proviso therein and otherwise in accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r). The Company has not received from the Commission any notice pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) under the Act objecting to the use of the automatic shelf registration form.

(e) (i) At the earliest time after the filing of the Registration Statement that the Company or another offering participant made a *bona fide* offer (within the meaning of Rule 164(h)(2) of the Act) of the Securities and (ii) as of the Applicable Time (with such date being used as the determination date for purposes of this clause (ii)), the Company was not and is not an Ineligible Issuer (as defined in Rule 405), without taking account of any determination by the Commission pursuant to Rule 405 that it is not necessary that the Company be considered an Ineligible Issuer.

(f) Each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus does not include any information that conflicts with the information contained in the Registration Statement, including any document incorporated therein and any prospectus supplement deemed to be a part thereof that has not been superseded or modified. The foregoing sentence does not apply to statements in any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus based upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives specifically for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by or on behalf of any Underwriter consists of the information described as such in Section 7 hereof.

(g) Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus and the Final Prospectus, no holders of securities of the Company have current rights to the registration of such securities under the Registration Statement.

(h) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has sustained since the date of the latest audited financial statements included in the Disclosure Package any material loss or interference with its business from fire, explosion, flood or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor dispute or court or governmental action, order or decree, otherwise than as set forth or contemplated in the Disclosure Package; and, since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Disclosure Package, there has not been any change in the capital stock (except for changes or adjustments made in the ordinary course of business pursuant to employee equity plans in existence on the date of this Agreement, and other than the exercise of options outstanding on the date of this Agreement) or long-term debt of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any material adverse change, or any development involving a prospective material adverse change, in or affecting the general affairs, management, financial position, stockholders' equity or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, otherwise than as set forth or contemplated in the Disclosure Package.

(i) The Company and its subsidiaries have good and marketable title in fee simple to all real property and good and marketable title to all personal property owned by them, in each case free and clear of all liens, encumbrances and defects except such as are described in the Disclosure Package or such as do not materially affect the value of such property and do not interfere with the use made and proposed to be made of such property by the Company and its subsidiaries; and any real property and buildings held under lease by the Company and its subsidiaries are held by them under valid, subsisting and enforceable leases with such exceptions as are not material and do not interfere with the use made and proposed to be made of such property and buildings by the Company and its subsidiaries.

(j) The Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with power and authority (corporate and other) to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the Disclosure Package, and has been duly qualified as a foreign corporation for the transaction of business and is in good standing under the laws of each other jurisdiction in which it owns or leases properties or conducts any business so as to require such qualification, or is subject to no material liability or disability by reason of the failure to be so qualified in any such jurisdiction; and each subsidiary of the Company has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as an entity, and where such concept applies, in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization, except where the failure to register or qualify would not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the financial position, stockholders' equity or results of operations on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(k) The Company has an authorized capitalization as set forth in the Disclosure Package, and all of the issued shares of capital stock of the Company have been duly and validly authorized and issued and are fully paid and non-assessable, and all of the issued shares of capital stock of each subsidiary of the Company have been duly and validly authorized and issued, are fully paid and non-assessable and (except for directors' qualifying shares) are owned directly or indirectly by the Company, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, equities or claims, except for such liens, encumbrances, equities or claims on shares of capital stock of any subsidiary of the Company that would not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the financial position, stockholders' equity or results of operations on the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(l) The Securities have been duly authorized and, when issued and delivered pursuant to this Agreement and the Indenture, will have been duly executed, authenticated, issued and delivered and will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company entitled to the benefits provided by the Indenture, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization and other laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles; the Base Indenture has been duly authorized by the Company and duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act, and, when the Authorizing Certificate is executed and

delivered by the Company, the Indenture will constitute a valid and legally binding instrument, enforceable in accordance with its terms, subject, as to enforcement, to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization and other laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles; and the Securities and the Indenture will conform to the descriptions thereof in the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus.

(m) Prior to the date hereof, neither the Company nor any of its affiliates has taken any action that is designed to or that has constituted or that could reasonably be expected to cause or result in stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company in connection with the offering of the Securities.

(n) The issue and sale of the Securities and the compliance by the Company with all of the provisions of the Securities, the Indenture and this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions herein and therein contemplated will not conflict with or result in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is bound or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is subject, nor will such action result in any violation of the provisions of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation, or By-laws of the Company, or any statute or any order, rule or regulation of any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their properties; and no consent, approval, authorization, order, registration or qualification of or with any such court or governmental agency or body is required for the issue and sale of the Securities or the consummation by the Company of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the Indenture except for such consents, approvals, authorizations, registrations or qualifications as may be required under state securities or Blue Sky laws in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Securities by the Underwriters.

(o) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries is (i) in violation of its certificate of incorporation or by-laws or (ii) in default in the performance or observance of any material obligation, covenant or condition contained in any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement, lease or other agreement or instrument to which it is a party or by which it or any of its properties may be bound, except, in the case of clause (ii), where such default would not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the financial position, stockholders' equity or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(p) The statements set forth in the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus under the caption "Description of Notes" insofar as they purport to constitute a summary of the terms of the Indenture and the Securities, and under the caption "Material U.S. Federal Income and Estate Tax Considerations", insofar as

they purport to describe the provisions of the laws and documents referred to therein, are accurate, complete and fair.

(q) Other than as set forth in the Disclosure Package, there are no legal or governmental proceedings pending to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or of which any property of the Company or any of its subsidiaries is the subject which, if determined adversely to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, would individually or in the aggregate have a material adverse effect on the financial position, stockholders' equity or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole; and, to the best of the Company's knowledge, no such proceedings are threatened or contemplated by governmental authorities or threatened by others.

(r) The Company is not and, after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Securities and the application of the proceeds thereof as described in the Disclosure Package, will not be an "investment company" as such term is defined in the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act").

(s) This Agreement has been duly authorized, validly executed and delivered by the Company.

(t) Deloitte & Touche LLP, who has certified certain historical financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries, and has audited the Company's internal control over financial reporting, is an independent registered public accounting firm as required by the Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

(u) The Company maintains a system of internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that complies with the requirements of the Exchange Act and has been designed by the Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, or under their supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2016. The Company is not aware of any material weakness in its internal control over financial reporting.

(v) Other than as set forth in the Disclosure Package, since the date of the latest audited financial statements included or incorporated by reference in the Disclosure Package, there has been no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

(w) The Company maintains "disclosure controls and procedures" (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Exchange Act) that comply with the

requirements of the Exchange Act; such disclosure controls and procedures have been designed to ensure that material information relating to the Company and its subsidiaries is made known to the Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer by others within those entities; such disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

(x) The financial statements and the related notes thereto included or incorporated by reference in each of the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus present fairly the financial position of the Company and its subsidiaries as of the dates indicated and the results of their operations and the changes in their cash flows for the periods specified; such financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods covered thereby; and the other financial information included or incorporated by reference in each of the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus has been derived from the accounting records of the Company and its subsidiaries and presents fairly the information shown.

(y) Neither the Company nor any of its consolidated or unconsolidated subsidiaries have, since December 31, 2016: (i) failed to pay any dividend or sinking fund installment on preferred stock; or (ii) defaulted on either any installment or installments on indebtedness for borrowed money or on any rental on one or more long term leases, which defaults in the aggregate are material to the financial position of the Company and its consolidated and unconsolidated subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(z) Other than as set forth in the Disclosure Package, (i) to the knowledge of the Company, none of the Company, any of its subsidiaries or any director or executive officer of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries is aware of or has taken any action, directly or indirectly, that would result in a violation by any such person of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (the "FCPA") or the Bribery Act 2010 of the United Kingdom (and together with the FCPA, the "Anti-Corruption Laws"), including, without limitation, any offer, payment, promise to pay or authorization of the payment of any money or other property, gift, promise to give or authorization of the giving of anything of value to any "foreign official" (as such term is defined in the FCPA) or any foreign political party or official thereof or any candidate for foreign political office, in contravention of the FCPA; and (ii) the Company and its subsidiaries have instituted and maintain policies and procedures designed to ensure continued compliance with the Anti-Corruption Laws.

(aa) Other than as set forth in the Disclosure Package, to the knowledge of the Company, the operations of the Company and its subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the money laundering statutes of all applicable jurisdictions, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or

guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, "Money Laundering Laws"), and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened.

(bb) Other than as set forth in the Disclosure Package, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any director or officer of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries is currently subject to any sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Treasury Department, the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the United Nations Security Council, the European Union or Her Majesty's Treasury (collectively, "Sanctions"). The Company will not directly or indirectly use any of the proceeds from the sale of Securities by the Company in the offering contemplated by this Agreement, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available any such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other person or entity, for the purpose of financing the activities of any person or entity that, to the knowledge of the Company, is then subject to any Sanctions.

(cc) Prior to the date hereof, neither the Company nor any of its affiliates or any person acting on their behalf (other than the Underwriters or any of their affiliates with respect to whom no representation is made) has (i) taken any action that is designed to or that has constituted or that could be expected to cause or result in stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Securities, (ii) issued any press release or other public announcement referring to the proposed offering of the Securities that does not adequately disclose the fact that stabilizing action may take place with respect to the Securities or (iii) taken any action or omitted to take any action that may result in the loss by the Underwriters of the ability to rely on any stabilization safe harbor provided by the Securities Act or by the UK Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "FSMA").

(dd) The Company has not distributed nor, prior to the later to occur of (i) the time of delivery of the Securities and (ii) the completion of the distribution of the Securities, will distribute any material in connection with the offering and sale of the Securities other than the Disclosure Package or the Final Prospectus or other materials, if any, permitted by the FSMA, or regulations promulgated pursuant to the FSMA, and approved by the parties to this Agreement.

2. Purchase and Sale. Subject to the terms and conditions and in reliance upon the representations and warranties herein set forth, the Company agrees to sell to each Underwriter, and each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Company, the principal amount of Securities set forth opposite such Underwriter's name in Schedule II hereto at the applicable purchase price set forth in Schedule I hereto, plus accrued interest, if any, from March 10, 2017 to the Closing Date.

3. Delivery and Payment. Delivery of and payment for the Securities shall be made at the location, on the date and at the time specified on Schedule I hereto or at such time on such later date not more than five Business Days after the foregoing date as the Representatives shall designate, which date and time may be postponed by agreement between the Representatives and the Company or as provided in Section 8 hereof (such date and time of delivery and payment for the Securities being herein called the “Closing Date”). Delivery of the Securities shall be made to the Representatives for the respective accounts of the several Underwriters against payment by the several Underwriters through the Representatives of the aggregate purchase price of the Securities to or upon the order of the Company by wire transfer payable in same-day funds to an account specified by the Company. Delivery of the Securities shall be made through the facilities of Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, unless the Representatives shall otherwise instruct.

