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Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 3)\*

### **DAVIDSTEA Inc.**

(Name of Issuer)

Common Shares (Title of Class of Securities)

238661102 (CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2017 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

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<sup>(1)</sup> The number of shares reported as beneficially owned is as of May 10, 2018.

<sup>(2)</sup> Based on 25,912,061 common shares of the Issuer outstanding as of April 30, 2018, as reported in the Issuer's Form 8-K dated May 10, 2018, as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on May 10, 2018.

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#### **Explanatory Note**

This Amendment No. 3 ("Amendment No. 3") to Schedule 13G relates to the Common Shares, ("Common Shares"), of DAVIDsTEA Inc., and amends and restates Amendment No. 2 to the Schedule 13G filed by the reporting persons on February 14, 2018. This Amendment No. 3 is being filed to provide public dissemination in the United States of the (i) dissident proxy circular, (ii) shareholder letter, (iii) form of proxy, and (iv) press release, attached as Exhibits B through E to this Amendment No.3.

Item 1(a).

Name of Issuer: DAVIDsTEA Inc.

Item 1(b).	Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 5430 Ferrier
	Mount-Royal
	Québec, Canada, H4P 1M2
Item 2(a).	Name of Person(s) Filing:
	Rainy Day Investments Ltd. Herschel H. Segal
Item 2(b).	Address of Principal Business Office, or if None, Residence:
_(0)	Rainy Day Investments Ltd.
	5695 Ferrier Mount-Royal
	Québec, Canada, H4P 1N1
	Herschel H. Segal
	c/o Rainy Day Investments Ltd. 5695 Ferrier
	Mount-Royal
	Québec, Canada, H4P 1N1
Item 2(c).	Citizenship:
	Rainy Day Investments Ltd.: Canada
	Herschel H. Segal: Canada
Item 2(d).	Title of Class of Securities:
	Common Shares
Item 2(e).	<b>CUSIP Number:</b> 238661102
Item 3.	If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:
(a)	Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act.
(b)	Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act.
(c)	Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act.
(d)	Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act.
(e)	An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
(f)	An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
(g)	A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
(h)	A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
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			Herschel H. Segal: 12,012,538
	(b)	Perce	ent of class:
			Rainy Day Investments Ltd.: 46.36%
			Herschel H. Segal: 46.36%
	(c)	Num	ber of shares as to which such person has:
		(i)	Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:
			Rainy Day Investments Ltd.: 12,012,538
			Herschel H. Segal: 12,012,538
		(ii)	Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:
			Rainy Day Investments Ltd.: 0
			Herschel H. Segal: 0
		(iii)	Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
			Rainy Day Investments Ltd.: 12,012,538
			Herschel H. Segal: 12,012,538
		(iv)	Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
			Rainy Day Investments Ltd.: 0
			Herschel H. Segal: 0

\*\* See footnotes on the cover pages, which are incorporated by reference herein.

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#### Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities check the following  $\Box$ .

Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

N/A

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

N/A

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

N/A

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

N/A

Item 10. Certifications.

N/A

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#### **SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

#### Rainy Day Investments Ltd.

By: /s/ Herschel H. Segal
Herschel H. Segal, CEO & President

/s/ Herschel H. Segal Herschel H. Segal

Date: May 11, 2018

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Exhibit C.	Shareholder Letter	
Exhibit D.	Form of Proxy	
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#### Exhibit A

#### Joint Filing Agreement

The undersigned agree that this Schedule 13G, and all amendments thereto, relating to the Common Shares of DAVIDsTEA Inc. shall be filed on behalf of the undersigned.

#### Rainy Day Investments Ltd.

By: /s/ Herschel H. Segal
Herschel H. Segal, CEO & President

/s/ Herschel H. Segal

Herschel H. Segal



DISSIDENT PROXY CIRCULAR

TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF

DAVIDNTEA INC.

TO BE HELD ON JUNE 14, 2018

FOR THE SOLICITATION OF PROXIES BY AND ON BEHALF OF RAINY DAY INVESTMENTS LTD.



YOUR VOTE AND SUPPORT ARE IMPORTANT - SUBMIT ONLY YOUR BLUE PROXY OR BLUE VIF TODAY FOR ASSISTANCE VOTING YOUR PROXY, PLEASE CONTACT SHORECREST GROUP

#### saveDTEA Proxy Circular Summary

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this saveDTEA Proxy Circular. It does not contain all of the information that you should consider. Please read the entire saveDTEA Proxy Circular carefully before voting.

