

MAXIM INTEGRATED PRODUCTS INC
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UNITED STATES
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Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A

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Maxim Integrated Products, Inc.

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on November 12, 2015.**

MAXIM INTEGRATED PRODUCTS, INC.

Meeting Information

MAXIM INTEGRATED PRODUCTS, INC.

ATTN: MARK CASPER

160 RIO ROBLES

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting

For holders as of: September 18, 2015

Date: November 12, 2015 **Time:** 10:00 AM Pacific Time

Location: Maxim Integrated Products, Inc.

Event Center

160 Rio Robles

San Jose, California 95134

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the company named above.

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See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

Before You Vote
How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K

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How To Vote
Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

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

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

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

Voting Items

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR all of the nominees listed below and FOR proposals 2 through 6:

1. To elect seven members of the board of directors to hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders or until their respective successors have been elected and qualified.

The seven director nominees are as follows:

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| 01) B. Kipling Hagopian | 05) Robert E. Grady |
| 02) Tunc Doluca | 06) William D. Watkins |
| 03) James R. Bergman | 07) A. R. Frank Wazzan |
| 04) Joseph R. Bronson | |

2. To ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as Maxim Integrated's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending June 25, 2016.
3. To ratify and approve an amendment to Maxim Integrated's 2008 Employee Stock Purchase Plan to increase the number of shares available for issuance thereunder by 2,000,000 shares.

4. To ratify and approve an amendment to Maxim Integrated's 1996 Stock Incentive Plan to increase the number of shares available for issuance thereunder by 4,000,000 shares.
5. To ratify and approve an amendment to Maxim Integrated's restated certificate of incorporation to eliminate the ability of stockholders to cumulate their votes in future elections of directors.
6. Advisory vote to approve named executive officer compensation.

October 2, 2015

Dear Maxim Integrated Stockholders:

We are pleased to provide you with the enclosed Proxy Statement for our 2015 Annual Meeting and Annual Report on Form 10-K for our fiscal year ended June 27, 2015.

In fiscal year 2015, we achieved strong growth in our Automotive business and diversified our customer base. Our employees continued to develop innovative, differentiated technology, and this is providing a high return on our R&D investment. We reorganized our Company to enable our business units and sales teams to be more flexible and more responsive to customers, while also lowering our costs. We also announced plans to transform our manufacturing structure, which will improve gross margins with lower variability, enable us to be more responsive to changes in customer demand, and reduce our capital spending. Finally, we returned approximately 79% of free cash flow to stockholders in the form of dividends and share repurchases during fiscal year 2015. We recently increased the quarterly dividend by 7%, reflecting our confidence in our business model and ability to maintain high profitability throughout economic cycles.

In this Proxy Statement, we are asking for your support for various proposals, including modest share increases in our equity compensation plans and an amendment to our restated certificate of incorporation to eliminate the ability of stockholders to cumulate their votes in the election of directors. Our proposal to eliminate cumulative voting would enable equal representation for each share of Company stock, bringing us in line with other publicly traded companies.

Thank you for your continuing support, and we look forward to seeing you at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

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President and Chief Executive Officer

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