4. Offering By Underwriters. It is understood that the several Underwriters propose to offer the Securities for sale to the public as set forth in the Final Prospectus. Each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, hereby represents and warrants to, and agrees with the Company that it has not, and its controlled affiliates or any other person acting on its behalf have not, solicited offers for, or offered or sold, and will not solicit offers for, or offer or sell, the Securities as part of their initial offering outside the United States except in accordance with the restrictions set forth in Annex II hereto.

5. Agreements.

The Company agrees with the several Underwriters that:

(a) Prior to the termination of the offering of the Securities, the Company will not file any amendment of the Registration Statement or supplement (including the Final Prospectus or any Preliminary Prospectus) to the Base Prospectus unless the Company has furnished the Representatives a copy for their review prior to filing and will not file any such proposed amendment or supplement to which the Representatives reasonably object; provided, however, that nothing in this paragraph shall apply to any report to be filed or furnished to the Commission under the periodic reporting requirements of the Exchange Act except those periodic reports filed or furnished to the Commission and incorporated by reference into the Final Prospectus between the date of this Agreement and the Closing Date. The Company will cause the Final Prospectus, properly completed, and any supplement thereto to be filed in a form approved by the Representatives with the Commission pursuant to the applicable paragraph of Rule 424(b) within the time period prescribed and will provide evidence satisfactory to the Representatives of such timely filing. The Company will promptly advise the Representatives (i) when the Final Prospectus, and any supplement thereto, shall have been filed (if required) with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b), (ii) when, prior to the termination of the offering of the Securities, any amendment to the Registration Statement shall have been filed or become effective, (iii) of any request by the Commission or its staff for any amendment of the Registration Statement, or for any supplement to the Final

Prospectus or for any additional information, (iv) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or of any notice that would prevent its use or the institution or threatening of any proceeding for that purpose and (v) of the receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of the Securities for sale in any jurisdiction or the institution or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose. The Company will use its commercially reasonable efforts to prevent the issuance of any such stop order or the occurrence of any such suspension or prevention and, upon such issuance, occurrence or prevention, to obtain as soon as possible the withdrawal of such stop order or relief from such occurrence or prevention, including, if necessary, by filing an amendment to the Registration Statement or a new registration statement and using its commercially reasonable efforts to have such amendment or new registration statement declared effective as soon as practicable.

(b) The Company will prepare a final term sheet, containing a description of the Securities, in the form of Schedule III hereto and will file such term sheet pursuant to Rule 433(d) within the time required by such Rule.

(c) If there occurs an event or development as a result of which the Disclosure Package would include an untrue statement of a material fact or would omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances then prevailing, not misleading, the Company will promptly (i) notify the Representatives so that any use of the Disclosure Package may cease until it is amended or supplemented; (ii) amend or supplement the Disclosure Package to correct such statement or omission; and (iii) supply any amendment or supplement to the Representatives in such quantities as the Representatives may reasonably request.

(d) If, at any time when a prospectus relating to the Securities is required to be delivered under the Act (including in circumstances where such requirement may be satisfied pursuant to Rule 172), any event occurs as a result of which the Final Prospectus as then supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein in the light of the circumstances under which they were made not misleading, or if it shall be necessary to amend the Registration Statement, file a new registration statement or supplement the Final Prospectus to comply with the Act or the Exchange Act or the respective rules thereunder, including in connection with use or delivery of the Final Prospectus, the Company promptly will (i) notify the Representatives of such event, (ii) prepare and file with the Commission, subject to the first sentence of paragraph (a) of this Section 5, an amendment or supplement to the Final Prospectus or new registration statement that will correct such statement or omission or effect such compliance, (iii) use its commercially reasonable efforts to have any amendment to the Registration Statement or new registration statement declared effective as soon as practicable in order to avoid any disruption in use of the Final Prospectus and (iv) supply any supplemented Final Prospectus to the Representatives in such quantities as the Representatives may reasonably request.

(e) As soon as practicable, the Company will make generally available to its security holders and to the Representatives an earnings statement or statements of the Company and its subsidiaries that will satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Act and Rule 158.

(f) The Company will furnish to the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters signed copies of the Registration Statement (including exhibits thereto) and to each other Underwriter a copy of the Registration Statement (without exhibits thereto) and, so long as delivery of a prospectus by an Underwriter or dealer may be required by the Act (including in circumstances where such requirement may be satisfied pursuant to Rule 172), as many copies of each Preliminary Prospectus, the Final Prospectus and each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and any supplement thereto as the Representatives may reasonably request.

(g) The Company will arrange, if necessary, for the qualification of the Securities for sale under the laws of such jurisdictions as the Representatives may reasonably designate and will maintain such qualifications in effect so long as reasonably required for the distribution of the Securities; provided that in no event shall the Company be obligated to qualify to do business in any jurisdiction where it is not now so qualified or to take any action that would subject it to service of process in suits, other than those arising out of the offering or sale of the Securities, in any jurisdiction where it is not now so subject.

(h) The Company agrees that, unless it obtains the prior written consent of the Representatives, and each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, agrees with the Company that, unless it has obtained or will obtain, as the case may be, the prior written consent of the Company, it has not made and will not make any offer relating to the Securities that would constitute an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or that would otherwise constitute a “free writing prospectus” (as defined in Rule 405) required to be filed by the Company with the Commission or retained by the Company under Rule 433; provided that the prior written consent of the parties hereto shall be deemed to have been given in respect of the Free Writing Prospectuses included in Schedule V hereto and any electronic road show. Any such free writing prospectus consented to by the Representatives or the Company is hereinafter referred to as a “Permitted Free Writing Prospectus.” The Company agrees that (x) it has treated and will treat, as the case may be, each Permitted Free Writing Prospectus as an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and (y) it has complied and will comply, as the case may be, with the requirements of Rules 164 and 433 applicable to any Permitted Free Writing Prospectus, including in respect of timely filing with the Commission, legending and record keeping. If at any time following issuance of an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus there occurred or occurs an event or development as a result of which such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus conflicted or would conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Final Prospectus or included or would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or would omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances

prevailing at that subsequent time, not misleading, the Company will promptly notify the Representatives and will promptly amend or supplement, at its own expense, such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus to eliminate or correct such conflict, untrue statement or omission.

(i) The Company will comply in all material respects with all applicable securities and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and will use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Company's directors and officers, in their capacities as such, to comply with such laws, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

(j) The Company will not take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that would constitute or that could reasonably be expected to cause or result in, under the Exchange Act or otherwise, stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Securities.

(k) The Company covenants and agrees with the Underwriters that the Company will pay or cause to be paid the following: (i) the fees, disbursements and expenses of the Company's counsel and accountants in connection with the issue of the Securities and all other expenses in connection with the preparation, printing, reproduction and filing of the Registration Statement, each Preliminary Prospectus, each Free Writing Prospectus, the Final Prospectus and any amendments and supplements thereto and the mailing and delivering copies thereof to the Underwriters and dealers; (ii) the cost of printing or producing this Agreement, the Indenture, closing documents (including any compilations thereof) and any other documents in connection with the offering, purchase, sale and delivery of the Securities; (iii) all expenses in connection with the qualification of the Securities as provided in Section 5(g) hereof, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in connection with such qualification and in connection with the Blue Sky and legal investment surveys; (iv) any fees charged by securities rating services for rating the Securities; (v) the cost of preparing the Securities; (vi) the fees and expenses of the Trustee and any agent of the Trustee and the fees and disbursements of counsel for the Trustee in connection with the Indenture and the Securities; (vii) any cost incurred in connection with the listing of the Securities; and (viii) all other costs and expenses incident to the performance of its obligations hereunder that are not otherwise specifically provided for in this Section. It is understood, however, that, except as provided in this Section, and Sections 7 and 9 hereof, the Underwriters will pay all of their own costs and expenses, including the fees of their counsel, transfer taxes on resale of any of the Securities by them, and any advertising expenses connected with any offers they may make, which expenses shall be apportioned pro rata in accordance with the amount of Securities purchased by such Underwriter as set forth on Schedule II.

(l) The Company will use the net proceeds received by it from the sale of the Securities in the manner specified in the Preliminary Prospectus and the Final Prospectus under "Use of Proceeds".

(m) The Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to effect and maintain the admission, listing and trading of the Securities on The New York Stock Exchange within 30 days of the Closing Date.

(n) Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries will take any action or omit to take any action (such as issuing any press release relating to the Securities without an appropriate legend) that would result in the loss by the Underwriters of the ability to rely on any stabilization safe harbor provided by the Securities Act or the FSMA.

6. Conditions to the Obligations of the Underwriters. The obligations of the Underwriters hereunder shall be subject, in their discretion, to the condition that all representations and warranties and other statements of the Company herein are, at and as of the time of delivery of the Securities, true and correct, the condition that the Company shall have performed all of its obligations hereunder theretofore to be performed, and the following additional conditions:

(a) The Preliminary Prospectus and the Final Prospectus, and any supplement thereto, have been filed in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 424(b); the final term sheet contemplated by Section 5(b) hereto, and any other material required to be filed by the Company pursuant to Rule 433(d) under the Act shall have been filed with the Commission within the applicable time periods prescribed for such filings by Rule 433; and the Registration Statement is effective and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any notice that would prevent its use shall have been issued and no proceedings for that purpose shall have been instituted or threatened.

(b) Latham & Watkins LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, shall have furnished to the Representatives their written opinion or opinions and letter with respect to the issuance and sale of the Securities, subject to the limitations and qualifications set forth in such opinion or letter, dated the Closing Date, in form and substance satisfactory to you;

(c) Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, counsel for the Company, shall have furnished to the Representatives their written opinion and letter, subject to the limitations and qualifications set forth in such opinion or letter, dated the Closing Date, in form and substance satisfactory to you, to the effect that:

(i) Based solely on a certificate from the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, the Company is a corporation validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with all necessary corporate power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and conduct its

businesses as described in the Prospectus (as defined therein) and the Specified Disclosure Package (as defined therein).