#### Voting Recommendations

Proposal	Recommendation
Elect Herschel Segal	FOR
Elect M. William Cleman	FOR
Elect Pat De Marco, CPA, CA	FOR
Elect Emilia Di Raddo, CPA, CA	FOR
Elect Max Ludwig Fischer, Ph.D.	FOR
Elect Peter Robinson	FOR
Elect Roland Walton	FOR

Vote **FOR** the resolution setting the number of directors of DAVIDsTEA to be elected at eight.

Vote **FOR** the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as auditor of DAVIDsTEA Inc. for the ensuing year and authorizing the Board of Directors to fix its remuneration.

#### Record Date

You are entitled to vote at the meeting if you were a holder of common shares at the close of business on April 30, 2018.

#### **Proxy Submission Deadline**

To ensure your vote is counted, please submit your <u>BLUE</u> proxy or <u>BLUE</u> voting instruction form (VIF) prior to 9:00 a.m. (eastern time) on Tuesday, June 12, 2018.

Please vote all <u>BLUE</u> VIF or proxies that you receive to ensure that all of your shares are counted. You may discard any yellow management proxies that you receive.

#### Attending the Annual Meeting

If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, please follow the instructions on page viii of this saveDTEA Proxy Circular.

#### Meeting Information

Date: Thursday June 14, 2018 Time: 9:30 a.m. (eastern time)

Place: Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel 900 René-Lévesque Blvd. West

Montreal, Québec

#### How you can vote

Your vote is important. To ensure that your shares will be represented and voted at the meeting, please submit your vote as soon as possible by one of the following methods.

#### **Beneficial Shareholders**

(You hold your shares with a bank, broker or other intermediary)

By Internet:

www.proxyvote.com using the 16-digit control number located on your **BLUE** Broadridge VIF.

By Telephone:

The toll-free number along with your control number is listed on your **BLUE** VIF.

#### **Registered Shareholders**

(You hold a physical share certificate in your name)

By Email:

Send a copy of your executed <u>BLUE</u> proxy to <u>contact(@shorecrestgroup.com.</u>

By Fax:

Send a copy of your executed **BLUE** proxy to 1-416-931-7349

Delivery in person, by courier or mail:

Shorecrest Group 67 Yonge St., Suite 901 Toronto, Ontario M5E 1J8

#### Your vote is important!

The enclosed information is important and requires your immediate attention. If you have any questions, please contact Shorecrest Group, our proxy agent, by telephone at 1-888-637-5789 or 1-647-931-7454 or by e-mail at contact@shorecrestgroup.com

www.saveDTEA.com



May 11, 2018

Dear Fellow Shareholder:

As a founder and the principal shareholder of DAVIDsTEA Inc. ("**DAVIDsTEA**"), I am asking for your vote at DAVIDsTEA's annual meeting to be held on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. (eastern time) at the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel, 900 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, Montreal, Québec, and at any and all adjournments or postponements thereof (the "**Meeting**"). Through Rainy Day Investments Ltd. ("**RDI**"), I own approximately 46.4% of the outstanding common shares of DAVIDsTEA and have proposed a slate of new directors who will work in the best interests of <u>all</u> DAVIDsTEA shareholders.

The seven nominees proposed by RDI (collectively, the "RDI Nominees") bring impeccable credentials in retailing and finance and vast business experience to DAVIDsTEA's governance. A clear majority of the RDI Nominees are independent of me and RDI. They share a common vision for DAVIDsTEA and a belief in its future.

With your help, we will achieve a result at the Meeting which will serve the interests of all shareholders by reconstituting the Board with the following seven highly-qualified RDI Nominees: M. William Cleman, Pat De Marco, CPA, CA, Emilia Di Raddo, CPA, CA, Max Ludwig Fischer, Ph.D., Peter Robinson, Roland Walton and myself. Each of the RDI Nominees has the requisite experience, expertise, perspective and motivation to maximize DAVIDsTEA's true potential value.

At the Meeting on June 14, shareholders will have an opportunity to affect DAVIDsTEA's future by voting for the seven RDI Nominees. This election is perhaps the most important in DAVIDsTEA's history. A vote for the RDI Nominees will start the process by which DAVIDsTEA can achieve its great potential.

Your vote is important no matter how many shares you own. If you care about DAVIDsTEA and the value of your shares, please vote for the RDI Nominees TODAY.

