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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

To the Stockholders of Cyngn Inc.:

You are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Cyngn Inc. which will be held at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time at the offices of Sichenzia Ross Ference LLP, 1185 Avenue of the Americas, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10036, on Tuesday November 7, 2023.

At the Annual Meeting, you will be asked to act on the following matters:

1. to elect two Class II directors to serve until our 2026 annual meeting of stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualified;
2. to approve an amendment to our certificate of incorporation, as amended and restated, to increase the number of shares of authorized common stock from 100,000,000 to 200,000,000;
3. to approve an amendment to our 2021 Equity Incentive Plan (the “2021 Plan”) to (i) increase the number of shares of common stock authorized for issuance thereunder by 5,000,000 and (ii) amend certain language relating to the automatic increase “evergreen” clause within the 2021 Plan;
4. to ratify the selection of Marcum LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm to audit the consolidated financial statements of Cyngn Inc. for our fiscal year ending December 31, 2023; and
5. to consider and transact such other business as may be properly brought before the Annual Meeting and any adjournments thereof.

Only holders of record of shares of our common stock at the close of business on September 8, 2023 are entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any postponements or adjournments of the meeting. The accompanying Proxy Statement contains details concerning the foregoing items, as well as information on how to vote your shares. Other detailed information about our business and operations, including our audited financial statements, are included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K. We urge you to read and consider these documents carefully.

**Your vote is very important.** Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we encourage you to submit your proxy or voting instructions as soon as possible. For specific instructions on how to vote your shares, please refer to the instructions on the proxy card you received in the mail, and the additional information in the accompanying Proxy Statement.

Dated: October , 2023

By Order of the Board of Directors of Cyngn Inc.

Sincerely,

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Lior Tal  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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## **NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This Proxy Statement contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements may relate to our future financial performance, business operations, and executive compensation decisions, or other future events. You can identify forward-looking statements by the use of words such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “could,” “expect,” “intend,” “may,” “will,” or the negative of such terms, or other comparable terminology. Forward-looking statements also include the assumptions underlying or relating to such statements. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and projections about future events that we believe may affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

The outcomes of the events described in these forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors described in the section titled “Risk Factors,” and elsewhere, in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, as well as the other reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We cannot assure you that the events and circumstances reflected in the forward-looking statements will be achieved or occur, and actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements made in this Proxy Statement relate only to events as of the date of this Proxy Statement. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which the statement is made.

CYNGN INC.  
  
PROXY STATEMENT  
FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023

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FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

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**ABOUT THE PROXY MATERIALS**

We are furnishing proxy materials to our stockholders of record on September 8, 2023. In connection with the solicitation of proxies by our Board of Directors for use at the Annual Meeting of stockholders to be held at the offices of Sichenzia Ross Ference LLP, 1185 Avenue of the Americas, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10036. This proxy is being solicited by the Board of Directors, and the cost of solicitation of the proxies will be paid by Cyngn. Our officers, directors and regular employees, without additional compensation, also may solicit proxies by further mailing, by telephone or personal conversations. We have no plans to retain any firms or otherwise incur any extraordinary expense in connection with the solicitation.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE 2023  
ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

This Proxy Statement, the enclosed proxy card, and the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 (the "Annual Report") are available at [www.cstproxy.com/cyngn/2023](http://www.cstproxy.com/cyngn/2023). The Annual Report, however, is not a part of the proxy solicitation material.

***Stockholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name***

If you are a stockholder of record, you may vote using the following methods:

- **At the Annual Meeting.** To vote at the Annual Meeting, attend the Annual Meeting and follow the instructions.
- **By Internet.** To vote by proxy via the Internet, follow the instructions described on the proxy card.
- **By Telephone.** To vote by proxy via telephone within the United States and Canada, use the toll-free number on the proxy card.
- **By Mail.** To vote by mail, complete, sign, and date the proxy card and return it in the envelope provided.

Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we urge you to vote by proxy using one of the methods described above to ensure your vote is counted. You may still attend the Annual Meeting and vote even if you have already voted by proxy.

***Beneficial Owner: Shares Registered in the Name of a Broker or Bank***

If you are a beneficial owner of shares registered in the name of your broker or other nominee, you may vote using the following methods:

- **At the Annual Meeting.** To vote at the Annual Meeting, you must obtain a valid proxy from your broker or other nominee. Follow the instructions from your broker or other nominee, or contact them to request a proxy form.
- **By Internet.** You may vote through the Internet if your broker or other nominee makes this method available, in which case the instructions will be included in the proxy materials provided to you.
- **By Telephone.** You may vote by telephone if your broker or other nominee makes this method available, in which case the instructions will be included in the proxy materials provided to you.
- **By Mail.** If you received a proxy card and voting instructions from the broker or other nominee holding your shares rather than from us, follow the instructions on the proxy card.

**What You Are Voting On**

At the Annual Meeting, there are four matters scheduled for a vote of the stockholders:

- ***Election of Directors.*** The election of two Class II directors to serve until the 2026 annual meeting of stockholders or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified;
- ***Increase in Authorized Common Stock.*** Amendment to our certificate of incorporation, as amended and restated, to increase the number of shares of authorized common stock from 100,000,000 to 200,000,000;
- ***Amendment to our 2021 Equity Incentive Plan.*** Amendment to our 2021 Equity Incentive Plan (the “2021 Plan”) to (i) increase the number of shares of common stock authorized for issuance thereunder by 5,000,000 and (ii) amend certain language relating to the automatic increase “evergreen” clause within the 2021 Plan; and
- ***Ratification of the Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.*** Ratification of the appointment of Marcum LLP as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for its fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.

You may vote “For All” the nominees to the Board of Directors, “Withhold All” or you may vote “For All Except” the nominee you specify. For the other matters to be voted on, you may vote “For” or “Against” or abstain from voting. If you receive more than one proxy card, your shares are registered in more than one name or are registered in different accounts. Please complete, sign and return each proxy card to ensure that all of your shares are voted.

**Quorum and Required Votes**

Only holders of record of shares of Cyngn’s common stock at the close of business on September 8, 2023, the record date, are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting or any postponements or adjournments of the meeting. As of the record date, Cyngn had 34,742,037 shares of common stock outstanding.

The presence at the meeting of a majority of the outstanding shares, in person or by proxy relating to any matter to be acted upon at the meeting, is necessary to constitute a quorum for the meeting. Each outstanding share of common stock is entitled to one vote.

Proxies marked “Abstain” and broker “non-votes” will be treated as shares that are present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum. An “abstention” occurs when a stockholder sends in a proxy with explicit instructions to decline to vote regarding a particular matter. A broker non-vote occurs when a broker or other nominee who holds shares for another person does not vote on a particular proposal because that holder does not have the discretionary voting power for the proposal and has not received voting instructions from the beneficial owner of the shares; as a result, the broker or other nominee is unable to vote those uninstructed shares. Abstentions and broker non-votes, while included for quorum purposes, will not be counted as votes “cast” for or against any proposal.

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The following table summarizes the votes required for passage of each proposal and the effect of abstentions and uninstructed shares held by brokers. **Please note that brokers may not vote your shares on the election of directors or any other non-routine matters if you have not given your broker specific instructions as to how to vote. Please be sure to give specific voting instructions to your broker so that your vote can be counted.**

Proposal Number	Description	Votes Required for Approval	Abstentions	Uninstructed Shares
1	Election of Directors	Nominees receiving highest number of votes FOR	Not voted	Not voted
2	Increase in the number of shares of authorized common stock	Majority of votes cast	Not voted	Not voted
3	Amendment to our 2021 Equity Incentive Plan	Majority of votes cast	Not voted	Not voted
4	Ratification of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm	Majority of votes cast	Not voted	Discretionary vote – brokers may vote

### Recommendation of Board of Directors

Unless you instruct otherwise on your proxy card, the persons named as proxy holders on the proxy card will vote in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Directors. Specifically, the Board's recommendations are as follows:

- **FOR** the election of each Class II director nominee to serve until our 2026 annual meeting of stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualified;
- **FOR** the increase in the authorized common stock;
- **FOR** the amendment to our 2021 Equity Incentive Plan to (i) increase the number of shares of common stock authorized for issuance thereunder by 5,000,000 and (ii) amend certain language relating to the automatic increase “evergreen” clause within the 2021 Plan; and
- **FOR** the ratification of the selection of Marcum LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm to audit the consolidated financial statements of Cyngn for our fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.

The proxy holders will vote as recommended by the Board of Directors with respect to any other matter that properly comes before the Annual Meeting, including any postponements or adjournments thereof. If the Board of Directors on any such matter gives no recommendation, the proxy holders will vote in their own discretion.

### Revocation of Proxies

After you have submitted your proxy, you may change your vote at any time before the proxy is exercised by filing with the Secretary of Cyngn either a notice of revocation or a duly executed proxy bearing a later date. The powers of the proxy holders will be suspended if you attend the Annual Meeting in person and request to recast your vote. Attendance at the Annual Meeting will not, by itself, revoke a previously granted proxy.

### Householding

The SEC has adopted rules that permit companies and intermediaries, such as brokers, to satisfy the delivery requirements for proxy statements with respect to two or more security holders sharing the same address by delivering a single copy of a notice and, if applicable, a proxy statement, to those security holders.

A single copy of the Notice and, if applicable, this Proxy Statement will be delivered to multiple stockholders sharing an address unless contrary instructions have been received from these stockholders. Once you have received notice from your broker, or from us, that they will be “householding” communications to your address, “householding” will continue until you are notified otherwise or until you revoke your consent. If, at any time, you no longer wish to

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participate in “householding” and would prefer to receive a separate Notice and Proxy Statement, please notify your broker and also notify us by sending your written request to: Cyngn Inc., 1015 O’Brien Dr., Menlo Park, CA 94025, Attention: Investor Relations or by calling Investor Relations at (650) 924-5905.

A stockholder who currently receives multiple copies of the Notice or Proxy Statement at its address and would like to request “householding” should also contact its broker and notify us using the contact information above.

**Voting Procedures and Tabulation of Votes**

Our inspector of election will tabulate votes cast by proxy or in person at the Annual Meeting. We will also report the results in a current report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) within four business days of the Annual Meeting.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Our Board is currently comprised of five members, three non-employee directors (Ms. Macleod, Ms. Cunningham and Mr. McDonnell) and two employee directors (Mr. Tal, our CEO, and Mr. Alvarez, our CFO). Our Board is divided into three classes of directors, each serving a staggered three-year term. At each annual meeting of stockholders, a class of directors is elected for a three year term to succeed the class whose term is then expiring.

The Board has unanimously determined that Ms. Macleod, Ms. Cunningham and Mr. McDonnell are “independent” directors, as such term is defined in the Nasdaq Stock Market Rules (“Stock Market Rules”).

The definition of “independent director” included in the Stock Market Rules includes a series of objective tests, such as that the director is not an employee of the Company, has not engaged in various types of specified business dealings with the Company, and does not have an affiliation with an organization that has had specified business dealings with the Company. Consistent with the Company’s corporate governance principles, the Board’s determination of independence is made in accordance with the Stock Market Rules, as the Board has not adopted supplemental independence standards. As required by the Stock Market Rules, the Board also has made a subjective determination with respect to each director that such director has no material relationship with the Company (either directly or as a partner, stockholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with the Company), even if the director otherwise satisfies the objective independence tests included in the definition of an “independent director” included in the Stock Market Rules.