(ii) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(iii) The Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company, has been duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (the “Trust Indenture Act”), and, assuming it has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Trustee (as defined therein), constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms (subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent transfer and other similar laws affecting creditors’ rights generally from time to time in effect and to general principles of equity, including, without limitation, concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law); and the Securities have been duly authorized by the Company and, when executed and authenticated in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and delivered to and paid for by the Underwriters pursuant to this Agreement, will constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Company entitled to the benefits of the Indenture and enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms (subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent transfer and other similar laws affecting creditors’ rights generally from time to time in effect and to general principles of equity, including, without limitation, concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

(iv) The Securities and the Indenture conform in all material respects to the respective descriptions thereof contained in the Prospectus and the Specified Disclosure Package and the statements made in the Prospectus and the Specified Disclosure Package under the caption “Material U.S. Federal Income and Estate Tax Considerations”, insofar as they purport to describe the material tax consequences of an investment in the Securities, fairly summarize the matters therein described.

(v) No authorization, approval or other action by, and no notice to, consent of, order of, or filing with, any U.S. federal, New York State or, to the extent required under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, Delaware governmental authority is required to be made or obtained by the Company for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement, other than (i) those that have been obtained or made under the Act or the Trust Indenture Act, (ii) those that may be required under the Act in connection with the use of any “free writing prospectus” and (iii) those that may be required under the blue sky

laws of any jurisdiction in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Securities by the Underwriters.

(vi) The issue and sale by the Company of the Securities, the consummation of the other transactions contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement and the performance by the Company of its obligations under the Underwriting Agreement (i) do not violate the Certificate of Incorporation or the By-laws, and (ii) will not violate any law, rule or regulation of the United States of America, the State of New York or the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

(vii) The Registration Statement became effective under the Act on September 2, 2014, and, assuming prior payment by the Company of the pay-as-you-go registration fee for the offering of the Securities, upon filing of the Prospectus with the Commission the offering of the Securities as contemplated by the Prospectus became registered under the Act; to such counsel's knowledge, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or are pending or contemplated under the Act.

(viii) Based, as to factual matters, solely on the certificate dated the Closing Date, from an officer of the Company, the Company is not required to register as an "investment company" as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

(ix) Such counsel will confirm to the Underwriters, that, the Registration Statement, at the time it was last amended or deemed to be amended, and the Prospectus, as of the Closing Date, appeared or appears on its face to be appropriately responsive in all material respects to the requirements of the Securities Act and the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder, except that such counsel will not express any view as to the financial statements and other information of an accounting or financial nature included therein and the Statement of Eligibility (Form T-1) included as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. Furthermore, such counsel will advise the Underwriters that the counsel's work in connection with this matter did not disclose any information that gave such counsel reason to believe that: (i) the Registration Statement (insofar as relevant to the offering contemplated by the Prospectus), at 12:00 P.M. New York City time on March 7, 2017 (the "Applicable Time") contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, (ii) the Prospectus, as of its date or at the Closing Date, included or includes, an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading or (iii) the Specified Disclosure Package, considered together as

of the Applicable Time, included an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, except that, in each case, such counsel will not express any view as to the financial statements and other information of an accounting or financial nature included therein.

(d) Peter J. Millones, Executive Vice President and General Counsel for the Company, shall have furnished to the Representatives his written opinion, subject to the limitations and qualifications set forth in such opinion, dated the Closing Date, in form and substance satisfactory to you, to the effect that:

(i) The Company has such power and authority (corporate and other) to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus;

(ii) The Company, as of the date specified in the Final Prospectus, has an authorized capitalization as set forth under the caption "Capitalization" in the Final Prospectus;

(iii) The Company has been duly qualified as a foreign corporation for the transaction of business and is in good standing under the laws of each other jurisdiction in which it owns or leases properties or conducts any business so as to require such qualification, except to the extent that the failure to be so qualified in any such jurisdiction would not individually or in the aggregate have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position, stockholders' equity or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole (such counsel being entitled to rely in respect of the opinion in this clause upon opinions of local counsel and in respect of matters of fact upon certificates of officers of the Company; provided that such counsel shall state that he believes that both you and he are justified in relying upon such opinions and certificates);

(iv) Those subsidiaries listed on Schedule VI hereto (the "Scheduled Subsidiaries") have each been duly incorporated or organized and each is validly existing as an entity, and where such term applies, in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation or organization; and all of the issued shares of capital stock of each such Scheduled Subsidiary held by the Company have been duly and validly authorized and issued, are fully paid and non-assessable and (except for directors' qualifying shares and as otherwise included in the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus) are owned directly or indirectly by the Company, to such counsel's knowledge, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, equities or claims (such counsel being entitled to rely in respect of the opinion in this clause upon opinions of local counsel and in respect of matters of fact upon certificates of officers of the Company or such Scheduled Subsidiaries; provided that such counsel

shall state that he believes that both you and he are justified in relying upon such opinions and certificates);

(v) To the best of such counsel's knowledge and other than as set forth in the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, there are no legal or governmental proceedings pending to which the Company or any of the Scheduled Subsidiaries is a party or of which any property of the Company or any of the Scheduled Subsidiaries is the subject which, if determined adversely to the Company or any of the Scheduled Subsidiaries, would individually or in the aggregate have a material adverse effect on the current or future consolidated financial position, stockholders' equity or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole; and, to the best of such counsel's knowledge and other than as set forth in the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus, no such proceedings are threatened or contemplated by governmental authorities or threatened by others;

(vi) Neither the Company nor any of the Scheduled Subsidiaries is in violation of its Certificate of Incorporation or By-laws or in default in the performance or observance of any obligation, covenant or condition contained in any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement, lease or other agreement or instrument to which it is a party or by which it or any of its properties may be bound except for such defaults that would not individually or in the aggregate have a material adverse effect on the current or future consolidated financial position, stockholders' equity or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole;

(vii) The issue and sale of the Securities and the compliance by the Company with all of the provisions of the Securities, the Indenture and this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions herein and therein contemplated will not (1) conflict with or result in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other agreement or instrument known to such counsel to which the Company or any of the Scheduled Subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of the Scheduled Subsidiaries is bound or to which any of the property or assets of the Company or any of the Scheduled Subsidiaries is subject, (2) result in any violation of the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation or By-laws of the Company or (3) result in any violation of the provisions of any statute or any order, rule or regulation of any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over the Company or any of the Scheduled Subsidiaries or any of their properties except in the case of clauses (1) and (3) above that would not individually or in the aggregate have a material adverse effect on the current or future consolidated financial position, stockholders' equity or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole; and

(viii) The documents incorporated by reference in the Disclosure Package and the Final Prospectus or any further amendment or supplement thereto, made by the Company prior to the Closing Date (other than the financial statements and related schedules therein, as to which such counsel need express no opinion), when they were filed with the Commission complied as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the Act or the Exchange Act, as applicable, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder; and such counsel has no reason to believe that any of such documents, when they were so filed, contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(e) On the date hereof and also at the Closing Date, Deloitte & Touche LLP shall have furnished to you a letter or letters, dated the respective dates of delivery thereof, in form and substance satisfactory to you, to the effect set forth in Annex I hereto;

(f) Since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement (exclusive of any amendment thereof) and the Disclosure Package there shall not have been any change in the capital stock (except for changes or adjustments made in the ordinary course of business pursuant to employee equity plans in existence on the date of this Agreement, and other than the exercise of options outstanding on the date of this Agreement or the conversion of notes outstanding on the date of this Agreement) or long-term debt of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any change, or any development involving a prospective change, in or affecting the general affairs, management, financial position, stockholders' equity or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, other than as set forth or contemplated in the Disclosure Package, the effect of which, in any such case, is, in the judgment of the Representatives, so material and adverse as to make it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the offering or the delivery of the Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated in this Agreement and in the Disclosure Package;

(g) On or after the Applicable Time (i) no downgrading shall have occurred in the rating accorded the Company's debt securities or preferred stock by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization," as that term is defined by the Commission in Section 3(a)(62) under the Exchange Act, and (ii) no such organization shall have publicly announced that it has under surveillance or review, with possible negative implications, its rating of any of the Company's debt securities or preferred stock;

(h) On or after the Applicable Time, there shall not have occurred any of the following: (i) a suspension or material limitation in trading in securities generally on The New York Stock Exchange or on The NASDAQ Global Select Market; (ii) a suspension or material limitation in trading in the Company's securities on The New

York Stock Exchange or The NASDAQ Global Select Market; (iii) a general moratorium on commercial banking activities declared by either U.S. federal or New York State authorities or a material disruption in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States; (iv) the outbreak or escalation of hostilities involving the United States or the declaration by the United States of a national emergency or war; or (v) the occurrence of any other calamity or crisis or any change in financial, political or economic conditions in the United States or elsewhere, if the effect of any such event specified in clause (iv) or (v) in the good faith judgment of the Representatives makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the offering or the delivery of the Securities on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Disclosure Package;

(i) The Company shall have furnished or caused to be furnished to you at the Closing Date, certificates of officers of the Company satisfactory to you as to the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company herein at and as of the Closing Date, as to the performance by the Company of all of its obligations hereunder to be performed at or prior to such date, as to the matters set forth in subsection (f) of this Section and as to such other matters as you may reasonably request;

(j) The Company shall have delivered executed copies of the Securities and the Indenture to the Underwriters, in each case in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Company and the Underwriters; and

(k) Subsequent to the Closing Date, an application shall have been made for the admission, listing and trading of the Securities on The New York Stock Exchange and the Company is not aware of any reason such application would not be received within 30 days of the Closing Date, and satisfactory evidence of such shall have been provided to the Representatives.

7. Indemnification and Contribution. (a) The Company will indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities, joint or several, to which any Underwriter may become subject, under the Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement for the registration of the Securities as originally filed or in any amendment thereof, or in the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Final Prospectus, the Disclosure Package, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or in any amendment thereof or supplement thereto, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, and will reimburse each Underwriter for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such Underwriter in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim as such expenses are incurred; provided, however, that the Company shall not be liable in any such case to the extent that any such loss, claim, damage or liability arises out of or is based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Final Prospectus, the

Disclosure Package, or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or in any amendment thereof or supplement thereto, in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by the Underwriters through the Representatives expressly for use therein, which information is specified in Section 7(b).