Please vote online or return your completed <u>BLUE</u> proxy form or <u>BLUE</u> voting instruction form by using any one of the methods set out in the proxy form or voting instruction form so that it arrives no later than 9:00 a.m. (eastern time) on Tuesday, June 12, 2018. Thank you for your support.

Yours truly,

#### RAINY DAY INVESTMENTS LTD.

per: (signed) "Herschel H. Segal"

Herschel H. Segal President

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#### PROXY CIRCULAR

## SOLICITATION OF PROXIES BY AND ON BEHALF OF RDI FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF DAVIDSTEA INC. TO BE HELD ON JUNE 14, 2018

#### RDI RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE ON THE BLUE PROXY FORM OR BLUE VOTING INSTRUCTION FORM

Vote **FOR** the election of the seven following RDI Nominees as directors of DAVIDsTEA Inc.:

- Herschel Segal
- M. William Cleman
- Pat De Marco, CPA, CA
- Emilia Di Raddo, CPA, CA
- Max Ludwig Fischer, Ph.D.
- Peter Robinson
- Roland Walton

Vote **FOR** the resolution setting the number of directors of DAVIDsTEA to be elected at the Meeting at eight.

Vote **FOR** the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as auditor of DAVIDsTEA Inc. for the ensuing year and authorizing the Board of Directors to fix its remuneration.

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#### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

The following list of Questions and Answers is intended to address some of the key questions regarding the annual meeting of holders of common shares ("Shares") of DAVIDsTEA Inc. ("DAVIDsTEA") to be held on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. (eastern time) at the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel, 900 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, Montreal, Québec, Canada and at any and all adjournments or postponements thereof (the "Meeting"). This section is a summary only and is qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information contained elsewhere in this Circular. Shareholders are urged to read this Circular in its entirety.

#### Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING?

**A.** This is the annual meeting of DAVIDsTEA, at which shareholders will elect the Board of Directors. At the Meeting, there will be two slates of directors for shareholders to vote on; one slate put forward by the management of DAVIDsTEA, and a second slate of seven nominees that we have put forward (the "**RDI Nominees**").

#### Q. WHO IS LEADING THE EFFORT TO RECONSTITUTE THE BOARD?

**A.** This effort is being led by RDI, a holding company owned by Herschel Segal, a founder of DAVIDsTEA and a director until March 5, 2018. RDI owns approximately 46.4% of the outstanding Shares.

#### Q. WHY SHOULD I SUPPORT HERSCHEL SEGAL AND RDI'S SLATE OF SEVEN NOMINEES?

A. Herschel Segal, a founder and principal shareholder of DAVIDsTEA, believes that poor operating decisions and unproductive leadership by the current Board of Directors and management of DAVIDsTEA have greatly eroded shareholder value. Operating losses continue each quarter, and for the most recent fiscal year, were approximately four times greater than in the previous year. Financial results continue to be deeply disturbing. The *status quo* is not an option.

In order to improve operations and effect a financial turnaround, a <u>unified</u> Board of Directors is needed, one which shares a common vision for DAVIDsTEA's future. The strategic review process favoured by the current Board of Directors has run its course; DAVIDsTEA and the Board of Directors need to get to work <u>immediately</u> to revitalize the business. With a new, unified Board of Directors, DAVIDsTEA will be able to make substantial progress in improving operations and financial performance, for the benefit of <u>all</u> shareholders. The slate of new directors, the seven RDI Nominees, will work in the best interests of <u>all</u> DAVIDsTEA shareholders.

#### Q. WHY IS THERE A NEED FOR CHANGE?

**A.** Management and the Board of Directors of DAVIDsTEA have not been able to manage the business profitably. Rather, they have sought buyers for the business, or portions thereof, while operations are suffering.

Herschel Segal believes in the future of DAVIDsTEA. His vision for DAVIDsTEA is to build on its strengths, including a well-known brand, a loyal customer base across Canada and passionate employees, while addressing weaknesses such as U.S. operations and excessive product and organizational costs. With the right focus, DAVIDsTEA can restore growth, position itself on a sustainable path, and create value for the long-term – for shareholders, customers and employees. The economy is strong, the DAVIDsTEA brand resonates with a new generation of consumers, and the tea business offers

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compelling opportunities for creating long-term shareholder value. By focusing on the right priorities, DAVIDsTEA can aspire to a great future as an iconic Canadian brand.