To facilitate this determination, annually each director completes a questionnaire that provides information about relationships that might affect the determination of independence. Management provides the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and our Board with relevant facts and circumstances of any relationship bearing on the independence of a director or nominee that is outside the categories permitted under the director independence guidelines.

The following table sets forth the names, ages as of the date of this proxy statement, and certain other information for each of the nominees for director at the Annual Meeting, and for each of the continuing members of our Board. Full biographical for our director nominees and continuing directors information is below.

Name	Class	Age	Position	Director Since	Current Term Expires	Expiration of Term for Which Nominated	Independent	Audit Committee	Compensation Committee	Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee
<b>Directors with Terms expiring at the Annual Meeting/Nominees</b>										
Karen Macleod	II	60	Director	2021	2023	2026	X	X	X	X
James McDonnell	II	68	Director	2021	2023	2026	X	X	X	X
<b>Continuing Directors</b>										
Lior Tal	I	49	Chief Executive Officer and Director	2016	2025	—	—	—	—	—
Donald Alvarez	I	58	Chief Financial Officer	2022	2025	—	—	—	—	—
Colleen Cunningham	III	61	Director	2021	2024	—	X	X	X	X

### Nominees for Director

#### *Karen Macleod (Director)*

Ms. Macleod has served as a member of the Company’s board of directors since July 2021. Ms. Macleod was the Founder and CEO of The Arete Group, LLC from 2015 to 2021. Ms. Macleod was the president of Tatum, Randstand Holdings NV Company from 2011 to 2014. Ms. Macleod was the president of Resources Connection, Inc. North America from 2004 to 2009 and previously served in other capacities after joining the company in 1996. From 1985 to 1994, Ms. Macleod was a senior manager at Deloitte. Ms. Macleod additionally has served on the Board of Directors of Track Group Inc. (OTCQX — TRCK) since 2016 and currently chairs the Audit Committee. She also has served on the Board of the Lakeland Hills YMCA since 2020 and currently serves on the Executive Committee and

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as Chair of the Finance Committee. Ms. Macleod served as a member of the board of directors and a member of the audit committee of the FWA of New York from 2018 to 2021. From 1998 to 2009, Ms. Macleod served on the board of directors of RGP (NASDAQ — RGP). From 2006 to 2013, Ms. Macleod served on the board of directors of Overland Solutions. Ms. Macleod holds a B.A. in Business Economics from University of California, Santa Barbara.

Ms. Macleod prior board experience and particularly her role serving on audit committees qualify her to serve on the Company's board of directors.

### ***James McDonnell (Director)***

Mr. McDonnell has served as a member of the Company's board of directors since September 2021. Mr. McDonnell was Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Vispero, from 2017 to 2022. Mr. McDonnell was VP of sales at Honeywell from 2013 to 2017. Mr. McDonnell served on the board of Asetek from 2014 to 2019. Mr. McDonnell was SVP Sales & Marketing at Intermec from 2010 to 2013. Prior to this, Mr. McDonnell was an SVP and served in many executive sales and marketing roles at Hewlett-Packard from 1983 to 2009. Mr. McDonnell began his career at the General Electric Company from 1977 to 1983. Mr. McDonnell has a BS degree in Electrical engineering from Villanova University.

Mr. McDonnell's prior experiences in sales & marketing leadership within various technology companies and his experience in industrial markets qualify him to serve on the Company's board of directors.

### **Continuing Directors**

### ***Lior Tal (Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors)***

Mr. Tal has served as the Company's Chief Executive Officer and a Director since October 2016. From June 2016 to October 2016, Mr. Tal served as the Company's Chief Operating Officer. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Tal was the director of international growth and partnerships at Facebook where he worked from April 2011 to June 2016. Mr. Tal co-founded Snaptu (acquired by Facebook) in September 2007 and was the vice president of business development until May 2011. During his time at Snaptu, Mr. Tal helped grow the user base from launch to tens of millions of users. Prior to co-founding Snaptu, Mr. Tal was a partner at Barzam, Tal, Lerer Attorneys at law & Patent attorneys from March 2004 to August 2007. Mr. Tal has also held leadership roles at Actimize (acquired by NICE), DiskSites (acquired by EMC), and Odigo (acquired by Converse). Mr. Tal holds a law degree from Tel Aviv University.

Mr. Tal holds an LLB in law and a BA in Business Management from Reichman University. Mr. Tal's executive and technology industry experience qualify him to serve on our board of directors.

### ***Donald Alvarez (Chief Financial Officer and Director)***

Mr. Alvarez has served as the Company's Chief Financial Officer since June 2021 and a Director since August 2022. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Alvarez was the vice president of finance of the International Council of Shopping Centers from 2017 to August 2020. During his time at the International Council of Shopping Centers, Mr. Alvarez helped improve internal controls, increase productivity and reduce cost. From 2015 to 2017, Mr. Alvarez was vice president of finance of QuVa Pharma, Inc. ("QuVa"), where he helped create an accounting and finance department. From 2011 to 2014, Mr. Alvarez was the national managing partner, COO and CFO of Tatum, a Randstand Company ("Tatum"). During his time with Tatum, Mr. Alvarez oversaw a business turnaround that significantly improved Tatum's financial performance. Mr. Alvarez has held several other senior financial and operational roles in both private and public companies, including CFO of Broadband Discovery Systems, Inc., CFO of Fatbrain.com, CFO of Shop.com, and Regional Managing Director of Resources Global Professionals. Mr. Alvarez began his career in the audit and assurance practice of Deloitte where he spent seven (7) years. Mr. Alvarez holds a BS in Business Administration from California State University, East Bay.

Mr. Alvarez's financial expertise and significant audit and reporting knowledge qualify him to serve on the Company's board of directors.

**Colleen Cunningham (Director)**

Ms. Cunningham has served as a member of the Company's board of directors since September 2021. Ms. Cunningham has served as a board member and the treasurer of Northstar Pet Rescue since 2017. From 2012 to 2018, Ms. Cunningham was the senior vice president and corporate controller of Zoetis, Inc. Prior to that, Ms. Cunningham was the global managing director of Resources Connection, Inc. from 2007 to 2012. From 2003 to 2007, Ms. Cunningham was the president and chief executive officer of Financial Executives International. From 2001 to 2003, Ms. Cunningham was the chief financial officer of Havas Advertising, North America. Ms. Cunningham was chief accountant at AT&T, Inc. from 1999 to 2001. Prior to that, Ms. Cunningham was a division manager of accounting policy and external reporting for AT&T, Inc. from 1995 to 1999. Ms. Cunningham was the assistant controller of AT&T Capital Corporation from 1988 to 1995. From 1984 to 1988, Ms. Cunningham was a senior auditor at Touche Ross/Coopers & Lybrand. Ms. Cunningham has also served on various committees. From 2015 to 2018, Ms. Cunningham served as a member of the US Chamber of Commerce Financial Reporting Committee. From 2012 to 2018, Ms. Cunningham served as a member of the FEI Committee on Corporate Reporting. From 2007 to 2012, Ms. Cunningham served as a member of the International Issues Conference Committee of AICPA. From 2005 to 2009, Ms. Cunningham served as a board member and the chair of the Ethics Resource Center Finance Committee. From 2005 to 2018, Ms. Cunningham served as a member of the advisory board to the accounting department of Pennsylvania State University. From 2003 to 2007, Ms. Cunningham served as a member of both the International Accounting Standards Board Standing Advisory Committee and the Financial Accounting Standards Board Advisory Committee. Ms. Cunningham holds a B.A. in economics from Rutgers University and an M.B.A. in management from New York University's Stern School of Business.

Ms. Cunningham's prior management experience and expertise in corporate reporting, governance and accounting issues qualify her to serve on the Company's board of directors.

**Family Relationships**

There are no family relationships among our executive officers and directors.

**Involvement in Certain Legal Proceedings**

During the past ten years, none of our directors, executive officers, promoters, control persons, or nominees has been:

- the subject of any bankruptcy petition filed by or against any business of which such person was a general partner or executive officer either at the time of the bankruptcy or within two years prior to that time;
- convicted in a criminal proceeding or is subject to a pending criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations and other minor offenses);
- subject to any order, judgment, or decree, not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated, of any court of competent jurisdiction or any Federal or State authority, permanently or temporarily enjoining, barring, suspending or otherwise limiting his involvement in any type of business, securities or banking activities;
- found by a court of competent jurisdiction (in a civil action), the Commission or the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to have violated a federal or state securities or commodities law;
- the subject of, or a party to, any Federal or State judicial or administrative order, judgment, decree, or finding, not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated, relating to an alleged violation of (a) any Federal or State securities or commodities law or regulation; (b) any law or regulation respecting financial institutions or insurance companies including, but not limited to, a temporary or permanent injunction, order of disgorgement or restitution, civil money penalty or temporary or permanent cease-and-desist order, or removal or prohibition order; or (c) any law or regulation prohibiting mail or wire fraud or fraud in connection with any business entity; or
- the subject of, or a party to, any sanction or order, not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated, of any self-regulatory organization (as defined in Section 3(a)(26) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(26))), any registered entity (as defined in Section 1(a)(29) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1(a)(29))), or any equivalent exchange, association, entity or organization that has disciplinary authority over its members or persons associated with a member.

## **Board Leadership Structure**

Our Board believes it is important to retain flexibility in allocating the responsibilities of the CEO and Chairman of the Board in any way that is in the best interests of our Company based on the circumstances existing at a particular point in time. Accordingly, we do not have a strict policy on whether these roles should be served independently or jointly. Currently, our CEO, Mr. Tal, also serves as our Chairman of the Board.

While we have not formally appointed a separate Lead Independent Director, Mr. McDonnell often serves in such capacity.

## **The Board's Role in Risk Oversight**

The Board as a whole actively oversees management of the Company's risks and looks to its audit committee, as well as senior management, to support the Board's oversight role. The Company's Audit Committee assists with oversight of financial risks. The full Board regularly receives information through committee reports and from members of senior management on areas of material risk to the Company, including operational, financial, legal and regulatory, technical and strategic risks.

## **Meetings and Committees of the Board of Directors**

Our business, property and affairs are managed under the direction of our Board of Directors. Our Board of Directors provides management oversight, helps guide the Company on strategic planning and approves the Company's operating budgets. Our independent directors meet regularly in executive sessions. Members of our Board are kept informed of our business through discussions with our Chief Executive Officer and other officers and employees, by reviewing materials provided to them, by visiting our offices and by participating in meetings of the Board and its committees.

Our Board holds regularly scheduled quarterly meetings. In addition to the quarterly meetings, typically there is at least one other regularly scheduled meeting and other communication each year. Our Board met formally five times in fiscal year 2022, each director attended 100% of all Board meetings held during such director's tenure on the Board. Our audit committee met five times during fiscal year 2022, with each member attending 100% of the committee meetings.

## **Board Committees**

Our Board has established an Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

Each of the above-referenced committees operates pursuant to a formal written charter. The charters for these committees, which have been adopted by our Board, contain a detailed description of the respective committee's duties and responsibilities and are available on our website at <https://www.cynngn.com/> under the "Investor Relations — Governance" tab.