(b) The Underwriters severally and not jointly will indemnify and hold harmless the Company against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities to which the Company may become subject, under the Act or otherwise, insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) arise out of or are based upon an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Final Prospectus, the Disclosure Package, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or in any amendment thereof or supplement thereto, or arise out of or are based upon the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, in each case to the extent, but only to the extent, that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in the Base Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus, the Final Prospectus, the Disclosure Package, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or in any amendment thereof or supplement thereto in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by the Underwriters through the Representatives expressly for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information consists of the second, third and fourth sentences of the fourth paragraph, the fourth through fifth sentences of the sixth paragraph and the seventh paragraph, in each case under the caption “Underwriting”; and will reimburse the Company for any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by the Company in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim as such expenses are incurred.

(c) Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under subsection (a) or (b) above of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party shall, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the indemnifying party under such subsection, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement thereof; but the omission so to notify the indemnifying party shall not relieve it from any liability that it may have to any indemnified party otherwise than under such subsection. In case any such action shall be brought against any indemnified party and it shall notify the indemnifying party of the commencement thereof, the indemnifying party shall be entitled to participate therein and, to the extent that it shall wish, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified, to assume the defense thereof, with counsel satisfactory to such indemnified party (who shall not, except with the consent of the indemnified party, be counsel to the indemnifying party), and, after notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party of its election so to assume the defense thereof, the indemnifying party shall not be liable to such indemnified party under such subsection for any legal expenses of other counsel or any other expenses, in each case subsequently incurred by such indemnified party, in connection with the defense thereof other than reasonable costs of investigation. No indemnifying party shall, without the written consent of the

indemnified party, effect the settlement or compromise of, or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to, any pending or threatened action or claim in respect of which indemnification or contribution may be sought hereunder (whether or not the indemnified party is an actual or potential party to such action or claim) unless such settlement, compromise or judgment (i) includes an unconditional release of the indemnified party from all liability arising out of such action or claim and (ii) does not include a statement as to, or an admission of, fault, culpability or a failure to act, by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

(d) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 7 is unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party under subsection (a) or (b) above in respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other from the offering of the Securities. If, however, the allocation provided by the immediately preceding sentence is not permitted by applicable law or if the indemnified party failed to give the notice required under subsection (c) above, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to such amount paid or payable by such indemnified party in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only such relative benefits but also the relative fault of the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof), as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as the total net proceeds from the offering (before deducting expenses) received by the Company bear to the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriters, in each case as set forth in the Final Prospectus. The relative fault shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company on the one hand or the Underwriters on the other and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The Company and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this subsection (d) were determined by pro rata allocation or by any other method of allocation that does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this subsection (d). The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages or liabilities (or actions in respect thereof) referred to above in this subsection (d) shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection (d), each Underwriter shall not be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Securities underwritten by it and distributed to investors were offered to investors exceeds the amount of any damages that such

Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. Each Underwriter's obligations in this subsection (d) to contribute are several in proportion to their respective underwriting obligations and not joint.

(e) The obligations of the Company under this Section 7 shall be in addition to any liability that the Company may otherwise have and shall extend, upon the same terms and conditions, to any affiliate of each Underwriter and each person, if any, who controls such Underwriter within the meaning of the Act; and the obligations of the Underwriters under this Section 7 shall be in addition to any liability that the Underwriters may otherwise have and shall extend, upon the same terms and conditions, to each officer and director of the Company and to each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of the Act.

8. Default by an Underwriter. If any one or more Underwriters shall fail to purchase and pay for any of the Securities agreed to be purchased by such Underwriter or Underwriters hereunder and such failure to purchase shall constitute a default in the performance of its or their obligations under this Agreement, the remaining Underwriters shall be obligated severally to take up and pay for (in the respective proportions which the amount of the Securities set forth opposite their names in Schedule II hereto bears to the aggregate amount of Securities set forth opposite the names of all the remaining Underwriters) the Securities which the defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed to purchase; provided, however, that in the event that the aggregate amount of Securities that the defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed to purchase shall exceed 10% of the aggregate amount of Securities set forth in Schedule II hereto, the remaining Underwriters shall have the right to purchase all, but shall not be under any obligation to purchase any, of the Securities, and if such nondefaulting Underwriters do not purchase all the Securities, this Agreement will terminate, without liability to any nondefaulting Underwriter or the Company. In the event of a default by any Underwriter as set forth in this Section 8, the Closing Date shall be postponed for such period, not exceeding five Business Days, as the Representatives shall determine in order that the required changes in the Registration Statement and the Final Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements may be effected. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall relieve any defaulting Underwriter of its liability, if any, to the Company and any nondefaulting Underwriter for damages occasioned by its default hereunder.

9. Representations and Indemnities to Survive. The respective indemnities, agreements, representations, warranties and other statements of the Company and the Underwriters, as set forth in this Agreement or made by or on behalf of them, respectively, pursuant to this Agreement, shall remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation (or any statement as to the results thereof) made by or on behalf of the Underwriters or any controlling person of the Underwriters, or the Company, or any officer or director or controlling person of the Company, and shall survive delivery of and payment for the Securities. If the Securities are not delivered by or on behalf of the Company as provided herein for any reason other than a default of any Underwriter pursuant to Section 8 in its obligation to purchase the Securities that it has agreed to purchase hereunder, the

Company will reimburse the non-defaulting Underwriters for all out-of-pocket expenses approved in writing by you, including fees and disbursements of counsel, reasonably incurred by the non-defaulting Underwriters in making preparations for the purchase, sale and delivery of the Securities, but the Company shall then be under no further liability to the Underwriters except as provided in Sections 5(k) and 7 hereof.

10. Notices. All statements, requests, notices and agreements hereunder shall be in writing, and if to the Underwriters shall be delivered or sent by mail or facsimile transmission to you in care of BNP Paribas, 10 Harwood Avenue, London NW1 6AA, United Kingdom; Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, Winchester House, 1 Great Winchester Street, London, EC2N 2DB, United Kingdom; and HSBC Bank plc, 8 Canada Square, London, E14 5HQ, United Kingdom Attention: Transaction Management Group and if to the Company shall be delivered or sent by (i) mail to the address of the Company set forth in the Final Prospectus, Attention: General Counsel or (ii) facsimile, at (203) 299-8447, Attention: General Counsel. Any such statements, requests, notices or agreements shall take effect upon receipt thereof.

11. Successors. This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure solely to the benefit of, the Underwriters, the Company and, to the extent provided in Sections 7 and 9 hereof, the officers and directors of the Company and each person who controls the Company or the Underwriters, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, and no other person shall acquire or have any right under or by virtue of this Agreement. No purchaser of any of the Securities from any Underwriter shall be deemed a successor or assign by reason merely of such purchase.

12. Applicable Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York .

13. TRIAL BY JURY WAIVER. EACH OF THE COMPANY AND THE UNDERWRITERS HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

14. Arm's-length Transactions. The Company acknowledges and agrees that (i) the purchase and sale of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement is an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Company, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other, (ii) in connection therewith and with the process leading to such transaction the Underwriters are each acting solely as a principal and not the agent or fiduciary of the Company, (iii) the Underwriters have not assumed an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Company with respect to the offering contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether the Underwriters have advised or are currently advising the Company on other matters) or any other obligation to the Company except the obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement and (iv) the Company has consulted its own legal and financial advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate. The Company agrees

that it will not claim that any of the Underwriters have rendered advisory services of any nature or respect, or owe a fiduciary or similar duty to the Company, in connection with such transaction or the process leading thereto.

15. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed by any one or more of the parties hereto in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all such respective counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

16. Time of the Essence. Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement.

17. Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings (whether written or oral) between the Company and the Underwriters, or any of them, with respect to the subject matter hereof.

18. Tax Treatment. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Company (and the Company's employees, representatives, and other agents) are authorized to disclose to any and all persons, the tax treatment and tax structure of the potential transaction and all materials of any kind (including tax opinions and other tax analyses) provided to the Company relating to that treatment and structure, without the Underwriters' imposing any limitation of any kind. Any information relating to the tax treatment and tax structure, however, shall remain confidential (and the foregoing sentence shall not apply) to the extent necessary to enable any person to comply with securities laws. For this purpose, "tax treatment" means U.S. federal and state income tax treatment, and "tax structure" is limited to any facts that may be relevant to that treatment.

19. Headings. The section headings used herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

20. Definitions. The terms which follow, when used in this Agreement, shall have the meanings indicated.

"Act" shall mean the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

"Applicable Time" shall mean 12:00 P.M. New York City time on March 7, 2017.

"Base Prospectus" shall mean the prospectus referred to in paragraph 1(a) above contained in the Registration Statement at the Effective Date.

"Business Day" shall mean any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, (1) that is not a day on which banking institutions in the City of New York or London are authorized or required by law or executive order to close and (2) on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer system (the TARGET2 system), or any successor thereto, is open.

“Commission” shall mean the Securities and Exchange Commission.

“Disclosure Package” shall mean (i) the Base Prospectus, as amended and supplemented to the Applicable Time, (ii) the Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses, if any, identified in Schedule V hereto, (iii) any other Free Writing Prospectus that the parties hereto shall hereafter expressly agree in writing to treat as part of the Disclosure Package, and (iv) the other information, if any, identified in Schedule IV hereto.

“Effective Date” shall mean each date and time that the Registration Statement, any post-effective amendment or amendments thereto became or become effective including each deemed effective date pursuant to Rule 430B(e)(2) of the Act.

“Exchange Act” shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

“Final Prospectus” shall mean the prospectus supplement relating to the Securities that was first filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) after the Applicable Time, together with the Base Prospectus.

“Free Writing Prospectus” shall mean a free writing prospectus, as defined in Rule 405.

“Issuer Free Writing Prospectus” shall mean an issuer free writing prospectus, as defined in Rule 433.

“Preliminary Prospectus” shall mean any preliminary prospectus supplement to the Base Prospectus that describes the Securities and the offering thereof and is used prior to filing of the Final Prospectus, together with the Base Prospectus.

“Registration Statement” shall mean the registration statement referred to in paragraph 1(a) above, including exhibits and financial statements and any prospectus supplement relating to the Securities that is filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) and deemed part of such registration statement pursuant to Rule 430B, as amended at the Applicable Time and, in the event any post-effective amendment thereto becomes effective prior to the Closing Date, shall also mean such registration statement as so amended.

“Rule 158”, “Rule 163”, “Rule 164”, “Rule 172”, “Rule 405”, “Rule 415”, “Rule 424”, “Rule 430B”, “Rule 433”, “Rule 456” and “Rule 457” refer to such rules under the Act.