#### Q. WHAT IS RDI'S PLAN FOR DAVIDSTEA?

- A. RDI's plan is straightforward. Herschel Segal believes that the tea industry is growing, consumers in Canada and the United States are increasingly health conscious and aware of the benefits of specialty teas, and DAVIDsTEA has a well-recognized brand name and a loyal customer base across Canada, all of which are important factors for an operational and financial turnaround. Mr. Segal further believes that the basis for a financial turnaround is a focus on DAVIDsTEA's operations, with good products and satisfied customers. Specifically, Mr. Segal believes that DAVIDsTEA can effect an operational and financial turnaround as follows:
  - **Focus on and listen to the customer**, enhance the customer experience and make sure that customers are satisfied
  - Provide excellent products at a compelling price by rebuilding DAVIDsTEA's buying department and improving the creativity and efficiency of product development
  - **Create ongoing, two-way communication** between DAVIDsTEA's head office and its stores, and provide support to the stores and their personnel
  - Focus on the Canadian market, where the DAVIDsTEA brand has been successful, and expand the number of stores in Canada
  - **Stabilize** operations in the United States
  - **Reduce overhead costs**, including a reduction of head office personnel
  - Assess DAVIDsTEA's senior management and make any necessary changes
  - **Provide clear direction** from the Board of Directors to senior management and employees

#### Q. WHY DO YOU BELIEVE THE RDI NOMINEES CAN BEST HELP DAVIDSTEA?

A. The RDI Nominees were invited to serve in light of their diverse skills and experience and their commitment to an operational and financial turnaround of DAVIDsTEA. They collectively have expertise in the retail industry, financial expertise, and experience with public companies and other large organizations. We believe that a Board of Directors comprised of the RDI Nominees will be able to provide clear direction to DAVIDsTEA's senior management and employees and are confident that the RDI Nominees will help DAVIDsTEA effect an operational and financial turnaround.

#### Q. DAVIDSTEA BLAMES HERSCHEL SEGAL FOR ITS PROBLEMS. IS THAT VALID?

A. Such a claim is completely unfounded. Herschel Segal is a successful retail-industry entrepreneur and a founder of DAVIDsTEA. Mr. Segal's vision and financing were critical to DAVIDsTEA's rapid early growth and success. At no time since 2012 has Herschel Segal held an executive position at DAVIDsTEA, controlled or directed the operations of DAVIDsTEA, been involved in its management or been Chairman of the Board. During the fiscal year ended February 3, 2018, for which DAVIDsTEA

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recently announced its deeply disturbing results, Mr. Segal was one voice on a ten-member Board of Directors and NOT a member of management. In short, any claim that Herschel Segal is responsible for DAVIDsTEA's operating losses and other negative financial results is fiction.

#### Q. ARE THE RDI NOMINEES "INDEPENDENT"?

**A.** All of the RDI Nominees are at the date hereof "independent" within the meaning of Canadian National Instrument 52-110 - *Audit Committees* ("**NI 52-110**"), and "Independent Directors" as defined in Nasdaq Rule 5605(a)(2).

In the event that the RDI Nominees are elected as the Board of Directors at the Meeting, it is expected that Herschel Segal will be appointed as Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors and that M. William Cleman will be appointed as "lead director" of the Board of Directors within the meaning of Canadian securities regulations. Mr. Cleman will be "independent" within the meaning of NI 52-110 and an "Independent Director" as defined in Nasdaq Rule 5605(a)(2). If Mr. Segal is appointed as Executive Chairman, a clear majority of the RDI Nominees will be "independent" within the meaning of NI 52-110 and "Independent Directors" as defined in Nasdaq Rule 5605(a)(2).

#### Q. WHO WILL BE ON THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF DAVIDSTEA?

A. In the event that the RDI Nominees are elected as the Board of Directors at the Meeting, it is expected that M. William Cleman, Pat De Marco, CPA, CA, and Roland Walton will be appointed to the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors. As noted above, each of these three RDI Nominees is at the date hereof "independent" within the meaning of NI 52-110 and an "Independent Director" as defined in Nasdaq Rule 5605(a)(2). Further, each has confirmed that he: (i) is able to read and understand fundamental financial statements, including DAVIDsTEA's balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement, and (ii) has past employment experience in finance or accounting, requisite professional certification in accounting, or any other comparable experience or background which results in his financial sophistication, including being or having been a chief executive officer, chief financial officer or other senior officer with financial oversight responsibilities, all as required by Nasdaq Rule 5600. Further, each of the three is "financially literate" within the meaning of Canadian securities regulations.