Below is a description of each committee of the Board of Directors. Each of the committees has authority to engage legal counsel or other experts or consultants as it deems appropriate to carry out its responsibilities. The Board of Directors has determined that each member of the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee meet the independence requirements under the NASDAQ's current listing standards and each member is free of any relationship that would interfere with his individual exercise of independent judgment.

## **The Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee has the responsibility for, among other things, (i) selecting, retaining and overseeing our independent registered public accounting firm, (ii) obtaining and reviewing a report by independent auditors that describe the accounting firm's internal quality control, and any materials issues or relationships that may impact the auditors, (iii) reviewing and discussing with the independent auditors standards and responsibilities, strategy, scope and timing of audits, any significant risks, and results, (iv) ensuring the integrity of the Company's financial statements, (v) reviewing and discussing with the Company's independent auditors any other matters required to be discussed by PCAOB Auditing Standard No. 1301, (vi) reviewing, approving and overseeing any transaction between the Company and any related person and any other potential conflict of interest situations, (vii) reviewing, approving

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and overseeing related party transactions, and (viii) establishing and overseeing procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters and the confidential, anonymous submission by Company employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

The Audit Committee is comprised of three directors appointed by the Board of Directors. Each of the committee members who served during 2022, Ms. Macleod, Ms. Cunningham and Mr. McDonnell, satisfied the independence and financial management expertise requirements the Stock Market Rules.

The Board of Directors has determined that Ms. Cunningham is an “audit committee financial expert” within the meaning of Section 407 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and Item 407(d)(5) of Regulation S-K. For a description of Ms. Cunningham’s relevant experience, please see her biographical information contained in section titled “Board of Directors and Corporate Governance” of this proxy statement.

## **Report of Audit Committee**

### **Review of Fiscal Year 2022 Consolidated Financial Statements**

In connection with its review of our Fiscal Year 2022 Consolidated Financial Statements, the Audit Committee has:

- (1) reviewed and discussed the audited consolidated financial statements with management;
- (2) discussed with Marcum LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, the matters required to be discussed by Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Auditing Standard No. 1301, *Communications with Audit Committees*; and
- (3) received from Marcum LLP, the written disclosures and letter required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and discussed with Marcum LLP their independence.

Based upon the review and discussions described above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited consolidated financial statements for fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022.

### **By the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors:**

**Colleen Cunningham, Chairman**  
**Karen Macleod**  
**James McDonnell**

*The material in this report is not deemed to be "soliciting material," or to be "filed" with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is not to be incorporated by reference in any of our filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, whether made before or after the date hereof and irrespective of any general incorporation language in any such filings.*

### **The Compensation Committee**

The Compensation Committee is comprised of members who are "Non-Employee Directors" within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and "outside directors" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code. They are also "independent" directors within the meaning of Nasdaq Rule 5605(b)(1). The Compensation Committee has the responsibility for, among other things, (i) reviewing and approving the chief executive officer's compensation based on an evaluation in light of corporate goals and objectives, (ii) reviewing and recommending to the Board the compensation of all other executive officers, (iii) reviewing and recommending to the Board incentive compensation plans and equity plans, (iv) reviewing and discussing with management the Company's Compensation Discussion and Analysis and related information to be included in the annual report on Form 10-K and proxy statements, and (v) reviewing and recommending to the Board for approval procedures relating to Say on Pay Votes.

Ms. Macleod serves as Chairman of the Compensation Committee and is joined by Ms. Cunningham and Mr. McDonnell.

### **Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee**

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is comprised of entirely "independent" directors within the meaning of Nasdaq Rule 5605(b)(1). The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has the responsibility relating to assisting the Board in, among other things, (i) identifying and screening individuals qualified to become members of our board of directors, consistent with criteria approved by our board of directors, (ii) recommending to the Board the approval of nominees for director, (ii) developing and recommending to our board of directors a set of corporate governance guidelines, and (iv) overseeing the evaluation of our board of director.

Mr. McDonnell currently serves as the Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and is joined on the committee by Ms. Macleod and Ms. Cunningham.

The Chair and members of each committee of the Board are summarized in the table below:

Name	Audit Committee	Compensation Committee	Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee
Karen Macleod – (Independent)	Member	Chair	Member
Colleen Cunningham – (Independent)	Chair	Member	Member
James McDonnell – (Independent)	Member	Member	Chair

### Consideration of Director Nominees

We seek directors with the highest standards of ethics and integrity, sound business judgment, and the willingness to make a strong commitment to the Company and its success. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee works with the Board on an annual basis to determine the appropriate and desirable mix of characteristics, skills, expertise, and experience for the full Board and each committee, taking into account both existing directors and all nominees for election as directors, as well as any diversity considerations and the membership criteria applied by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board, which do not have a formal diversity policy, consider diversity in a broad sense when evaluating board composition and nominations; and they seek to include directors with a diversity of experience, professions, viewpoints, skills, and backgrounds that will enable them to make significant contributions to the Board and the Company, both as individuals and as part of a group of directors. The Board evaluates each individual in the context of the full Board, with the objective of recommending a group that can best contribute to the success of the business and represent stockholder interests through the exercise of sound judgment. In determining whether to recommend a director for re-election, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also considers the director's attendance at meetings and participation in and contributions to the activities of the Board and its committees.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider director candidates recommended by stockholders, and its process for considering such recommendations is no different than its process for screening and evaluating candidates suggested by directors, management of the Company, or third parties.

When considering director candidates, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will evaluate multiple factors in assessing their qualification. A candidate must have extensive and relevant leadership experience including an understanding of the complex challenges of enterprise leadership. An appropriate candidate will have gained appropriate experience and education in some or all of the key areas below.

- **Relevant Sector Experience.** Director candidates will have gained their leadership experience in sectors directly relevant to the Company's business and/or served as the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer or other major operating or staff officer of a public corporation, with a background in marketing, finance and/or business operations.
- **Corporate Governance Experience.** Director candidates should have sufficient applicable experience to understand fully the legal and other responsibilities of an independent director of a U.S.-based public company.
- **Education.** Generally, it is desirable that a Board candidate should hold an undergraduate degree from a respected college or university and in relevant fields of study.

When further considering director candidates, personal attributes and characteristics will be considered. Specifically, these should include the following:

- **Personal.** Director candidates should be of the highest moral and ethical character. Candidates must exhibit independence, objectivity and be capable of serving as representatives of the stockholders. The candidates should have demonstrated a personal commitment to areas aligned with the Company's public interest commitments, such as education, the environment and welfare of the communities in which we operate.



- **Individual Characteristics.** Director candidates should have the personal qualities to be able to make a substantial active contribution to Board deliberations. These qualities include intelligence, self-assuredness, a high ethical standard, inter-personal skills, independence, courage, a willingness to ask the difficult question, communication skills and commitment. In considering candidates for election to the Board of Directors, the Board should constantly be striving to achieve the diversity of the communities in which the Company operates.
- **Availability.** Director candidates must be willing to commit, as well as have, sufficient time available to discharge the duties of Board membership. Generally, therefore, the candidate should not have more than three other corporate board memberships.
- **Compatibility.** The Board candidate should be able to develop a good working relationship with other Board members and contribute to the Board's working relationship with the senior management of the Company.

## Board Diversity

Each year, our nominating and corporate governance committee will review, with the board of directors, the appropriate characteristics, skills and experience required for the board of directors as a whole and its individual members. In evaluating the suitability of individual candidates, our nominating and corporate governance committee will consider factors including, without limitation, an individual's character, integrity, judgment, potential conflicts of interest, other commitments and diversity. While we have no formal policy regarding board diversity for our board of directors as a whole nor for each individual member, the nominating and corporate governance committee does consider such factors as gender, race, ethnicity, experience and area of expertise, as well as other individual attributes that contribute to the total diversity of viewpoints and experience represented on the board of directors.

On August 6, 2021, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") approved The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC's ("Nasdaq") proposal to adopt listing rules for Nasdaq-listed companies related to board diversity. The new Rule 5605(f) (Diverse Board Representation) requires Nasdaq-listed companies, subject to certain exceptions, (1) to have at least one director who self-identifies as a female, and (2) to have at least one director who self-identifies as Black or African American, Hispanic or Latinx, Asian, Native American or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, two or more races or ethnicities, or as LGBTQ+, or (3) to explain why the reporting company does not have at least two directors on its board who self-identify in the categories listed above. In addition, Rule 5606 (Board Diversity Disclosure) requires each Nasdaq-listed company, again subject to certain exceptions, to provide statistical information about such company's Board of Directors, in a proposed uniform format, related to each director's self-identified gender, race, and self-identification as LGBTQ+.

The Company believes that it is presently in compliance with the diversity requirements imposed by the Nasdaq listing rules.

## Board Diversity Matrix for Cyngn Inc. (as of October 31, 2023)

<b>Total Number of Directors:</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>Did Not Disclose Gender</b>
	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Non-Binary</b>	
<b>Part I: Gender Identity</b>				
Directors	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	—	—
African American or Black	—	—	—	—
Alaskan Native or Native American	—	—	—	—
Asian	—	—	—	—
Hispanic or Latinx	—	<b>1</b>	—	—
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	—	—	—	—
White	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	—	—
Two or More Races or Ethnicities	—	—	—	—
LGBTQ+	—	<b>1</b>	—	—
Did Not Disclose Demographic Background	—	—	—	—



**Information Regarding Stockholder Communication with the Board of Directors; Attendance of Board Members at the Annual Meeting**

Stockholders may contact an individual director, the Board as a group, or a specified Board committee or group, at the following address: Corporate Secretary, Cyngn Inc., 1015 O'Brien Dr., Menlo Park, CA 94025, Attn: Board of Directors. Our Secretary will process communications before forwarding them to the addressee. Directors generally will not be forwarded stockholder communications that are primarily commercial in nature, relate to improper or irrelevant topics, or request general information about the Company.

We do not require Board members to attend our Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

**Statement on Corporate Governance**

We regularly monitor developments in the area of corporate governance by reviewing federal laws affecting corporate governance, as well as rules adopted by the SEC and Nasdaq. In response to those developments, we review our processes and procedures and implement corporate governance practices which we believe are in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. The Board has approved a set of corporate governance guidelines to promote the functioning of the Board and its Committees and to set forth a common set of expectations as to how the Board should perform its functions. Our Corporate Governance Guidelines are posted on the Company's website under "Investor Relations — Corporate Governance." On an annual basis, each director and executive officer is obligated to complete a Director and Officer Questionnaire which requires disclosure of any transactions with the Company in which the director or executive officer, or any member of his or her immediate family, has a direct or indirect material interest.

The Board has adopted a written code of business conduct and ethics, applicable to each employee, including our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer. The code also applies to our agents and representatives, sales representatives and consultants. The code of business conduct and ethics is posted on our website at [www.cyngn.com](http://www.cyngn.com). If we make certain amendments to or waivers of our code of ethics, we intend to satisfy the SEC disclosure requirements by promptly posting the amendment or waiver on our website.