“Trust Indenture Act” shall mean the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

“Well-Known Seasoned Issuer” shall mean a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405.

21. Patriot Act. In accordance with the requirements of the USA Patriot Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)), the Underwriters are required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies their respective clients, including the Company, which information may include the name and address of their respective clients, as well as other information that will allow the Underwriters to properly identify their respective clients.

22. Acknowledgement and Consent to Bail-In of EEA Financial Institutions. Notwithstanding and to the exclusion of any other term of this Agreement or any other agreements, arrangements or understandings between any Underwriter and the Company, the Company accepts and agrees that a BRRD Liability arising under this Agreement may be subject to the exercise of Bail-in Powers by the Relevant Resolution Authority, and acknowledges, accepts and agrees to be bound by:

(a) the effect of the exercise of Bail-in Powers by the Relevant Resolution Authority in relation to any BRRD Liability of the relevant Underwriter to the Company under this Agreement, that (without limitation) may include and result in any of the following, or some combination thereof:

(i) the reduction of all, or a portion of the BRRD Liability or outstanding amounts due thereon;

(ii) the conversion of all, or a portion of, the BRRD Liability into shares, other securities or other obligations of the Underwriters or another person (and the issue to or conferral on the Company of such shares, securities or obligations);

(iii) the cancellation of the BRRD Liability;

(iv) the amendment or alteration of any interest, if applicable, thereon, the maturity or the dates on which any payments are due, including by suspending payment for a temporary period;

(b) the variation of the terms of this Agreement, as deemed necessary by the Relevant Resolution Authority, to give effect to the exercise of the Bail-In Powers by the Relevant Resolution Authority.

(c) For the purpose of this Section 22:

(i) “Bail-in Legislation” means in relation to a member state of the European Economic Area which has implemented, or which at any time implements, the BRRD, the relevant implementing law, regulation, rule or requirement as described in the EU Bail-in Legislation Schedule from time to time.

(ii) “Bail-in Powers” means any Write Down and Conversion Powers as defined in the EU Bail-in Legislation Schedule, in relation to the relevant Bail-in Legislation.

(iii) “BRRD” means Directive 2014/59/EU establishing a framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms.

(iv) “BRRD Liability” means a liability in respect of which the relevant Write Down and Conversion Powers in the applicable Bail-in Legislation may be exercised.

(v) “EU Bail-in Legislation Schedule” means the document described as such, then in effect, and published by the Loan Market Association (or any successor person) from time to time at <http://www.lma.eu.com/>.

(vi) “Relevant Resolution Authority” means the resolution authority with the ability to exercise any Bail-in Powers in relations to the relevant Underwriter.

23. Agreement Among Managers. The Underwriters agree as between themselves that they will be bound by and will comply with the International Capital Market Association Standard Form Agreement Among Managers Version 1/New York Schedule (the “AAM”) as amended in the manner set out below and further agree that references in the AAM to the “Lead Manager” and the “Joint Bookrunners” shall mean each of BNP Paribas, Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch and HSBC Bank plc, references to “Managers” shall mean the Underwriters, references to the “Settlement Lead Manager” shall mean HSBC Bank plc, references to the “Stabilising Manager” shall mean HSBC Bank plc, and references to “Securities” shall mean the 0.800% Senior Notes due 2022. The Underwriters agree as between themselves to amend the AAM as follows:

(a) references in the AAM to the “Commitments” shall mean, as between the Underwriters only, the amounts set out in Schedule II; and

(b) clause 3 shall be disappplied in favor of Section 8 herein.

Where there are any inconsistencies between this Agreement and the AAM, the terms of this Agreement shall prevail.

If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding, please sign and return to us the enclosed duplicate hereof, and upon the acceptance hereof by you, as the Representatives, this letter and such acceptance hereof shall constitute a binding agreement between the Representatives and the Company.

Very truly yours,

THE PRICELINE GROUP INC.

by

/s/ Daniel J. Finnegan

Name: Daniel J. Finnegan

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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The foregoing Agreement is hereby confirmed and accepted as of the date specified in Schedule I hereto.

BNP PARIBAS

By: /s/ Benedict Foster
Name: Benedict Foster
Title: Authorised Signatory

By: /s/ Maya Mehta
Name: Maya Mehta
Title: Authorised Signatory

DEUTSCHE BANK AG, LONDON BRANCH

By: /s/ John C. McCabe
Name: John C. McCabe
Title: Managing Director

By: /s/ Anguel Zaprianov
Name: Anguel Zaprianov
Title: Managing Director

HSBC BANK PLC

By: /s/ Mary Guo
Name: Mary Guo
Title: Associate Director

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GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO.

By: /s/ Ryan Gilliam
Name: Ryan Gilliam
Title: Vice President

MERRILL LYNCH INTERNATIONAL

By: /s/ Angus Reynolds
Name: Angus Reynolds
Title: Director

WELLS FARGO SECURITIES INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

By: /s/ Frank Pizzo
Name: Frank Pizzo
Title: Director

BARCLAYS BANK PLC

By: /s/ Giovanna Trucco
Name: Giovanna Trucco
Title: Authorised Attorney

STANDARD CHARTERED BANK

By: /s/ Spencer Maclean
Name: Spencer Maclean
Title: Managing Director

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[FACE OF NOTE]

UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF EUROCLEAR BANK SA/NV (“EUROCLEAR”), OR CLEARSTREAM BANKING, SOCIETE ANONYME (“CLEARSTREAM”), TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF ITS AUTHORIZED NOMINEE, OR SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF EUROCLEAR OR CLEARSTREAM (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO ITS AUTHORIZED NOMINEE, OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF EUROCLEAR OR CLEARSTREAM), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, ITS AUTHORIZED NOMINEE, HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

THIS NOTE IS HELD BY THE DEPOSITARY (AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THIS NOTE) OR ITS NOMINEE IN CUSTODY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS HEREOF, AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANY PERSON UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES EXCEPT THAT (I) THE TRUSTEE MAY MAKE SUCH NOTATIONS HEREON AS MAY BE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 9.05 OF THE INDENTURE, (II) THIS NOTE MAY BE EXCHANGED IN WHOLE BUT NOT IN PART PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.07 OF THE INDENTURE, (III) THIS NOTE MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE TRUSTEE FOR CANCELLATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.12 OF THE INDENTURE AND (IV) THIS NOTE MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY WITH THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE COMPANY (AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THIS NOTE).

THE PRICELINE GROUP INC.
0.800% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2022

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THE PRICELINE GROUP INC., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (herein called the “Company”, which term includes any successor Person under the Indenture referred to on the reverse hereof), for value received, hereby promises to pay to BT Globenet Nominees Limited or registered assigns, the principal sum as set forth in the attached Schedule of Increases and Decreases, at the office or agency of the Company in the Borough of Manhattan, The City and State of New York, or any other office or agency designated by the Company for that purpose, on March 10, 2017, and to pay interest, annually on March 10 of each year, commencing March 10, 2018, on said principal sum at said office or agency, in like coin or currency, at the rate of 0.800% per annum, from the March 10 next preceding the date of this Note to which interest has been paid, unless the date hereof is a date to which interest has been paid, in which case from the date of this Note, or unless no interest has been paid on the Notes (as defined on the reverse hereof), in which case from March 10, 2017, until payment of said principal sum has been made or duly provided for. The interest so payable on March 10 will, subject to certain exceptions provided in the Indenture referred to on the reverse hereof, be paid to the person in whose name this Note is registered at the close of business on the February 23 preceding such March 10, unless the Company shall default in the payment of interest due on such interest payment date, in which case such defaulted interest, at the option of the Company, may be paid to the person in whose name this Note is registered at the close of business on a special record date for the payment of such defaulted interest established by notice to the registered holders of Notes not less than thirty days preceding such special record date or may be paid in any other lawful manner. Interest on this Note will be calculated on the basis of the actual number of days in the period for which interest is being calculated and the actual number of days from and including the last date on which interest was paid on this Note (or March 10, 2017 if no interest has been paid on this Note), to but excluding the next scheduled interest payment date.

If any interest payment date, the maturity date or any earlier required repurchase date upon a designated event falls on a day that is not a business day, the required payment will be made on the next succeeding business day and no interest on such payment will accrue in respect of the delay. The term “business day” means any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, (1) which is not a day on which banking institutions in the City of New York or London are authorized or required by law or executive order to

close and (2) on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement express Transfer system (the TARGET2 system), or any successor thereto, is open.

Reference is made to the further provisions of this Note set forth on the reverse hereof. Such further provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as though fully set forth at this place.

Unless the certificate of authentication hereon has been executed by the Trustee referred to on the reverse hereof or an authenticating agent appointed by the Company, by manual signature, this Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose .

[Signature page follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be duly executed and delivered.

Dated: _____

THE PRICELINE GROUP INC.

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

This is one of the Notes designated therein referred to in the within mentioned Indenture .

Dated: _____

DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, as Trustee and
Authenticating Agent

By: _____

Authorized Signatory

By: _____

Authorized Signatory

1. Notes.

This Note is one of a duly authorized issue of senior Notes of the Company (herein called the “**Notes**”), issued and to be issued in one or more series under an Officers’ Certificate of the Company, dated as of March 10, 2017 (the “**Officers’ Certificate**”), pursuant to the Indenture dated as of September 23, 2014 (the “**Indenture**” and, together with the Officer’s Certificate, the “**Indenture**”) between the Company and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee (herein called the “**Trustee**,” which term includes any successor Trustee under the Indenture), and reference is hereby made to the Indenture for a statement of the respective rights, limitations of rights, duties and immunities thereunder of the Company, the Trustee, and the Holders and of the terms upon which the Notes are, and are to be, authenticated and delivered. This Note is one of the series designated on the face hereof as “0.800% Senior Notes due 2022,” issued in an initial aggregate principal amount of €1,000,000,000. The Notes will be issued only in minimum denominations of €100,000 and integral multiples of €1,000 in excess thereof. All terms used in this Note which are defined in the Indenture shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

2. No Sinking Fund.

The Notes will not be entitled to the benefit of any sinking fund.

3. Optional Redemption.

(a) At the Company’s option, the Notes may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time or from time to time on and after February 10, 2022 (the “**Par Call Date**”), at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption.