#### Q. WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF DAVIDSTEA?

**A.** In the event that the RDI Nominees are elected as the Board of Directors at the Meeting, it is expected that Herschel Segal will be appointed as Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors. The RDI Nominees will assess DAVIDsTEA's senior management and make any necessary changes. Further, the RDI Nominees will provide clear direction to senior management and employees with respect to operations and a turnaround plan for DAVIDsTEA.

#### Q. COULD RDI HAVE AVOIDED A PROXY FIGHT?

A. In March, RDI and its legal counsel initiated discussions with the Board of Directors of DAVIDsTEA and with three minority shareholders, each of whom owns more than 10% of the Shares, with the objective of reaching an agreement with them on a slate of nominees for election as the Board of Directors of DAVIDsTEA. As a compromise, RDI proposed a slate of nine nominees, consisting of: five nominees of RDI; three nominees to be proposed by the Board of Directors and/or the minority shareholders; and the Chief Executive Officer of DAVIDsTEA. Both the Board of Directors and three minority shareholders refused this compromise slate of nominees. Accordingly, RDI formally submitted the names of seven RDI Nominees in accordance with Article 11 of By-law 2015-1 of DAVIDsTEA, the "advance notice"

provision, and at the Meeting will formally nominate the seven RDI Nominees for election as the Board of Directors of DAVIDsTEA.

#### Q. IS HERSCHEL SEGAL SEEKING CONTROL OF DAVIDSTEA WITHOUT PAYING A PREMIUM?

A. DAVIDsTEA has stated that by nominating the RDI Nominees to replace the current Board of Directors, Herschel Segal is proposing to gain control of the Board "without having paid a premium to other shareholders" and that he views DAVIDsTEA as a "family business". Let's set the record straight – Herschel Segal, the principal shareholder of DAVIDsTEA, has confirmed his long-term commitment to DAVIDsTEA and proposed a detailed plan for an operational and financial turnaround designed to create value – for all DAVIDsTEA shareholders. The slate of seven RDI Nominees, a clear majority of whom are independent of Mr. Segal and RDI, will work in the best interests of all DAVIDsTEA shareholders. With a new, unified Board of Directors, DAVIDsTEA will be able to make substantial progress in improving operations and financial performance, for the benefit of all DAVIDsTEA shareholders. RDI is committed to doing everything necessary in order to revitalize the business of DAVIDsTEA, for the good of all DAVIDsTEA shareholders.

### Q. WHY ARE SHAREHOLDERS BEING ASKED TO VOTE "FOR" SETTING THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS AT EIGHT, WHEN THERE ARE ONLY SEVEN RDI NOMINEES?

A. The Articles of DAVIDsTEA provide that the number of directors shall be a minimum of three and a maximum of fifteen. RDI understands that pursuant to an employment agreement between DAVIDsTEA and the Chief Executive Officer, the latter must be a director of DAVIDsTEA for so long as he is Chief Executive Officer. Accordingly, at the Meeting, RDI will propose that shareholders adopt a resolution setting the number of directors to be elected at the Meeting at eight (seven RDI Nominees and the Chief Executive Officer).

#### Q. WHEN AND WHERE IS THE MEETING?

**A.** The Meeting is scheduled to be held on June 14, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. (eastern time) at the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel, 900 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, Montreal, Québec, Canada.

#### Q. WHO IS ENTITLED TO VOTE?

**A.** Shareholders owning Shares on April 30, 2018 (the "**Record Date**") are entitled to vote. Each Share is entitled to one vote on the items of business identified in the notice of meeting sent by DAVIDsTEA.

#### Q. HOW MANY SHARES ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE?

**A.** DAVIDsTEA has disclosed in the Management Circular that there were 25,912,061 Shares outstanding as of the Record Date.