**Policies and Procedures for Approval of Related Party Transactions**

We may encounter business arrangements or transactions with businesses and other organizations in which one of our directors or executive officers, significant stockholders or their immediate families is a participant and the amount exceeds \$120,000. We refer to these transactions as related party transactions. Related party transactions have the potential to create actual or perceived conflicts of interest between Cyngn and its directors, officers and significant stockholders or their immediate family members. Our audit committee is charged with the responsibility to review, approve and oversee related party transactions.

## **PROPOSAL 1**

### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Our Board of Directors is currently composed of five members. In accordance with our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, our board of directors is divided into three staggered classes of directors. At the Annual Meeting, two Class II directors will be elected for a three-year term. Each director's term continues until the election and qualification of their successor, or such director's earlier death, resignation, or removal. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board seek, and the Board is comprised of, individuals whose characteristics, skills, expertise, and experience complement those of other Board members.

#### **Nominees**

Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has recommended, and our Board has approved Karen Macleod and James McDonnell as nominees for election as Class II directors at the Annual Meeting. If elected, Ms. Macleod and Mr. McDonnell will serve as Class II directors until our 2026 annual meeting of stockholders or until a successor is duly elected and qualified, or until his earlier resignation or removal. We have no reason to believe that any of the nominees is unable or will decline to serve as a director if elected. For information concerning the nominees, please see the section titled "Board of Directors and Corporate Governance."

Unless otherwise indicated by the stockholder, the accompanying proxy will be voted for the election of Ms. Macleod and Mr. McDonnell. Although the Company knows of no reason why any nominee could not serve as a director, if any nominee shall be unable to serve, the accompanying proxy will be voted for a substitute nominee.

#### **Required Vote and Recommendation of the Board of Directors**

Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Shares represented by executed proxies will be voted, if authority to do so is not withheld, "FOR" the election of Ms. Macleod and Mr. McDonnell.

#### **Vote Required**

The nominees for director who receive a majority of the votes FOR election will be elected as director. You may vote either FOR all of the nominees, WITHHOLD your vote from all of the nominees or WITHHOLD your vote from any one or more of the nominees. Votes that are withheld will not be included in the vote tally for the election of directors. Brokerage firms do not have authority to vote customers' unvoted shares held by the firms in street name for the election of directors. As a result, any shares not voted by a beneficial owner will be treated as a broker non-vote. Such broker non-votes will have no effect on the results of this vote.

**THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE NOMINEES NAMED ABOVE AS DIRECTORS, AND PROXIES SOLICITED BY THE BOARD WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOR THEREOF UNLESS A STOCKHOLDER HAS INDICATED OTHERWISE ON THE PROXY.**

## PROPOSAL 2

### INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SHARES OF AUTHORIZED COMMON STOCK

#### Introduction

Our Certificate of Incorporation, as amended and restated, currently authorizes the issuance of up to 100,000,000 shares of common shares and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock. Our board of directors has approved an amendment to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock from 100,000,000 to 200,000,000 shares.

The proposed form of Certificate of Amendment to the Fifth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to effect the increase in our authorized common stock is attached as [Appendix A](#) to this Proxy Statement.

Following the increase in authorized shares as contemplated in the Certificate of Amendment to the Fifth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the “Certificate of Amendment”), 200,000,000 shares of common stock will be authorized and 10,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock will be authorized. There will be no changes to the issued and outstanding shares common stock or preferred stock.

#### Reasons for the Increase Certificate of Amendment

Our board of directors has determined that the increase in our authorized shares of common stock is in the best interests of the Company and unanimously recommends approval by the stockholders. The board of directors believes that the availability of additional authorized shares of common stock is required for several reasons including, but not limited to, the additional flexibility to issue common stock for a variety of general corporate purposes as the board of directors may determine to be desirable including, without limitation, future financings, investment opportunities, acquisitions, or other distributions and stock splits (including splits effected through the declaration of stock dividends).

As of the Record Date 34,742,037 shares of our common stock were outstanding out of the 100,000,000 shares that we are authorized to issue. In addition, as of the Record Date, an aggregate of approximately 22,712,721 shares of common stock are issuable, including: (i) 15,931,586 shares that are issuable upon the exercise of outstanding stock options; (ii) 189,522 shares of common stock that are issuable upon vesting of restricted stock unit awards; and (iii) warrants to purchase up to 6,591,613 shares of common stock.

Based on our issued and outstanding shares of common stock and the outstanding grants under our stock incentive plan and outstanding warrants, as of date of this Proxy statement, we have 42,545,242 shares of common stock remaining available for issuance in the future.

Our working capital requirements are significant and may require us to raise additional capital through additional equity financings in the future. If we issue additional shares of common stock or other securities convertible into shares of our common stock in the future, it could dilute the voting rights of existing stockholders and could also dilute earnings per share and book value per share of existing stockholders. The increase in authorized number of common stock could also discourage or hinder efforts by other parties to obtain control of the Company, thereby having an anti-takeover effect. The increase in authorized number of common stock is not being proposed in response to any known threat to acquire control of the Company.

#### Current Plans, Proposals or Arrangements to Issue Shares of Common Stock

As of the Record Date, the Company had:

- 15,931,586 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of outstanding stock options with a weighted-average exercise price of \$1.16 per share;
- 189,522 shares of common stock issuable upon vesting of restricted stock unit awards with a weighted-average exercise price of \$0.00 per share;
- 2,232,947 shares of common stock reserved for future issuance under our 2021 Equity Incentive Plan; and
- 6,591,613 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants to purchase common stock with a weighted-average exercise price of \$3.12 per share.

Other than as set forth above, the Company has no current plans, proposals or arrangements, written or oral, to issue any of the additional authorized shares of common stock that would become available as a result of the filing of the Certificate of Incorporation, as amended and restated.

In addition, following the approval and filing of the amendment, the Company may explore additional financing opportunities or strategic transactions that would require the issuance of additional shares of common stock, but no such plans are currently in existence and the Company has not begun any negotiations with any party related thereto. If we issue additional shares, the ownership interest of holders of our capital stock will be diluted.

#### **Effects of the Increase in Authorized Common Stock**

Following the filing of the Certificate of Amendment with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, we will have the authority to issue up to an additional 100,000,000 shares of common stock. These shares may be issued without stockholder approval at any time, in the sole discretion of our board of directors. The authorized and unissued shares may be issued for cash or for any other purpose that is deemed in the best interests of the Company.

The increase in our authorized common stock could have a number of effects on the Company's stockholders depending upon the exact nature and circumstances of any actual issuances of authorized but unissued shares. If we issue additional shares of common stock or other securities convertible into shares of our common stock in the future, it could dilute the voting rights of existing stockholders and could also dilute earnings per share and book value per share of existing stockholders. The increase in authorized number of common stock could also discourage or hinder efforts by other parties to obtain control of the Company, thereby having an anti-takeover effect. The increase in authorized number of common stock is not being proposed in response to any known threat to acquire control of the Company.

The increase in our authorized Common Stock will not change the number of shares of common stock issued and outstanding, nor will it have any immediate dilutive effect or change the rights of current holders of our common stock.

#### **Advantages and Disadvantages of Increasing Authorized Common Stock**

There are certain advantages and disadvantages of increasing the Company's authorized common stock.

The advantages include:

- The ability to raise capital by issuing capital stock under future financing transactions, if any.
- Having shares of common stock available to pursue business expansion opportunities, if any.

The disadvantages include:

- In the event that additional shares of common stock are issued, dilution to the existing stockholders, including a decrease in our net income per share in future periods. This could cause the market price of our stock to decline.
- The issuance of authorized but unissued stock could be used to deter a potential takeover of the Company that may otherwise be beneficial to stockholders by diluting the shares held by a potential suitor or issuing shares to a stockholder that will vote in accordance with the desires of the Company's Board, at that time. A takeover may be beneficial to independent stockholders because, among other reasons, a potential suitor may offer such stockholders a premium for their shares of stock compared to the then-existing market price. The Company does not have any plans or proposals to adopt provisions or enter into agreements that may have material anti-takeover consequences.

#### **Procedure for Implementing the Amendment**

The Increase in our authorized common stock will become effective upon the filing of the Certificate of Amendment or such later time as specified in the filing with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware. The form of the Certificate of Amendment is attached hereto as [Appendix A](#). The exact timing of the filing of the Certificate of Amendment will be determined by our board of directors based on its evaluation as to when such action will be the most advantageous to the Company and our stockholders.

**Interests of Officers and Directors in this Proposal**

Our officers and directors do not have any substantial interest, direct or indirect, in this proposal.

**Votes Required**

Approval of an amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation to increase our authorized shares of common stock requires the affirmative vote of the majority of the voting power of the common stock issued and outstanding as of the Record Date. Abstentions will have the effect of a vote against this proposal.

**Voting Recommendation**

The board of directors unanimously recommends a vote “**FOR**” Proposal 2.

### PROPOSAL 3

#### AMENDMENT TO THE 2021 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

In October 2021, our Board of Directors adopted the Cyngn Inc. 2021 Equity Incentive Plan (the “2021 Plan”) and the 2021 Plan was submitted to our stockholders for approval. Our 2021 Plan became effective immediately on adoption. Our 2021 Plan replaced our 2013 Plan. However, awards outstanding under our 2013 Plan will continue to be governed by their existing terms.

On September 20, 2023, our Board approved, subject to stockholder approval, an amendment to the 2021 Plan to (i) increase the number of shares authorized for issuance thereunder by 5,000,000 shares of common stock (the “Baseline Number”), and (ii) amend the language relating to the automatic “evergreen” clause to provide for an annual increase to be added to the 2021 Plan on the first day of each of the Company’s fiscal year, equal to the least of (i) 5% of the outstanding common stock on a fully diluted basis as of the end of the Company’s immediately preceding fiscal year, (ii) 2,500,000 shares (the “Evergreen Baseline”), and (iii) a lesser amount determined by the Board. Prior to the board approval, the Baseline Number was 1,500,000 and the Evergreen Baseline was 1,000,000. The proposed amendment to the 2021 Plan is attached hereto as Appendix B.

Our Board recommends approval of the amendment to the 2021 Plan to enable the continued use of the 2021 Plan for stock-based grants consistent with the objectives of our compensation program. The 2021 Plan is intended to promote our interests by providing eligible persons in our service with the opportunity to acquire a proprietary or economic interest, or otherwise increase their proprietary or economic interest, in us as an incentive for them to remain in service and render superior performance during their service.

Currently, a total of 12,000,000 shares of common stock are authorized for issuance under the 2021 Plan, including adjustments made pursuant to the evergreen provision in the 2021 Plan. Upon stockholder approval of this proposal, a total aggregate of up to 17,000,000 shares of common stock will be authorized for issuance under the 2021 Plan with annual increases equal to the least (i) 5% of the outstanding common stock on a fully diluted basis as of the end of the Company’s immediately preceding fiscal year, (ii) 2,500,000, or (iii) such lesser amount as determined by the Board; plus any authorized shares reserved and available for issuance under our 2013 Equity Incentive Plan up to an aggregate of 8,500,000. Currently, equity awards totaling 8,576,637 shares of common stock have been issued under the 2021 Plan. We believe that the 2021 Plan will be exhausted of shares available for issuance in 2024 and beyond, leaving insufficient shares available for equity grants in 2024 and future years. By increasing the number of shares authorized for issuance under the 2021 Plan a total 7,232,947 shares of common stock would be available immediately for issuance with future increases pursuant to the evergreen provision. This increase would, in essence, provide us with the flexibility to continue to make stock-based grants in amounts deemed appropriate by our Compensation Committee and Board. We believe that our equity incentive program and grants made under the program are essential to retaining critical personnel and aligning the incentives of our personnel with our stockholders.