(b) At the Company’s option, the Notes may be redeemed prior to the Par Call Date, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time (a “**Redemption Date**”). If the Company elects to redeem the Notes prior to the Par Call Date, the Company will pay a redemption price equal to the greater of the following amounts, plus, in the case of each of (1) and (2) below, accrued and unpaid interest thereon to, but excluding, such Redemption Date: (1) 100% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed and (2) an amount equal to the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest thereon that would have been payable in respect of such Notes as if the maturity date of such Notes was the Par Call Date, not including any portion of the payments of interest accrued to the Redemption Date, discounted to such Redemption Date on an annual basis at the Comparable Government Bond Rate, plus 25 basis points. Neither the Trustee nor the paying agent shall have any responsibility for calculating the redemption price.

“Comparable Government Bond Rate” means the price, expressed as a percentage (rounded to three decimal places, with 0.0005 being rounded upwards), at which the

gross redemption yield on the Notes to be redeemed, if they were to be purchased at such price on the third business day prior to the date fixed for redemption, would be equal to the gross redemption yield on such business day of the Comparable Government Bond (as defined below) on the basis of the middle market price of the Comparable Government Bond prevailing at 11:00 a.m. (London time) on such business day as determined by an independent investment bank selected by the Company.

“Comparable Government Bond” means, in relation to any Comparable Government Bond Rate calculation, at the discretion of an independent investment bank selected by the Company, a German government bond whose maturity is closest to the Par Call Date, or if such independent investment bank in its discretion determines that such similar bond is not in issue, such other German government bond as such independent investment bank may, with the advice of three brokers of, and/or market makers in, German government bonds selected by the Company, determine to be appropriate for determining the Comparable Government Bond Rate.

4. Selection and Notice of Redemption.

(a) If less than all of the Notes are to be redeemed, in the case of certificated Notes and global Notes, the Trustee will select Notes for redemption in accordance with the procedures of the depositary. The Trustee, in the case of certificated Notes and global Notes, shall select Notes and portions of Notes in amounts of €100,000 and integral multiples of €1,000 in excess thereof.

(b) Notices of redemption will be sent at least 30 but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each Holder of Notes to be redeemed at its registered address. Notices of redemption may be conditional.

5. Acceleration Upon Event of Default.

(a) If any Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount at maturity of the then outstanding Notes may declare all the Notes to be due and payable immediately. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of an Event of Default arising from certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency with respect to the Company, all outstanding Notes will become due and payable without further action or notice. Holders may not enforce the Indenture or the Notes except as provided in the Indenture. Subject to certain limitations, Holders of a majority in principal amount at maturity of the then outstanding Notes may direct the Trustee in its exercise of any trust or power.

(b) The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount at maturity of the Notes then outstanding by notice to the Trustee may on behalf of the Holders of all Notes waive any existing Default or Event of Default and its consequences under the Indenture except a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of interest on, or the principal of, the Notes (*provided, however*, that the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may rescind an acceleration and its

consequences, including any related payment default that resulted from such acceleration).

(c) The Indenture provides that if a Default occurs and is continuing and if it is actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Trustee, the Trustee shall mail to each Holder notice of the Default within 90 days after it occurs. Except in the case of a Default in the payment of principal of or interest on any Note, the Trustee may withhold the notice if and so long as it in good faith determines that withholding the notice is in the interests of Holders. In addition, the Company is required to deliver to the Trustee, within 120 days after the end of each Fiscal Year, an Officers' Certificate stating that in the course of the performance by the signers of their duties as Officers of the Company they would normally have knowledge of any Default and whether or not the signers know of any Default that occurred during such period. The Company is also required to deliver to the Trustee, within 30 days after the occurrence thereof, written notice in the form of an Officers' Certificate of any event which with the giving of notice or the lapse of time would become an Event of Default, its status and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto (provided that, solely with respect to an Event of Default arising from certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency, no such status or description of action is required).

6. Amendment and Modification.

The Indenture permits, with certain exceptions as therein provided, the amendment thereof and the modification of the rights and obligations of the Company and the rights of the Holders under the Indenture at any time by the Company and the Trustee with the consent of the Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Notes of all series under the Indenture at the time outstanding and affected by such amendment, voting as a single class.

7. No Impairment of Obligation to Pay or Right to Convert.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Note or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on this Note at the times, places and rate, and in the coin or currency, herein prescribed or to convert this Note as provided in the Indenture.

8. Transfer and Exchange.

As provided in the Indenture and subject to certain limitations set forth therein, the Notes shall be transferable only upon the surrender of a Note for registration of transfer. When a Note is presented to the Registrar with a request to register a transfer, the Registrar will register the transfer as requested if the requirements of the Indenture are satisfied. When Notes are presented to the Registrar with a request to exchange them for an equal principal amount of Notes of other denominations, the Registrar shall make the exchange as requested if the requirements of the Indenture are met. To permit

registration of transfers and exchanges, the Company will execute and the Trustee will authenticate Notes at the Registrar's request.

9. No Service Charge.

No service charge shall be made for any such registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company may require payment by the Holder of a sum sufficient to pay all taxes, assessments or other governmental charges in connection therewith.

10. Treatment as Owner.

The registered holder of a Note will be treated as the owner of it for all purposes.

11. Payment of Additional Amounts.

All payments of principal and interest on the Notes by the Company will be made free and clear of and without withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed by the United States (or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein having power to tax), unless the withholding or deduction of such taxes, assessment or other government charge is required by law or the official interpretation or administration thereof. The Company will, subject to the exceptions and limitations set forth below, pay as additional interest on the Notes such additional amounts as are necessary in order that the net payment by the Company of the principal of and interest on the Notes to a holder who is not a United States person (as defined below), after withholding or deduction for any present or future tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed by the United States (or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein having power to tax), will not be less than the amount provided in the Notes to be then due and payable; *provided*, however, that the foregoing obligation to pay additional amounts shall not apply:

(1) to the extent any tax, assessment or other governmental charge is imposed by reason of the holder (or the beneficial owner for whose benefit such holder holds such Note), or a fiduciary, settlor, beneficiary, member or shareholder of the holder if the holder is an estate, trust, partnership or corporation, or a person holding a power over an estate or trust administered by a fiduciary holder, being considered as:

(a) being or having been engaged in a trade or business in the United States or having or having had a permanent establishment in the United States;

(b) having a current or former connection with the United States (other than a connection arising solely as a result of the ownership of the Notes, the receipt of any payment or the enforcement of any rights hereunder), including being or having been a citizen or resident of the United States;

(c) being or having been a personal holding company, a passive foreign investment company or a controlled foreign corporation for United States income

tax purposes or a corporation that has accumulated earnings to avoid U.S. federal income tax;

(d) being or having been a “10-percent shareholder” of the Company as defined in section 871(h)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”) or any successor provision; or

(e) being or having been a bank receiving payments on an extension of credit made pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of its trade or business, as described in section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code or any successor provision;

(2) to any holder that is not the sole beneficial owner of the Notes, or a portion of the Notes, or that is a fiduciary, partnership or limited liability company, but only to the extent that a beneficial owner with respect to the holder, a beneficiary or settlor with respect to the fiduciary, or a beneficial owner or member of the partnership or limited liability company would not have been entitled to the payment of an additional amount had the beneficiary, settlor, beneficial owner or member received directly its beneficial or distributive share of the payment;

(3) to the extent any tax, assessment or other governmental charge would not have been imposed but for the failure of the holder or any other person to comply with certification, identification or information reporting requirements concerning the nationality, residence, identity or connection with the United States of the holder or beneficial owner of the Notes, if compliance is required by statute, by regulation of the United States or any taxing authority therein or by an applicable income tax treaty to which the United States is a party as a precondition to exemption from such tax, assessment or other governmental charge;

(4) to any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that is imposed otherwise than by withholding or deduction by the Company or a paying agent from the payment;

(5) to any estate, inheritance, gift, sales, transfer, wealth, capital gains or personal property tax or similar tax, assessment or other governmental charge, or excise tax imposed on the transfer of Notes;

(6) to the extent any tax, assessment or other governmental charge would not have been imposed but for the presentation by the holder of any Note, where presentation is required, for payment on a date more than 30 days after the date on which payment became due and payable or the date on which payment thereof is duly provided for, whichever occurs later;

(7) to any tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed under Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code (or any amended or successor provisions), any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof, any agreement entered into pursuant

to Section 1471(b) of the Code or any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or practices adopted pursuant to any intergovernmental agreement entered into in connection with the implementation of such sections of the Code; or

(8) in the case of any combination of items (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7).

This Note is subject in all cases to any tax, fiscal or other law or regulation or administrative or judicial interpretation applicable to this Note. Except as specifically provided in this Note, the Company will not be required to make any payment for any tax, assessment or other governmental charge imposed by any government or a political subdivision or taxing authority of or in any government or political subdivision.

If the Company is required to pay any additional amounts as described above with respect to the Notes, the Company will notify the Trustee and the Paying Agent pursuant to an Officers' Certificate that specifies the additional amounts payable and when the additional amounts are payable. If the Trustee and the Paying Agent do not receive such an Officers' Certificate from the Company, the Trustee and the Paying Agent may conclusively rely on the absence of such an Officer's Certificate in assuming that no such additional amounts are payable.

12. Euro.

All payments of interest and principal, including payments made upon any redemption of the Notes, will be made in euro; provided that if euro is unavailable to the Company due to the imposition of exchange controls or other circumstances beyond the Company's control or if euro is no longer being used by the then member states of the European Monetary Union that have adopted euro as their currency or for the settlement of transactions by public institutions of or within the international banking community, then all payments in respect of the Notes will be made in U.S. dollars until euro is again available to the Company or so used. The amount payable on any date in euro will be converted into U.S. dollars at the rate mandated by the U.S. Federal Reserve Board as of the close of business on the second business day prior to the relevant payment date or, if the U.S. Federal Reserve Board has not mandated a rate of conversion, on the basis of the most recently available market exchange rate for euro, as determined in the Company's sole discretion. Any payment in respect of the Notes so made in U.S. dollars will not constitute an event of default under the Notes or the Indenture. Investors will be subject to foreign exchange risks as to payment of principal and interest that may have important economic and tax consequences for them. Neither the Trustee nor the paying agent shall have any responsibility for any calculation or conversion in connection with the forgoing.

13. Payment of Interest.

For Notes in definitive form, interest on such Notes will be payable (i) to holders holding an aggregate principal amount of Notes of €1.0 million or less, by check mailed to the holders of those Notes and (ii) to holders holding an aggregate principal amount of Notes more than €1.0 million, either by check mailed to each holder or, upon application

by a holder to the registrar not later than the relevant record date, by wire transfer in immediately available funds to that holder's account, which application shall remain in effect until the holder notifies the registrar, in writing, to the contrary.