#### Q. HOW DO I VOTE MY BLUE PROXY FORM OR BLUE VOTING INSTRUCTION FORM?

**A.** If you are a **Beneficial Shareholder** (meaning your shares are held through a broker or other intermediary), you may vote in person, by Internet, by fax, by telephone, or by mail or delivery as follows:

- **To vote in person:** Insert your name in the space provided on the enclosed **BLUE** voting instruction form ("**VIF**") or submit any other document in writing to your nominee (e.g. broker, advisor, trust company) that requests that you should be appointed as proxy. Then, follow the instructions on the **BLUE** VIF and sign and return the **BLUE** VIF in accordance with the instructions provided (also see the question "What's the Difference Between a Beneficial and a Registered Shareholder?" below for more information). Before the start of the Meeting on June 14, 2018, register with the representative(s) from AST Trust Company (Canada) who will be located at a scrutineers' table just outside the meeting room. You should bring photo ID to the Meeting.
- **To vote by Internet**: Go to **www.proxyvote.com** and vote using the 16-digit control number found on your **BLUE** VIF. If you are a U.S. resident, follow the instructions provided with your **BLUE** VIF or other proxy document.
- **To vote by telephone**: If you are a Canadian Beneficial Shareholder, call the toll-free number found on your **BLUE** VIF or 1-800-474-7493 or 1-800-474-7501 (French) and vote using the 16-digit control number found on the **BLUE** VIF. If you are a U.S. Beneficial Shareholder, follow the instructions provided with your **BLUE** VIF or other proxy document.
- **To vote by fax**: Properly complete, sign and date your **BLUE** proxy form and return it by fax to Broadridge at 1-905-507-7793 (for Canadian Beneficial Shareholders only).
- **To vote by mail or delivery**: Properly complete, sign and date the **BLUE** VIF and enclose it using the postage-paid envelope.
- **A.** If you are a <u>Registered Shareholder</u> (meaning your Shares are held by you directly and not by your broker or other intermediary), you may vote in person, by email, by fax, or by mail or delivery as follows:
  - **To vote in person:** You do not need to complete and return the enclosed **BLUE** proxy form. All you need to do is to come to the Meeting with your **BLUE** proxy form. Before the start of the Meeting on June 14, 2018, register with the representative(s) from AST Trust Company (Canada), who will be located at a scrutineers' table just outside the meeting room. You should bring photo ID to the Meeting.
  - **To vote by fax or email**: Properly complete, sign and date your **BLUE** proxy form and return it by fax to Shorecrest Group at 647-931-7349 or by email to contact@shorecrestgroup.com.
  - **To vote by mail or delivery**: Properly complete, sign and date the **BLUE** proxy form and return it in the postage prepaid envelope provided to Shorecrest Group at 67 Yonge Street, Suite 901, Toronto, Ontario M5E 1J8.

#### Q. WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BENEFICIAL AND A REGISTERED SHAREHOLDER?

**A.** You are a "**Registered Shareholder**" if your shares are held in your name and you are in possession of a physical share certificate or a direct registration statement that indicates the same. The vast majority of shareholders are **not** Registered Shareholders but are "**Beneficial Shareholders**". You are a Beneficial Shareholder if your shares are held by a broker, advisor, trust company or other similar person.

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As a Beneficial Shareholder you should have received this Circular from your nominee, together with a request for voting instructions relating to the Shares you hold. Please follow the voting instructions provided by your nominee in order to vote your Shares. If you are a Beneficial Shareholder who has voted and want to change your mind and vote in person, contact your nominee to discuss whether this is possible and what procedure to follow. Since only Registered Shareholders or their proxyholders can attend and vote at the Meeting, if you attend the Meeting as a Beneficial Shareholder you will not automatically be shown as a Registered Shareholder on DAVIDsTEA's shareholder register and DAVIDsTEA will have no record of your shareholdings or of your entitlement to vote unless your nominee has appointed you as proxyholder. Therefore, if you are a Beneficial Shareholder and wish to vote in person at the Meeting, insert your own name in the space provided on the BLUE VIF sent to you by your nominee and sign and return the BLUE VIF in accordance with the signing and returning instructions provided. By doing so, you are instructing your nominee to appoint yourself as proxyholder. You should bring photo ID to the Meeting.

To find out what type of shareholder you are, call Shorecrest Group toll-free at 1-888-637-5789; brokers and banks - 647-931-7454.