The proposed amendment to the 2021 Plan will not be implemented unless approved by our stockholders, and no additional equity awards beyond the existing 12,000,000 shares of common stock have been or will be issued under the 2021 Plan unless and until stockholder approval of the amended 2021 Plan is obtained. If the proposed amendment to the 2021 Plan is not approved by our stockholders, the 2021 Plan will remain in effect in its present form.

### Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table contains summary information as of December 31, 2022 concerning the Company's 2013 Equity Incentive Plan and 2021 Equity Incentive Plan.

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (a)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	14,715,110	\$ 1.23	2,232,947
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	—	\$ —	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,715,110</b>		<b>\$ 2,232,947</b>

### 2021 Equity Incentive Plan

The following is a summary of the principal features of our 2021 Plan. The summary does not purport to be a complete description of all provisions of our 2021 Plan and is qualified in its entirety by the text of the 2021 Plan. A copy of the amendment to the 2021 Plan is attached to this Proxy Statement as [Appendix B](#).

#### General

The purpose of the 2021 Plan is to enhance stockholder value by linking the compensation of our officers, directors, key employees, and consultants to increases in the price of our common stock and the achievement of other performance objectives and to encourage ownership in our company by key personnel whose long-term employment is considered essential to our continued progress and success. The 2021 Plan is also intended to assist us in recruiting new employees and to motivate, retain, and encourage such employees and directors to act in our stockholders' interest and share in our success.

#### Term

The 2021 Plan became effective upon approval by our stockholders and will continue in effect from that date until it is terminated in accordance with its terms.

#### Administration

The 2021 Plan may be administered by our Board or the Compensation Committee. Currently, our Compensation Committee administers the 2021 Plan. The administrator has the power to determine the directors, employees, and consultants who may participate in the 2021 Plan and the amounts and other terms and conditions of awards to be granted under the 2021 Plan. All questions of interpretation and administration with respect to the 2021 Plan will be determined by the administrator. The administrator also will have the complete authority to adopt, amend, rescind, and enforce rules and regulations pertaining to the administration of the 2021 Plan; to correct administrative errors; to make all other determinations deemed necessary or advisable for administering the 2021 Plan and any award granted under the 2021 Plan; and to authorize any person to execute, on behalf of us, all agreements and documents previously approved by the administrator, among other items.

#### Eligibility

Any of our directors, employees, or consultants, or any directors, employees, or consultants of any of our affiliates (except that with respect to incentive stock options, only employees of us or any of our subsidiaries are eligible), are eligible to participate in the 2021 Plan. As of the Record Date, approximately 72 individuals would be eligible to participate in the 2021 Plan. However, the Company has not at the present time determined who will receive the additional shares that will be authorized for issuance upon the approval of the amendment to increase the number of shares subject to the 2021 Plan or how they will be allocated.

*Available Shares*

Subject to the adjustment provisions included in the 2021 Plan, a total of up to an aggregate of 17,000,000 shares of our common stock would be authorized for awards granted under the 2021 Plan. Shares subject to awards that have been canceled, expired, settled in cash, or not issued or forfeited for any reason (in whole or in part), will not reduce the aggregate number of shares that may be subject to or delivered under awards granted under the 2021 Plan and will be available for future awards granted under the 2021 Plan.

*Types of Awards*

We may grant the following types of awards under the 2021 Plan: options; stock appreciation rights; stock awards, restricted stock and stock units; performance awards; and other stock or cash-based awards.

*Options.* The 2021 Plan authorizes the grant of non-qualified and/or incentive options to eligible participants, which options give the participant the right, after satisfaction of any vesting conditions and prior to the expiration or termination of the option, to purchase shares of our common stock at a fixed price. The administrator determines the exercise price for each share subject to an option granted under the 2021 Plan, which exercise price cannot be less than the fair market value (as defined in the 2021 Plan) of our common stock on the grant date. The administrator also determines the number of shares subject to each option, the time or times when each option becomes exercisable, and the term of each option (which cannot exceed ten (10) years from the grant date).

*Stock Appreciation Rights.* The 2021 Plan authorizes the grant of stock appreciation rights to eligible participants, which stock appreciation rights give the participant the right, after satisfaction of any vesting conditions and prior to the expiration or termination of the stock appreciation right, to receive in cash or shares of our common stock the excess of the fair market value (as defined in the 2021 Plan) of our common stock on the date of exercise over the exercise price of the stock appreciation right. All stock appreciation rights under the 2021 Plan shall be granted subject to the same terms and conditions applicable to options granted under the 2021 Plan. Stock appreciation rights may be granted to awardees either alone or in addition to or in tandem with other awards granted under the 2021 Plan and may, but need not, relate to a specific option granted under the 2021 Plan.

*Stock Awards.* The 2021 Plan authorizes the grant of stock awards to eligible participants. The administrator determines (i) the number of shares subject to the stock award or a formula for determining such number, (ii) the purchase price of the shares, if any, (iii) the means of payment for the shares, (iv) the performance criteria, if any, and the level of achievement versus these criteria, (v) the grant, issuance, vesting, and/or forfeiture of the shares, (vi) restrictions on transferability, and such other terms and conditions determined by the administrator.

*Stock Unit Awards and Other Stock-Based Awards.* In addition to the award types described above, the administrator may grant any other type of award payable by delivery of our common stock in such amounts and subject to such terms and conditions as the administrator determines in its sole discretion, subject to the terms of the 2021 Plan. Such awards may be made in addition to or in conjunction with other awards under the 2021 Plan. Such awards may include unrestricted shares of our common stock, which may be awarded, without limitation (except as provided in the 2021 Plan), as a bonus, in payment of director fees, in lieu of cash compensation, in exchange for cancellation of a compensation right, or upon the attainment of performance goals or otherwise, or rights to acquire shares of our common stock from us.

*New Plan Benefits*

The amount of future grants under the 2021 Plan is not determinable, as awards under the 2021 Plan will be granted at the sole discretion of the administrator. We cannot determinate at this time either the persons who will receive awards under the 2021 Plan or the amount or types of such any such awards.

*Transferability*

Unless determined otherwise by the administrator, an award may not be sold, pledged, assigned, or transferred in any manner other than by beneficiary designation, will, or by the laws of descent or distribution, including but not limited to any attempted assignment or transfer in connection with the settlement of marital property or other rights incident to a divorce or dissolution, and any such attempted sale, assignment, or transfer shall be of no effect prior to the date an award is vested and settled.



### *Termination of Service*

The administrator is authorized to establish and set forth in each instrument that evidences an option whether the option shall continue to be exercisable, and the terms and conditions of such exercise, after a termination of service (as defined in the 2021 Plan), any of which provisions may be waived or modified by the administrator at any time. If not so established and set forth in the instrument evidencing the option, the option shall be exercisable according to the following terms and conditions, which may be waived or modified by the administrator at any time:

- (i) Any portion of an option that is not vested and exercisable on the date of a participant's termination of service will expire on such date.
- (ii) Any portion of an option that is vested and exercisable on the date of a participant's termination of service will expire on the earliest to occur of:
  - (1) if the participant's termination of service occurs for reasons other than cause (as defined in the 2021 Plan), retirement (as defined in the 2021 Plan), disability or death (as defined in the 2021 Plan), the date that is three months after such termination of service;
  - (2) if the participant's termination of service occurs by reason of retirement, disability or death, the one-year anniversary of such termination of service; and
  - (3) the option expiration date.

### *Change of Control*

In the event of a change of control (as defined in the 2021 Plan), unless the administrator determines otherwise with respect to a particular award in the instrument evidencing the award or in a written employment, services or other agreement between the participant and the Company, and if and to the extent an outstanding award is not converted, assumed, substituted for or replaced by the successor company, then such award will terminate upon effectiveness of the change of control. Prior to the change of control, the administrator may approve accelerated vesting and/or lapse of forfeiture or repurchase restrictions with respect to all or a portion of the unvested portions of such awards, any such determinations to be made by the administrator in its sole discretion. If and to the extent the successor company converts, assumes, substitutes for or replaces an outstanding award, all vesting and/or exercisability restrictions and/or forfeiture and/or repurchase provisions applicable to such award will continue with respect to any shares of the successor company or other consideration that may be received with respect to such award. Without the consent of any participant, the administrator may dispose of awards that are not vested as of the effective date of such change of control in any manner permitted by applicable laws, including (without limitation) the cancellation of such awards without the payment of any consideration.

### *U.S. Federal Income Tax Treatment*

The following discussion is intended only as a brief summary of the federal income tax rules that are generally relevant to awards as of the date of this prospectus. The laws governing the tax aspects of awards are highly technical and such laws are subject to change.

**Non-Qualified Options.** With respect to non-qualified options granted to participants under the 2021 Plan, (i) no income is realized by the participant at the time the non-qualified option is granted, (ii) at exercise, (a) ordinary income is realized by the participant in an amount equal to the difference between the option exercise price and the fair market value of our common stock on the date of exercise, (b) such amount is treated as compensation and is subject to both income and wage tax withholding, and (c) we may claim a tax deduction for the same amount, and (iii) on disposition of the option shares, any appreciation or depreciation after the date of exercise of the non-qualified option, compared to the disposition price of the option shares will be treated as either short-term or long-term capital gain or loss depending on the holding period.

**Incentive Stock Options.** With respect to incentive stock options, there is no tax to the participant at the time of the grant. Additionally, if applicable holding period requirements (a minimum of both two years from the grant date and one year from the exercise date) are met, the participant will not recognize taxable income at the time of the exercise. However, the excess of the fair market value of the shares acquired at the time of exercise over the aggregate exercise price is an item of tax preference income, potentially subject to the alternative minimum tax. If shares acquired upon exercise of an

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incentive stock option are held for the holding period described above, the gain or loss (in an amount equal to the difference between the fair market value on the date of sale and the option exercise price), upon their disposition, the holding period of the option shares will be treated as a long-term capital gain or loss, and, unlike the treatment for shares issued pursuant to the exercise of a non-qualified option, we will not be entitled to any tax deduction. If the shares acquired on option exercise are disposed of in a “non-qualifying disposition” (i.e., before the holding period requirements had been met), the participant will generally realize ordinary income at the time of the disposition of the option shares in an amount equal to the lesser of (i) the excess of the fair market value of the option shares on the date of exercise of the incentive stock option over the exercise price thereof or (ii) the excess, if any, of the amount realized upon disposition of the option shares over the exercise price of the incentive stock option, and, just as the treatment for shares issued pursuant to the exercise of a non-qualified option, we will be entitled to a corresponding tax deduction. Any amount realized in excess of the value of the shares on the date of exercise will be capital gain. If the amount realized is less than the exercise price, the participant will not recognize ordinary income, and the participant will generally recognize a capital loss equal to the excess of the exercise price of the incentive stock option over the amount realized upon the disposition of the option shares.