The Company shall pay the principal of and interest on Notes in global form registered in the name of or held by Euroclear or Clearstream or their respective nominees in immediately available funds to Euroclear or Clearstream or their respective nominees, as the case may be, as the registered holder of such global Notes.

14. Redemption for Tax Reasons.

If, as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws (or any regulations or rulings promulgated under the laws) of the United States (or any taxing authority in the United States), or any change in, or amendments to, an official position regarding the application or interpretation of such laws, regulations or rulings, which change or amendment is announced or becomes effective on or after March 10, 2017, the Company becomes or, based upon a written opinion of independent counsel selected by the Company, will become obligated to pay additional amounts as described in Section 11 herein with respect to the Notes, then the Company may at any time at its option redeem, in whole, but not in part, the Notes on not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior notice, at a redemption price equal to 100% of their principal amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest on those Notes to, but not including, the date fixed for redemption.

15. No Liability.

No past, present or future director, officer, employee, incorporator or stockholder of the Company, as such, shall have any liability (except in the case of bad faith or willful misconduct) for any obligations of the Company under the Notes or the Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. Such waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issuance of the Notes.

16. Governing Law.

THE INDENTURE AND THE NOTES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BUT WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW TO THE EXTENT THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE REQUIRED THEREBY.

SCHEDULE OF INCREASES OR DECREASES

The initial principal amount of this Global Note is €1,000,000,000. The following increases or decreases in this Global Note have been made:

Date of Exchange	Amount of decrease in Principal Amount of this Global Note	Amount of increase in Principal Amount of this Global Note	Principal amount of this Global Note following such decrease or increase	Signature of authorized signatory of Trustee or Securities Custodian

THE PRICELINE GROUP INC.
OFFICERS' CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO
SECTIONS 2.02 AND 10.04 OF THE INDENTURE

March 10, 2017

Daniel J. Finnegan and Peter J. Millones do hereby certify that they are the Chief Financial Officer, and the Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, respectively, of The Priceline Group Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and do further certify, pursuant to resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Company adopted on February 2, 2017 and the pricing committee of the Company on March 6, 2017 (together, the "Resolutions"), and in accordance with Sections 2.02 and 10.04 of the Indenture (the "Indenture") dated as of September 23, 2014 between the Company and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as trustee (the "Trustee"), as follows:

1. Attached hereto as Annex A is a true and correct copy of a specimen note (the "Form of Note") representing the Company's 0.800% Senior Notes Due 2022 (the "Notes"). The Notes are a separate Series of Securities under the Indenture.

The Company is initially issuing €1,000,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Notes. The Company may, without the consent of the holders, issue additional notes under the Indenture in the future with the same terms (except for the issue date, price to public and, if applicable, the initial interest payment date) and with the same CUSIP number as the Notes in an unlimited aggregate principal amount; provided that if any such additional notes are not fungible with the Notes for U.S. federal income tax purposes, such additional notes will have a separate CUSIP number.

2. The Form of Note sets forth certain of the terms required to be set forth in this certificate pursuant to Section 2.02 of the Indenture, and said terms are incorporated herein by reference. The Notes were offered at an initial public offering price of 99.795% of the principal amount thereof.

3. Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas shall be the Trustee under the Indenture, Paying Agent for the Notes, the authenticating agent, Registrar and transfer agent for the Notes.

4. For purposes of determining compliance with the payment provisions included in Sections 3.05 and 4.01 of the Indenture, the Company shall deposit money sufficient to pay principal, interest, redemption prices and accrued interest prior to 11:00 a.m. (London time) on the day prior to such payment.

5. In addition to the covenants set forth in Article IV of the Indenture, the Notes shall include the following additional covenants, and such additional covenants and the additional Event of Default referred to in Section 7 below shall be subject to covenant defeasance pursuant to Section 8.04 of the Indenture:

"Section 4.06 Limitation on Liens .

The Company will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, incur or permit to exist any Lien securing Indebtedness (the "Initial Lien") on any of its properties or assets whether owned at the Issue Date or thereafter acquired, other than Permitted Liens, without effectively providing that the notes (together with, at the option of the Company, any other Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries ranking equally in right of payment with the notes) are secured equally and ratably with (or prior to) the obligations so secured for so long as such obligations are so secured.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries may create, assume, incur or guarantee Indebtedness secured by a Lien without equally and ratably securing the notes; provided that at the time of such creation, assumption, incurrence or guarantee, after giving effect thereto and to the retirement of any Indebtedness that is being retired substantially concurrently with any such creation, assumption, incurrence or guarantee, the sum of (a) the aggregate amount of all outstanding Indebtedness of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries secured by Liens other than Permitted Liens and (b) the Attributable Debt associated with all Sale/Leaseback Transactions of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries permitted by the last paragraph under Section 4.07 of this Indenture, does not at such time exceed the greater of (i) 20% of the Consolidated Net Tangible Assets of the Company measured at the date of incurrence of the Lien and (ii) \$2.0 billion.

Any such Lien thereby created in favor of the notes will be automatically and unconditionally released and discharged upon (i) the release and discharge of each Initial Lien to which it relates, or (ii) any sale, exchange or transfer to any Person not an affiliate of the Company of the property or assets secured by such Initial Lien.

Section 4.07 Limitation on Sale and Leaseback Transactions .

The Company will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, enter into any Sale/Leaseback Transaction with respect to any property unless:

(a) the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary would be entitled to create a Lien on such property securing the Attributable Debt associated with such Sale/Leaseback Transaction without equally and ratably securing the notes pursuant to Section 4.06;

(b) the net proceeds of the sale of the property to be leased are at least equal to such property's fair market value, as determined by the Company's board of directors, and the proceeds are applied within 365 days of the effective date of the Sale/Leaseback Transaction to the purchase, construction, development or acquisition of assets or to the repayment of any Indebtedness of the Company that ranks equally with the notes or any Indebtedness of one or more Restricted Subsidiaries; provided that the amount required to be applied to the repayment of any such Indebtedness pursuant to this clause (b) shall be reduced by the principal amount of any notes delivered within 365 days after such sale to the Trustee for retirement and cancellation;

(c) such transaction was entered into prior to the Issue Date;

(d) such transaction involves a lease for not more than three years (or which may be terminated by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary within a period of not more than three years);

(e) such transaction was for the sale and lease between only the Company and a Subsidiary of the Company or only between Subsidiaries of the Company; or

(f) such transaction involves a sale and lease of property executed by the time of, or within 18 months after the latest of, the acquisition, the completion of construction or improvement, or the commencement of commercial operation of the property.

Notwithstanding the restrictions outlined in the preceding paragraph, the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries will be permitted to enter into Sale/Leaseback Transactions without complying with the requirements of the preceding paragraph if, after giving effect thereto, the aggregate amount of all Attributable Debt associated with Sale/Leaseback Transactions not otherwise permitted by the preceding paragraph that is outstanding at such time, together with the aggregate amount of all outstanding Indebtedness secured by Liens permitted under the second paragraph of Section 4.06, does not exceed the greater of (i) 20% of the Consolidated Net Tangible Assets of the Company measured at the date of the Sale/Leaseback Transaction and (ii) \$2.0 billion."

6. In addition to the Events of Default set forth in Section 6.01 of the Indenture, the Notes shall include the following additional Event of Default, which shall be deemed an Event of Default under Section 6.01(7) of the Indenture:

"default by the Company or any majority owned subsidiary in the payment of the principal or interest on any mortgage, agreement or other instrument under which there may be outstanding, or by which there may be secured or evidenced any debt for money borrowed in excess of \$75 million in the aggregate of the Company and/or any subsidiary, whether such debt now exists or shall hereafter be created, which default results in such debt becoming or being declared due and payable, and such acceleration shall not have been rescinded or annulled within 30 days after written notice of such acceleration has been received by the Company or such subsidiary."

7. For purposes of this series, the first paragraph of Section 9.02 of the Indenture shall be amended and restated as follows:

"Subject to certain exceptions, the Indenture or the notes may be amended with the consent of the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the notes of all series under the Indenture then outstanding and affected by such amendment, voting as a single class (including consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, notes). Without the consent of each holder of an outstanding note affected, however, no amendment may, among other things:"

8. For purposes of determining the principal amount of notes of any series issued under the Indenture denominated in a currency other than U.S. dollars, such principal amount shall be the U.S. dollar equivalent, as determined by the Company by reference to the noon buying rate in The City of New York for cable transfers for such currency, as such rate is certified for customs purposes by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on the date of original issuance of such notes, of the principal amount of such notes.

9. For purposes of determining compliance with the conditions to Legal or Covenant Defeasance of the Notes, euros shall be considered “cash” for purposes of Section 8.04(1) of the Indenture.

10. Section 8.04(4) of the Indenture shall be amended to include the following condition to Legal or Covenant Defeasance of the Notes:

“(c) at any time period ending on the 123rd day after the date of such deposit (other than a default or event of default with respect to the notes resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to such deposit);”

11. For purposes of determining compliance with the conditions to Legal or Covenant Defeasance of the Notes, Section 8.04(6) of the Indenture shall be amended and restated to replace the reference to the “91st day” with the “123rd day”.

12. In addition to the definitions set forth in Article I of the Indenture, the Notes shall include the following additional definitions, which, in the event of a conflict with the definition of terms in the Indenture, shall control:

“Attributable Debt” in respect of a Sale/Leaseback Transaction means, as of the time of determination, the present value (discounted at the implicit interest factor determined in accordance with GAAP) of the total obligations of the lessee for rental payments during the remaining term of the lease included in such Sale/Leaseback Transaction (including any period for which such lease has been extended), other than amounts required to be paid on account of property taxes, maintenance, repairs, insurance, water rates and other items that do not constitute payments for property rights. In the case of any lease which is terminable by the lessee upon payment of a penalty, the Attributable Debt shall be the lesser of:

(1) the Attributable Debt determined assuming termination upon the first date such lease may be terminated (in which case the Attributable Debt shall also include the amount of the penalty, but no rent shall be considered as required to be paid under such lease subsequent to the first date upon which it may be so terminated); and

(2) the Attributable Debt determined assuming no such termination.