*Other Awards.* The current federal income tax consequences of other awards authorized under the 2021 Plan generally follow certain basic patterns. An award of restricted shares of common stock results in income recognition by a participant in an amount equal to the fair market value of the shares received at the time the restrictions lapse and the shares then vest, unless the participant elects under Internal Revenue Code Section 83(b) to accelerate income recognition and the taxability of the award to the grant date. Stock unit awards generally result in income recognition by a participant at the time payment of such an award is made in an amount equal to the amount paid in cash or the then-current fair market value of the shares received, as applicable. Stock appreciation right awards result in income recognition by a participant at the time such an award is exercised in an amount equal to the amount paid in cash or the then-current fair market value of the shares received by the participant, as applicable. In each of the foregoing cases, we will generally have a corresponding deduction at the time the participant recognizes ordinary income, subject to Internal Revenue Code Section 162(m) with respect to covered employees.

*Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.* Internal Revenue Code Section 162(m) denies a deduction to any publicly-held corporation for compensation paid to certain “covered employees” in a taxable year to the extent that compensation to a covered employee exceeds \$1,000,000. “Covered employees” generally includes the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, and the three other most highly compensated executive officers.

*Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code.* Awards granted under the 2021 Plan will generally be designed and administered in such a manner that they are either exempt from the application of, or comply with the requirements of, Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code. Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code imposes restrictions on nonqualified deferred compensation. Failure to satisfy these rules results in accelerated taxation, an additional tax to the holder in an amount equal to 20% of the deferred amount, and a possible interest charge. Options granted with an exercise price that is not less than the fair market value of the underlying shares on the date of grant will not give rise to “deferred compensation” for this purpose unless they involve additional deferral features.

*Other Tax Considerations.* This summary is not intended to be a complete explanation of all of the federal income tax consequences of participating in the 2021 Plan. A participant should consult his or her personal tax advisor to determine the particular tax consequences of the 2021 Plan, including the application and effect of foreign state and local taxes and any changes in the tax laws after the date of this prospectus.

### *Amendment and Termination*

The Board may amend, suspend or terminate the 2021 Plan or any portion of the 2021 Plan at any time and in such respects as it shall deem advisable; provided, however, that, to the extent required by applicable law, regulation or stock exchange rule, stockholder approval shall be required for any amendment to the 2021 Plan. Subject to the terms of the 2021 Plan, the Board may amend the terms of any outstanding award, prospectively or retroactively.

The 2021 Plan has no fixed expiration date. After the 2021 Plan is terminated, no future awards may be granted under the 2021 Plan, but awards previously granted shall remain outstanding in accordance with their applicable terms and conditions and the 2021 Plan’s terms and conditions.

### **Voting Recommendation**

The board of directors unanimously recommends a vote “**FOR**” Proposal 3.

**PROPOSAL 4****RATIFICATION OF THE SELECTION OF OUR INDEPENDENT  
REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

The Board of Directors has selected Marcum LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023 and has further directed that management submit the selection of the independent registered public accounting firm for ratification by the stockholders at the Annual Meeting.

Representatives of Marcum LLP, the Company's auditors, are expected to be present at the Annual Meeting telephonically, will have an opportunity to make a statement if they so desire, and will be available to respond to appropriate questions from stockholders present at the meeting.

Stockholder ratification of the selection of Marcum LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm is not required by our bylaws or otherwise. However, the Board is submitting the selection of Marcum LLP to the stockholders for ratification as a matter of good corporate practice. If the stockholders fail to ratify the selection, the Audit Committee and the Board will reconsider whether or not to retain that firm. Even if the selection is ratified, the Audit Committee and the Board in their discretion may direct the appointment of a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if they determine that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

**Fees Billed by Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The following table summarizes the fees billed by Marcum LLP for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, inclusive of out-of-pocket expenses. All fees described below were pre-approved by the audit committee.

Fee Category	Year Ended December 31,	
	2022	2021
Audit fees <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 230,000	\$ 185,482
Audit-related fees <sup>(2)</sup>	27,000	74,852
All other fees <sup>(3)</sup>	11,011	7,290
Total fees	<u>\$ 268,011</u>	<u>\$ 267,624</u>

(1) Audit fees consist of fees for professional services rendered in connection with the annual audit of our consolidated financial statements, the review of our quarterly condensed consolidated financial statements and consultations on accounting matters directly related to the audit.

(2) Audit-related fees consist of fees for professional services rendered in connection with the submission of our Registration Statements on Form S-3 and Form S-8

(3) All other fees consist of fees related to engagement administration.

**Policy on Audit Committee Pre-Approval of Audit and Permissible Non-Audit Services**

The Audit Committee has established a process for review and approval of fees and services of the independent registered public accounting firm. Requests to the Audit Committee for approval of fees and services for the independent registered public accounting firm are made in writing or via e-mail by our Chief Financial Officer. The request must be specific as to the particular services to be provided but may be either for specific services or a type of service for predictable or recurring services. The Chairman of the Audit Committee reviews the request and provides a response, in writing or via e-mail, to our Chief Financial Officer and approved requests are subsequently ratified by the Committee as a whole. All of the services provided by the independent registered public accounting firm in 2022 and 2021 were pre-approved by the Audit Committee.

**Required Vote and Recommendation of Board of Directors**

The ratification of Marcum LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm is a routine matter for brokers that hold their clients' shares in "street name." The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of our common stock, present or represented and voting at the annual meeting, will be required to ratify the appointment of Marcum

LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm. Abstentions will have no effect on the outcome of the vote with respect to this proposal. Because this is a routine proposal on which a broker or other nominee is generally empowered to vote, no broker non-votes will likely result from this proposal.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE “FOR” PROPOSAL NO. 4, RATIFICATION OF MARCUM LLP AS THE COMPANY’S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.**

## MANAGEMENT

Set forth below are the Company's named executive officers:

Name	Age	Director/Officer Since	Position or Office
Lior Tal	49	2016	Chief Executive Officer and Director
Donald Alvarez	58	2022/2021	Chief Financial Officer and Director
Ben Landen	35	2021	Vice-President of Business Development

### ***Lior Tal (Chief Executive Officer and Director)***

For biographical information on Mr. Tal, please see the section titled "Board of Directors and Corporate Governance."

### ***Donald Alvarez (Chief Financial Officer and Director)***

For biographical information on Mr. Alvarez, please see the section titled "Board of Directors and Corporate Governance."

### ***Ben Landen (Vice-President of Business Development)***

Mr. Landen has served as the Company's Vice President of Business Development since May 2021. Prior to that, Mr. Landen served as the Company's Senior Director of Product & Partnerships from September 2019 to May 2021. From May 2017 to September 2019, Mr. Landen was the Head of Product & Business Development at DeepScale (acquired by Tesla), a venture-backed startup that developed AI perception solutions for autonomous vehicles. From August 2015 to April 2017, Mr. Landen was a Senior Business Manager of Maxim Integrated, where he managed a \$100M automotive semiconductor product line and supervised a team of product managers. Mr. Landen was a Business Manager from September 2013 to August 2015 and an Associate Business Manager from August 2010 to September 2013. Mr. Landen holds a BS in Electrical Engineering from California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo and an MBA from UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business.

## EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

### Compensation Discussion and Analysis

#### *Executive Compensation Objectives and Practices*

We designed our executive officer compensation program to attract, motivate and retain key executives who drive our success. We strive to have pay reflect our performance and align with the interests of long-term stockholders, which we achieve with compensation that:

- Provides executives with competitive compensation that maintains a balance between cash and stock compensation, encouraging our executive officers to act as owners with an equity stake in our Company;
- Enhances retention by having equity compensation subject to multi-year vesting; and
- Does not encourage unnecessary and excessive risk taking.

We evaluate both performance and compensation to ensure the Company maintains its ability to attract and retain superior employees in key positions and compensation provided to key employees remains competitive relative to the compensation paid to similarly situated executives of other companies our size.

#### *Elements of Executive Compensation*

Our compensation for senior executive officers generally consists of the following elements: base salary; long-term equity compensation in the form of stock options and restricted stock; and employee benefits that are generally available to all our employees.

#### *Base Salary*

The Company provides named executive officers and other employees with base salary to compensate them for services rendered during the fiscal year. It is our policy to set base salary levels taking into account a number of factors, such as annual revenue, the nature of the industry in which we operate, the structure of other comparable companies' compensation programs and the availability of compensation information. When setting base salary levels, in a manner consistent with the objectives outlined above, the Board considers our performance, the individual's breadth of knowledge and performance and levels of responsibility.

Mr. Tal's annual base salary in 2022 was \$500,000. Mr. Alvarez's annual base salary in 2022 was \$300,000. Mr. Landen's annual base salary in 2022 was \$250,000.

#### *Long-Term Incentive Compensation — Equity Compensation*

Our executive officers are eligible for stock awards. We believe that stock awards give executives a significant, long-term interest in our success, help retain key executives in a competitive market, and align executive interests with stockholder interests and long-term performance of the Company. We have granted options as well as restricted stock under our 2021 Stock Incentive Plan. Stock awards also provide each individual with an added incentive to manage the Company from the perspective of an owner with an equity stake in the business. Moreover, the vesting schedule (which is generally three years, although this may vary at the discretion of the Compensation Committee) encourages a long-term commitment to the Company by our executive officers and other participants. Each year the Compensation Committee reviews the number of shares owned by, or subject to options held by, each executive officer, and additional awards are considered based upon the executive's past performance, as well as anticipated future performance, of the executive officer. The Compensation Committee continues to believe that equity compensation should be an important element of the Company's compensation package.

Typically, grants may be made to our executives at the discretion of our compensation committee. Generally, options are priced at the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of each grant. We also have granted restricted stock units to members of the Board of Directors.

We do not have a formal written policy relating to the timing of equity awards. We encourage, but we do not require, that our executive officers own stock in the Company.

**Limitation on Deduction of Compensation Paid to Certain Executive Officers**

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, or Section 162(m) limits the Company deduction for federal income tax purposes to no more than \$1 million of compensation paid to each of the named executive officers in a taxable year.

**Compensation of Chief Executive Officer**

Effective January 1, 2022, Mr. Tal's annual base salary is \$500,000 and he is eligible for an annual performance bonus target of 60% of his base salary and equity incentive compensation at the discretion of the Compensation Committee. For the fiscal year ended 2022, Mr. Tal received an annual performance bonus in the amount of \$300,000.

## SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table shows information concerning compensation of our named executive officers during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021:

### Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Fiscal Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Award (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation	Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Lior Tal	2022	\$ 500,000	\$ 300,000	\$ —	\$ 1,152,831	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,952,831
CEO	2021	350,000	150,000	—	506,857	—	—	—	1,006,857
Donald Alvarez	2022	300,000	—	—	300,096	—	—	—	600,096
CFO	2021	152,885	—	—	139,336	—	—	—	292,221
Ben Landen	2022	250,000	—	—	80,982	—	—	—	330,982
VP of Business Development	2021	222,454	—	—	32,256	—	—	5,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	259,710

(1) Represents relocation expenses paid by the Company on behalf of Mr. Landen.

### Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

The following table discloses information regarding outstanding equity awards granted or accrued as of December 31, 2022, for our named executive officers.

### Outstanding Equity Awards

Outstanding Equity Awards							
Name	Option Awards			Stock Awards			
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Vested	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unvested	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock that have not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock that have not Vested (\$)	
Lior Tal (Chief Executive Officer)	2,878,004	—	\$ 0.13	4/5/27; 3/22/28	—	—	
	1,987,000	—	\$ 0.22	5/30/28	—	—	
	566,667	1,033,333	\$ 2.88	7/25/31	—	—	
	47,187	2,217,813	\$ 0.9775	11/7/32	—	—	
Donald Alvarez Chief Financial Officer)	150,000	250,000	\$ 2.88	7/25/31	—	—	
	9,895	465,105	\$ 0.9775	11/7/32	—	—	
Ben Landen (Vice President of Business Development)	81,875	28,125	\$ 0.23	11/4/29	—	—	
	35,416	64,584	\$ 2.88	7/25/31	—	—	
	—	50,000	\$ 1.45	3/21/32	—	—	
	5,375	252,625	\$ 0.9775	11/7/32	—	—	

### Pension Benefits

Effective November 17, 2017, the Company established the Cyngn Inc. 401(k) Plan for the exclusive benefit of all eligible employees and their beneficiaries with the intention to provide a measure of retirement security for the future. This plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and qualifies under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Cyngn, Inc. did not offer and has not provided a company match for its 401(k) Plan.



## COMPENSATION AGREEMENTS

### General Overview

We have entered into employment arrangements with each of the named executive officers. These agreements include the named executive officer's initial base salary, an indication of eligibility for an annual cash incentive award opportunity and an opportunity for annual equity grants. In addition, each of our named executive officers has executed a form of our standard confidential information and invention assignment agreement.

#### ***Lior Tal***

On January 1, 2022, we entered into an employment agreement with our Chief Executive Officer, Lior Tal, which agreement superseded and replaced the offer letter entered into by and between the Company and Mr. Tal on April 17, 2016.

Pursuant to the employment agreement, as compensation for his services as Chief Executive Officer of the Company, Mr. Tal will receive: (1) a salary of \$500,000 per annum (the "Base Salary") and commensurate benefits; (2) eligibility, subject to Mr. Tal's continued employment with the Company, to earn an annual performance based bonus in the target of 60% of his Base Salary; (3) eligibility, also subject to Mr. Tal's continued employment with the Company, to participate in the Company's 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, the Company 2021 Incentive Plan, or any successor plan, subject to the terms of such plan; and (4) entitlement, also subject to Mr. Tal's continued employment with the Company, to reimbursement for all reasonable and necessary out-of-pocket business, entertainment, and travel expenses incurred by Mr. Tal in connection with the performance of Mr. Tal's duties as the Company's Chief Executive Officer and the Company's expense reimbursement policies and procedures.

The agreement also provides for severance to Mr. Tal pursuant to the terms described therein and the extension of the post termination exercise period of stock options held by Mr. Tal upon the termination of his employment, upon the terms and conditions outlined in the agreement.

#### ***Ben Landen***

On September 19, 2019, we entered into an immediately effective offer letter with Mr. Ben Landen. Pursuant to Mr. Landen's offer letter, he serves as our Senior Director of Business and Corporate Development. Mr. Landen's employment shall continue until terminated by either the Company or Mr. Landen. Pursuant to Mr. Landen's offer letter, he will receive (i) an annual base salary of \$220,000, which annual base salary increased to \$250,000 on November 29, 2021, and (ii) an option to purchase 150,000 shares of the Company's common stock at an exercise price of \$0.23 per share, which is based on the Board of Directors-approved fair market valuation as of March 31, 2019, as determined by an independent financial consultant. The option shall vest and become exercisable over a four-year period with 25% vesting on the one-year anniversary of Mr. Landen's employment start date and the balance vesting equally after each additional one-month period for continuous service completed over the following 36 months, subject to and in accordance with the terms of the Company's 2013 Stock Incentive Plan. Mr. Landen's options expire in November, 2029. The offer letter contains customary provisions relating to vacation, benefits, and non-compete.

#### ***Donald Alvarez***

On May 28, 2021, we entered into an offer letter with Mr. Donald Alvarez, effective June 1, 2021. Pursuant to Mr. Alvarez's offer letter, he serves as our Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Alvarez's employment shall continue until terminated by either the Company or Mr. Alvarez. Pursuant to Mr. Alvarez's offer letter, he will receive (i) an annual base salary of \$250,000 for his first year of employment, which annual base salary increased to \$300,000 upon the completion by the Company of its initial public offering, and (ii) a stock option to purchase 400,000 shares of the Company's common stock at an exercise price of \$2.88 per share, which option shall vest and become exercisable over a four-year period with 25% vesting on the one-year anniversary of Mr. Alvarez's employment start date and the balance vesting equally after each additional one-month period for continuous service completed over the following 36 months, subject to and in accordance with the terms of the Company's 2013 Stock Incentive Plan. Mr. Alvarez's options will expire in June 2031. The offer letter contains customary provisions relating to vacation, benefits, and non-compete.

## DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

The 2022 compensation plan for non-employee members of the Board of Directors and the committees of the Board is described in the table below.

	Annual retainer (payable in quarterly increments)	Additional annual cash compensation for non-employee Chairperson
Board of Directors	\$ 35,000	\$ —
Audit Committee	\$ —	\$ 20,000
Compensation Committee	\$ —	\$ 15,000
Nominating Corporate Governance Committee	\$ —	\$ 10,000

Prior to November 2021, our directors did not receive compensation for board service. On November 16, 2021, our Board of Directors, upon recommendation of the Compensation Committee, approved and adopted a program for compensating independent directors of the Board. Each independent director shall receive annual cash compensation of \$35,000. In addition, the chairperson of the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating and Governance Committee shall receive an annual compensation of \$20,000, \$15,000 and \$10,000, respectively; and the lead independent director shall receive an annual cash compensation of \$15,000. There shall also be (i) an initial award of \$270,000 in restricted stock units of the Company to each new independent director which shall be awarded on May 1<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year commencing in 2022 and which will vest monthly over three (3) years, and (ii) an annual award of \$180,000 in restricted stock units of the Company, which shall be granted on May 1<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year starting in 2022 and which will vest in its entirety one (1) year from the grant date.

### Director Compensation Table

The following table provides the total compensation for each person who served as a non-employee member of our Board of Directors during fiscal year 2022:

DIRECTOR COMPENSATION							
Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Karen Macleod	50,000	10,365	—	—	—	—	60,365
Colleen Cunningham	55,000	10,365	—	—	—	—	65,365
James McDonnell	60,000	10,365	—	—	—	—	70,365

## SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the ownership of the Company's common stock as of September 8, 2023 by: (i) each director and nominee for director; (ii) each executive officer named in the Summary Compensation Table; (iii) all executive officers and directors of the Company as a group; and (iv) all those known by the Company to be beneficial owners of more than five percent (5%) of its common stock.

This table is based upon information supplied by officers, directors and principal stockholders and Schedules 13D and 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission). Unless otherwise indicated in the footnotes to this table and subject to community property laws where applicable, the Company believes that each of the stockholders named in this table has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares indicated as beneficially owned. Applicable percentages are based on shares of common stock outstanding on September 8, 2023, adjusted as required by rules promulgated by the SEC.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Common Stock Beneficially Owned	Percentage of Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Directors and Officers:</b>		
Lior Tal <sup>(2)</sup>	6,781,254	16.53%
Donald Alvarez <sup>(3)</sup>	360,416	1.03%
Ben Landen <sup>(4)</sup>	290,541	0.83%
Karen Macleod <sup>(5)</sup>	79,411	0.23%
Colleen Cunningham <sup>(6)</sup>	68,292	0.20%
James McDonnell <sup>(7)</sup>	68,292	0.20%
All Executive Officers and Directors as a Group (6 persons)	7,648,206	18.35%
<b>Beneficial owners of more than 5%:</b>		
Entities affiliated with Benchmark <sup>(8)</sup>	9,238,787	26.59%
Andreessen Horowitz Fund III, L.P. <sup>(9)</sup>	5,234,828	15.07%
Entities affiliated with Redpoint <sup>(10)</sup>	2,463,851	7.09%

- (1) We have based our calculation of the percentage of beneficial ownership on 34,742,037 shares of common stock outstanding on September 8, 2023. We have deemed shares of common stock subject to stock options that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of the Record Date to be outstanding and to be beneficially owned by the person holding the stock option for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of that person. We did not deem these shares outstanding, however, for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person.
- (2) Includes 500,000 shares of common stock held directly and 6,281,254 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of stock options that are exercisable within 60 days of the Record Date.
- (3) Represents shares of common stock underlying 360,416 options to purchase shares of common stock of the Company which are vested and currently exercisable and shares underlying options which will become exercisable within 60 days of the Record Date.
- (4) Includes 40,000 shares of common stock held directly and 250,541 options to purchase shares of common stock of the Company which are vested and currently exercisable and shares underlying options which will become exercisable within 60 days of the Record Date.
- (5) Includes 55,598 shares of common stock held directly and 23,813 options to purchase shares of common stock of the Company which are vested and currently exercisable and shares underlying options which will become exercisable within 60 days of the Record Date.
- (6) Includes 54,348 shares of common stock held directly and 13,944 options to purchase shares of common stock of the Company which are vested and currently exercisable and shares underlying options which will become exercisable within 60 days of the Record Date.
- (7) Includes 54,348 shares of common stock held directly and 13,944 options to purchase shares of common stock of the Company which are vested and currently exercisable and shares underlying options which will become exercisable within 60 days of the Record Date.
- (8) Based solely on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 14, 2022 by entities and individuals affiliated with Benchmark. Represents 9,238,787 shares, of which 239,529 are directly owned by Benchmark Capital Partners VI, L.P. ("BCP VI"), 14,980 are directly owned by Benchmark Founders' Fund VI, L.P. ("BFF VI"), 9,832 are directly owned by Benchmark Founders' Fund VI-B, L.P. ("BFF VI-B"), 25,821 are held in nominee form for the benefit of persons associated with Benchmark Capital Management Co. VI, L.L.C. ("BCMC VI"), 7,111,971 are directly owned by Benchmark Capital

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Partners VII, L.P. (“BCP VII”), 789,847 are directly owned by Benchmark Founders’ Fund VII, L.P. (“BFF VII”) and 1,046,807 are directly owned by Benchmark Founders’ Fund VII-B, L.P. (“BFF VII-B”). BCMC VI is the general partner of BCP VI, BFF VI and BFF VI-B, and BCMC VII is the general partner of BCP VII, BFF VII and BFF VII-B. Matthew R. Cohler (“Cohler”), a member of BCMC VI and BCMC VII, may be deemed to have shared power to dispose of the shares held directly by these entities. BCMC VI, the general partner of BCP VI, BFF VI and BFF VI-B, may be deemed to have sole power to vote and sole power to dispose of shares of the Company directly owned by BCP VI, BFF VI and BFF VI-B. BCMC VII, the general partner of BCP VII, BFF VII and BFF VII-B, may be deemed to have sole power to vote and sole power to dispose of shares of the Company directly owned by BCP VII, BFF VII and BFF VII-B. Alexandre Balkanski (“Balkanski”), Matthew R. Cohler (“Cohler”), Bruce W. Dunlevie (“Dunlevie”), Peter Fenton (“Fenton”), J. William Gurley (“Gurley”), Keven R. Harvey (“Harvey”), Robert C. Kagle (“Kagle”) and Mitchell H. Lasky (“Lasky”) are members of BCMC VI and may be deemed to have shared power to vote and shared power to dispose of shares of the Company directly owned by BCP VI, BFF VI and BFF VI-B. Cohler, Dunlevie, Fenton, Gurley, Harvey and Lasky are members of BCMC VII and may be deemed to have shared power to vote and shared power to dispose of shares of the Company directly owned by BCP VII, BFF VII and BFF VII-B. The principal business address for each of these entities and individuals is 2965 Woodside Road, Woodside, California 94062. Mr. Lasky previously served as a director of the Company through August 9, 2022.