“Capital Stock” of any Person means any and all shares, interests (including partnership interests), rights to purchase, warrants, options, participations or other equivalents of or interests in (however designated) equity of such Person, including any preferred stock, but excluding any debt securities convertible into such equity.

“Consolidated Net Tangible Assets” means, as of the time of determination, the aggregate amount of the assets of the Company and the assets of its Subsidiaries, determined on a consolidated basis, after deducting (1) all goodwill, trade names, trademarks, service marks, patents, unamortized debt discount and expense and other intangible assets and (2) all current liabilities, in each case as reflected on the most recent consolidated balance sheet prepared by the Company in accordance with GAAP contained in an annual report on Form 10-K or a quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed or any amendment thereto pursuant to the Exchange Act by the Company prior to the time as of which “Consolidated Net Tangible Assets” is being determined or, if the Company is not required to so file, as reflected on its most recent consolidated balance sheet prepared by the Company in accordance with GAAP.

“GAAP” means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America as in effect from time to time, including those set forth in:

(a) the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants;

(b) statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board;

(c) such other statements by such other entity as approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession; and

(d) the rules and regulations of the SEC governing the inclusion of financial statements (including pro forma financial statements) in periodic reports required to be filed pursuant to Section 13 of the Exchange Act, including opinions and pronouncements in staff accounting bulletins and similar written statements from the accounting staff of the SEC.

“Hedging Obligations” means:

(a) interest rate swap agreements and other agreements designed to hedge or reduce the risk of interest rate fluctuations; and

(b) agreements or arrangements designed to hedge or reduce the risk of fluctuations in currency exchange rates or commodity prices.

“Indebtedness” means, with respect to any Person on any date of determination: the principal in respect of (A) indebtedness of such Person for money borrowed, including, without limitation, indebtedness for money borrowed evidenced by notes, debentures, bonds or other similar instruments and (B) all guarantees in respect of such indebtedness of another Person (it being understood, however, that indebtedness for money borrowed shall in no event include any amounts payable or other liabilities to trade creditors (including undrawn letters of credit) arising in the ordinary course of business). For the avoidance of doubt, Hedging Obligations are not Indebtedness.

“Issue Date” means March 10, 2017, the date on which the notes are originally issued.

“Lien” means any mortgage or deed of trust, charge, pledge, lien, privilege, security interest, assignment, easement, hypothecation, claim, preference, priority or other similar encumbrance upon or with respect to any property of any kind (including any conditional sale, capital lease or other title retention agreement); provided, however, that in no event shall an operating lease be deemed to constitute a Lien.

“Permitted Liens” means, with respect to any Person:

(a) Liens securing Indebtedness incurred to finance the construction, purchase or lease of, or repairs, improvements or additions to, property, plant or equipment of such Person; provided, however, that the Lien may not extend to any other property owned by such Person or any of its Subsidiaries at the time the Lien is incurred (other than assets and property affixed or appurtenant thereto), and the Indebtedness (other than any interest thereon) secured by the Lien may not be incurred more than 18 months after the later of the acquisition, completion of construction, repair, improvement, addition or commencement of full operation of the property subject to the Lien;

(b) Liens existing on the Issue Date;

(c) Liens on assets (including shares of Capital Stock) of another Person at the time such other Person becomes a Subsidiary of such Person (other than a Lien incurred in connection with, or to provide all or any portion of the funds or credit support utilized to consummate, the transaction or series of transactions pursuant to which such Person becomes such a Subsidiary); provided, however, that the Liens may not extend to any other categories of assets owned by such Person or any of its Subsidiaries (other than assets and property affixed or appurtenant thereto);

(d) Liens on assets at the time such Person or any of its Subsidiaries acquires the assets, including any acquisition by means of a merger or consolidation with or into such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person (other than a Lien incurred in connection with, or to provide all or any portion of the funds or credit support utilized to consummate, the transaction or series of transactions pursuant to which such Person or any of its Subsidiaries acquired such assets); provided, however, that the Liens may not extend to any other categories of assets owned by such Person or any of its Subsidiaries (other than assets and property affixed or appurtenant thereto);

(e) Liens securing Indebtedness or other obligations of a Restricted Subsidiary of such Person owing to such Person or to another Restricted Subsidiary of such Person;

(f) Liens on securities deemed to exist under repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements entered into by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business;

(g) Liens incurred to secure cash management services in the ordinary course of business or on insurance policies and the proceeds thereof securing the financing of the premiums with respect thereto;

(h) Liens created to secure the notes and Liens in favor of the Trustee granted in accordance with the Indenture;

(i) Liens to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts, leases, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature, including Liens or trade letters of credit in favor of any governmental entity, including the United States or any state, territory or possession thereof (or the District of Columbia), or any department, agency, instrumentality or political subdivision of any such entity, to secure partial, progress, advance or other payments pursuant to any contract or statute;

(j) Liens on the Capital Stock of a Subsidiary that is not a Restricted Subsidiary;

(k) purported Liens evidenced by the filing of precautionary UCC financing statements; and

(l) any extensions, renewals or replacements of any Lien referred to in clauses (a) through (k) without increase of the principal of the Indebtedness secured by such Lien (except to the extent of any fees, premiums or other costs associated with any such extension, renewal or replacement); provided, however, that any Liens permitted by any of clauses (a) through (k) shall not extend to or cover any property of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, as the case may be, other than the property specified in such clauses and improvements to such property.

“Person” means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, government or any agency or political subdivision thereof or any other entity.

“Sale/Leaseback Transaction” means an arrangement relating to property owned by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary on the Issue Date or thereafter acquired by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary whereby the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary transfers such property to a Person and the Company or a Subsidiary leases it from such Person.

“Restricted Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary other than:

(a) any Subsidiary primarily engaged in financing receivables or in the finance business; or

(b) any Subsidiary that is not a “significant subsidiary” within the meaning of Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X.

“Subsidiary” means, with respect to any Person, any corporation, association, partnership or other business entity of which more than 50% of the total voting power of shares of Voting Stock is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by:

(a) such Person;

(b) such Person and one or more Subsidiaries of such Person; or

(c) one or more Subsidiaries of such Person.

“Voting Stock” of a Person means all classes of Capital Stock of such Person then outstanding and normally entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof.

13. Each of the undersigned is authorized to approve the form, terms and conditions of the Notes pursuant to the Resolutions.

14. Attached hereto as Annex B is a true and correct copy of each of the Resolutions, which are in full force and effect on the date hereof.

15. The Notes shall be issued as registered Global Securities (subject to exchange for definitive certificated Notes under the circumstances provided in the Indenture) and Euroclear Bank SA/NV and Clearstream Banking, *societe anonyme* shall be Depository for the Notes and Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, shall be the common depository for the Notes.

16. Attached hereto as Annex C is a true and correct copy of the letter addressed to the Trustee entitling the Trustee to rely on certain paragraphs of the Opinion of Counsel attached thereto, which Opinion relates to the Notes and is delivered in compliance with Section 10.04(2) of the Indenture.

17. Each of the undersigned has reviewed the provisions of the Indenture, including the covenants and conditions precedent pertaining to the authentication and issuance of the Notes.

18. In connection with this certificate each of the undersigned has examined documents, corporate records and certificates and has spoken with other officers of the Company.

19. I, Daniel J. Finnegan and I, Peter J. Millones, have made such examination and investigation as is necessary to enable me to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenants and conditions precedent of the Indenture pertaining to the authentication and issuance of the Notes have been satisfied.

20. In each of our respective opinions all of the covenants and conditions precedent provided for in the Indenture for the authentication and issuance of the Notes have been satisfied.

Terms used herein that are not otherwise defined but that are defined in the Indenture or the Notes shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Indenture or the Notes, as the case may be.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned officers has executed this certificate as of the date first written above.

THE PRICELINE GROUP INC.

/s/ Daniel J. Finnegan

Daniel J. Finnegan
Chief Financial Officer

/s/ Peter J. Millones

Peter J. Millones
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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[CRAVATH, SWAINE & MOORE LLP]

[New York Office]

March 10, 2017

The Priceline Group Inc.
€1,000,000,000 Principal Amount of 0.800% Senior Notes due 2022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel for The Priceline Group Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), in connection with (i) the preparation and filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) of a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-198515), as amended by Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 thereto filed with the Commission on September 8, 2014 (such Registration Statement, as so amended, the “Registration Statement”) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Act”), and (ii) the Prospectus Supplement, dated March 7, 2017 (the “Prospectus Supplement”), of the Company filed with the Commission and relating to the issuance and sale by the Company of €1,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company’s 0.800% Senior Notes due 2022 (the “Notes”) to be issued pursuant to the Indenture dated as of September 23, 2014 (the “Indenture”), between the Company and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as trustee (the “Trustee”), in accordance with the Underwriting Agreement, dated March 7, 2017 (the “Underwriting Agreement”), among BNP Paribas, Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch and HSBC Bank plc, as Representatives of the several Underwriters (the “Representatives”), and the Company.

In connection with this opinion, we have examined originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such corporate records, certificates of corporate officers and government officials and such other documents as we have deemed necessary or appropriate for the purposes of this opinion, including: (a) the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company; (b) the By-laws of the Company; (c) resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company on February 2, 2017 and by the pricing committee of the Board of Directors of the Company on March 6,

2017; (d) the Registration Statement; and (e) the Indenture. As to various questions of fact material to this opinion, we have relied upon representations of officers or directors of the Company and documents furnished to us by the Company without independent verification of their accuracy.

In rendering this opinion, we have assumed, with your consent and without independent investigation or verification, (a) the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity and competency of all natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity to authentic original documents of all documents submitted to us as duplicates or copies and (b) that the Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by, and represents a legal, valid and binding obligation of, the Trustee.

Based on the foregoing and subject to the qualifications set forth herein, and subject to compliance with applicable state securities laws, we are of opinion that the Notes, when executed and authenticated in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and delivered to and paid for by the Underwriters pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, and assuming due authentication of the Notes by the Trustee, will constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Company entitled to the benefits of the Indenture and enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms (subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent transfer and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally from time to time in effect and to general principles of equity, including, without limitation, concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

We are admitted to practice in the State of New York, and we express no opinion as to matters governed by any laws other than the laws of the State of New York and the Federal laws of the United States of America.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion with the Commission as Exhibit 5.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 10, 2017, and to the incorporation by reference of this opinion into the Registration Statement. We also consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Validity of the Notes" in the Prospectus Supplement. In giving this consent, we do not hereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP

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