- (9) Based solely on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 14, 2022 by entities and individuals affiliated with Andreessen Horowitz Fund III, L.P. (“AH III”). Represents 5,234,828 shares of common stock, all of which are held of record by AH III. The address of the stockholder is Andreessen Horowitz Fund III, L.P. 2865 Sand Hill Road, Suite 101 Menlo Park, CA 94025 Attn: Robin Casey. Marc Andreessen and Ben Horowitz share voting and dispositive power over the securities held by the stockholder.
- (10) Based solely on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 11, 2022 by entities affiliated with Redpoint. Represents (i) 2,402,255 shares of common stock, held of record by Redpoint Ventures IV, L.P. (“RV IV”) and (ii) 61,596 shares of common stock held of record by Redpoint Associates IV, L.L.C. (“RA IV,” and together with RV IV, the “Redpoint Entities”). Redpoint Ventures IV, LLC (“RV IV LLC”) is the sole general partner of RV IV and the managers of RV IV LLC commonly control RA IV. Voting and dispositive decisions with respect to the shares held by RV IV and RA IV are made by the managers of RV IV LLC and RA IV: W. Allen Beasley, Jeffrey D. Brody, Satish Dharmaraj, R. Thomas Dyal, Timothy M. Haley, Christopher B. Moore, Scott C. Raney, John L. Walecka and Geoffrey Y. Yang. The address for each of the Redpoint Entities is 2969 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA 94062.

## **SECTION 16(A) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE**

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our directors and executive officers, and persons who own more than ten percent of a registered class of our equity securities, to file with the SEC initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of our common stock and other equity securities. Officers, directors and greater than ten percent stockholders are required by SEC regulation to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file.

To our knowledge, based solely on a review of the copies of such reports furnished to us and written representations that no other reports were required, during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to our officers, directors and greater than ten percent beneficial owners were complied with.

**CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE**

Our Audit Committee has responsibility for reviewing and, if appropriate, for approving any related party transactions that would be required to be disclosed pursuant to applicable SEC rules.

There were no transactions since the beginning of the Company's last fiscal year, or any currently proposed transaction, in which the Company was or is to be a participant and the amount involved exceeds \$120,000, and in which any related person had or will have a direct or indirect material interest.

**Director Independence**

Ms. Macleod, Ms. Cunningham and Mr. McDonnell are each "independent" within the meaning of Nasdaq Rule 5605(b)(1).

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CYNGN

As a reporting company, we are subject to the informational requirements of the Exchange Act and accordingly file our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. As an electronic filer, our public filings are maintained on the SEC's Internet site that contains reports, proxy information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. The address of that website is <http://www.sec.gov>. In addition, our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, may be accessed free of charge through our website, as soon as reasonably practicable after we have electronically filed such material with, or furnished it to, the SEC. Also, our Code of Conduct, as well as the Charters for our Audit, Compensation and Corporate Governance and Nominating Committees are available on our website and amendments to, or waivers of, the Code of Conduct will be disclosed on our website. The address of our website is <https://www.cyngn.com/>; however, the information found on our website is not part of this proxy statement.

Our common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "CYN."

This proxy statement has been preceded by the Annual Report for fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. Stockholders are referred to such report for financial and other information about the activities of the Company.

Our transfer agent is Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company. Their address is 1 State Street 30<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10004.

You may request copies of documents we have filed with the SEC, as well as copies of documents that appear on our website, from us, without charge, upon written or oral request to:

Cyngn Inc.  
1015 O'Brien Dr.  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
Attn: Corporate Secretary  
Tel: (650) 924-5905

## **STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

Stockholders interested in presenting a proposal to be considered for inclusion in the proxy statement relating to the 2024 annual meeting of stockholders may do so by following the procedures prescribed in Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). To be considered for inclusion, stockholder proposals must be submitted in writing to Cyngn Inc., 1015 O’Brien Dr., Menlo Park, California 94025, Attention: Corporate Secretary, before June 11, 2024, which is 120 calendar days prior to the anniversary of the mailing date of this Proxy Statement. Any such proposal must meet the requirements of the Bylaws and all applicable laws and regulations.

Any stockholder who wishes to have a proposal considered at the 2024 annual meeting of stockholders, or to nominate a director for election at that meeting, but not submitted for inclusion in the proxy statement relating to that meeting, must give advance notice to us prior to the deadline for such meeting. In order for a proposal or nomination to be timely, it must be received by us no earlier than 120 days prior to the anniversary date of the Annual Meeting, or July 10, 2024, and no later than 90 days prior to the anniversary of the Annual Meeting, or August 9, 2024. In the event the 2024 annual meeting of stockholders is being held more than 30 days before or more than 70 days after the anniversary of the Annual Meeting. The submission of a stockholder proposal does not guarantee that it will be presented at the annual meeting. Stockholders interested in submitting a proposal are advised to contact knowledgeable legal counsel with regard to the detailed requirements of applicable federal securities laws and the Company’s bylaws, as applicable.



**OTHER MATTERS**

The Board of Directors knows of no other matters that will be presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting. If any other matters are properly brought before the meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the accompanying proxy to vote on such matters in accordance with their best judgment.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Lior Tal

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT TO THE  
FIFTH AMENDED AND RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
CYNGN INC.,  
a Delaware Corporation**

Cyngn Inc. (the “**Corporation**”), a corporation organized and existing under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, hereby certifies as follows:

FIRST: That the undersigned is the duly elected and acting Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation.

SECOND: That, pursuant to Section 242 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the “**DGCL**”), the first paragraph of Article Fourth of the Fifth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

“**FOURTH**: The total number of shares of all classes of capital stock that the Corporation is authorized to issue is 210,000,000 shares, consisting of (i) 200,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.00001 per share (the “**Common Stock**”), and (ii) 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.00001 per share (the “**Preferred Stock**”).”

THIRD: That the foregoing Certificate of Amendment of the Fifth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation has been duly adopted and approved by the Board of Directors and stockholders of the Corporation in accordance with the applicable provisions of Sections 228 and 242 of the Delaware General Corporation Law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned hereby further declares and certifies under penalty of perjury that the facts set forth in the foregoing certificate are true and correct to the knowledge of the undersigned, and that this certificate is the act and deed of the undersigned.

Executed on this [        ]<sup>th</sup> day of [        ], 2023.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Lior Tal

Chief Executive Officer

**AMENDMENT  
TO  
2021 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN  
(Adopted October 14, 2021, and ratified by Stockholders October 21, 2021)**

**Section 4.1 Authorized Number of Shares, shall be amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:**

Subject to adjustment from time to time as provided in Section 15.1, the aggregate maximum number of shares of Common Stock available for issuance under the Plan shall be:

- (a) 7,500,000 shares; plus
- (b) an annual increase to be added as of the first day of the Company's fiscal year equal to the least of
  - (i) 5% of the outstanding Common Stock on a fully diluted basis as of the end of the Company's immediately preceding fiscal year, (ii) 2,500,000 shares, and (iii) a lesser amount determined by the Board; provided, however, that any shares from any such increases in previous years that are not actually issued shall continue to be available for issuance under the Plan; plus
- (c) (i) any authorized shares reserved and available for issuance, and not issued or subject to outstanding awards, under the Company's 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (the "***Prior Plan***") on the Effective Date shall cease to be set aside and reserved for issuance pursuant to the Prior Plan, effective on the Effective Date, and shall instead be set aside and reserved for issuance pursuant to the Plan and (ii) any shares subject to outstanding awards under the Prior Plan on the Effective Date that cease to be subject to such awards following the Effective Date (other than by reason of exercise or settlement of the awards to the extent they are exercised for or settled in vested or nonforfeitable shares) shall cease to be set aside or reserved for issuance pursuant to the Prior Plan, effective on the date upon which they cease to be so subject to such awards, and shall instead be set aside and reserved for issuance pursuant to the Plan, up to an aggregate maximum of 8,500,000 shares pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii) of this paragraph (c), subject to adjustment from time to time as provided in Section 15.1.

Shares issued under the Plan shall be drawn from authorized and unissued shares or shares now held or subsequently acquired by the Company as treasury shares.

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**CYNGN INC.**

Your Internet vote authorizes the named proxies to vote your shares in the same manner as if you marked, signed and returned your proxy card. Votes submitted electronically over the Internet must be received by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on November 6, 2023.



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Use the Internet to vote your proxy. Have your proxy card available when you access the above website. Follow the prompts to vote your shares.



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**PROXY CARD**

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE “FOR” PROPOSALS 1, 2, 3 AND 4.**

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**1. Election of Directors**

- (1) Karen Macleod  
(2) James McDonnell

FOR all  
Nominees  
listed to the  
left

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WITHHOLD AUTHORITY  
to vote (except as marked to  
the contrary for all nominees  
listed to the left)

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- 3. Approval of an amendment to the Company's 2021 Equity Incentive Plan to increase the number of shares that are available for awards under the plan.**

FOR

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AGAINST

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ABSTAIN

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- 4. Ratification of the selection of Marcum LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm.**

FOR

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AGAINST

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**(Instruction: To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee, strike a line through that nominee's name in the list above)**

- 2. Approval of an amendment to the Company's Fifth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized common stock from 100,000,000 to 200,000,000 shares.**

FOR

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**CONTROL NUMBER**

**Signature**\_\_\_\_\_ **Signature, if held jointly**\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**\_\_\_\_\_, 2023

Note: Please sign exactly as name appears hereon. When shares are held by joint owners, both should sign. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee, guardian, or corporate officer, please give title as such.

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**Important Notice Regarding the Internet Availability of Proxy  
Materials for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders**

**The 2023 Proxy Statement and the 2022 Annual Report to  
Shareholders are available at:  
<http://www.cstproxy.com/cyngn/2023>**

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**THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
CYNGN INC.**

The undersigned appoints Lior Tal and Donald Alvarez, and each of them, as proxies, each with the power to appoint his substitute, and authorizes each of them to represent and to vote, as designated on the reverse hereof, all of the shares of common stock of Cyngn Inc. held of record by the undersigned at the close of business on September 8, 2023 at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Cyngn Inc. to be held on November 7, 2023, or at any adjournment thereof.

**THIS PROXY WHEN PROPERLY EXECUTED WILL BE VOTED AS INDICATED. IF NO CONTRARY INDICATION IS MADE, THE PROXY WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOR OF ELECTING THE TWO NOMINEES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND IN FAVOR OF PROPOSAL 2, PROPOSAL 3, AND PROPOSAL 4, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE JUDGMENT OF THE PERSONS NAMED AS PROXY HEREIN ON ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING. THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

(Continued and to be marked, dated and signed, on the other side)