#### Q. WHAT PROXY FORM OR VIF SHOULD I VOTE?

A. Vote ONLY the **BLUE** proxy form or **BLUE** VIF enclosed by marking "FOR" with respect to the election of the RDI Nominees as outlined in the **BLUE** proxy form or **BLUE** VIF. You may revoke a proxy already given pursuant to management's solicitation of proxies by completing and delivering the enclosed **BLUE** proxy form. A later-dated **BLUE** proxy form revokes any and all prior proxies given by you in connection with the Meeting. A Registered Shareholder who has given a proxy may also revoke the proxy at any time prior to use by depositing an instrument in writing revoking the proxy, executed by such Registered Shareholder or by his, her or its attorney authorized in writing or by electronic signature or, if the Registered Shareholder is a corporation, by an officer or attorney thereof properly authorized, either: (i) at the registered office of DAVIDsTEA at 5430 Ferrier Street, Mont Royal, Québec, Canada H4P 1M2 at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof; or (ii) with the chairman of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof; or (iii) in any other manner permitted by law.

#### Q. WHAT IF I PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING AND VOTE IN PERSON?

A. If you are a Registered Shareholder planning to attend the Meeting on June 14, 2018 and wish to vote your Shares in person at the Meeting, although it is preferred, it is not necessary to complete or return the proxy form. Your vote will be taken and counted at the Meeting. Please register with DAVIDsTEA's transfer agent, AST Trust Company (Canada), upon arrival at the Meeting. If you are a Beneficial Shareholder, (i.e. if your Shares are held in the name of a nominee) and you wish to attend the Meeting, please refer to the question, "How Do I Vote my Blue Proxy Form or Blue Voting Instruction Form?" above for voting instructions.

#### Q. WHAT HAPPENS IF I SIGN THE PROXY FORM OR VIF ENCLOSED WITH THIS CIRCULAR?

**A.** Signing the enclosed <u>BLUE</u> proxy form or <u>BLUE</u> VIF gives authority to RDI's representatives or to any other person you have appointed to vote your Shares at the Meeting.

#### Q. HOW WILL MY PROXY BE VOTED?

A. You may indicate on the <u>BLUE</u> proxy form or <u>BLUE</u> VIF how you want your proxyholder to vote your Shares, or you can let your proxyholder decide for you. If you specify on the <u>BLUE</u> proxy form or <u>BLUE</u> VIF how you want your Shares to be voted on a particular resolution (by indicating FOR, AGAINST or WITHHOLD, as applicable), then your proxyholder must vote your Shares accordingly. If you have not specified on the <u>BLUE</u> proxy form or <u>BLUE</u> VIF how you want your Shares to be voted on a particular resolution, then your proxyholder may vote your Shares as he or she sees fit.

Unless contrary instructions are provided, Shares represented by proxies received by RDI will be voted "FOR" the election of the RDI Nominees named in the Circular as directors of DAVIDsTEA, "FOR" the resolution setting the number of directors of DAVIDsTEA to be elected at the Meeting at eight, and "FOR" the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, as auditor of DAVIDsTEA for the ensuing year.

#### Q. CAN I APPOINT SOMEONE OTHER THAN RDI'S REPRESENTATIVES TO VOTE MY SHARES?

**A. Yes, you may appoint someone other than RDI's representatives to vote your Shares.** Please write the name of this person, who need not be a shareholder, in the blank space provided in the **BLUE** proxy form, or **BLUE** VIF or by completing another proxy form. It is important to ensure that any other person so appointed is aware that he or she has been appointed to vote your Shares and **MUST** attend the Meeting in order to vote your Shares. That person should bring photo ID to the Meeting.

#### Q. WHAT DO I DO WITH MY COMPLETED BLUE PROXY OR BLUE VIF?

**A.** Return your completed <u>BLUE</u> proxy form or <u>BLUE</u> VIF by using any one of the methods prescribed on the <u>BLUE</u> proxy form or VIF so that it arrives no later than 9:00 a.m. (eastern time) on Tuesday, June 12, 2018. This will ensure that your vote is recorded. For assistance in voting, please contact RDI's proxy solicitation agent, Shorecrest Group, by email at contact@shorecrestgroup.com or by calling toll-free at 1-888-637-5789; brokers and banks - 647-931-7454.

#### Q. WHAT IF I WANT TO REVOKE MY PROXY OR VOTING INSTRUCTION FORM?

**A.** If you are a **Beneficial Shareholder**, you can revoke a previously-deposited voting instruction form or proxy by notifying your broker, trust company or other advisor in writing.

If you are a **Registered Shareholder**, you can revoke a previously-deposited proxy by:

- (i) Completing a **BLUE** proxy form that is dated later than the proxy form you are revoking and mailing it to Shorecrest Group, 67 Yonge St, Suite 901, Toronto, Ontario M5E 1J8 so that it is received no later than 9:00 a.m. (eastern time) on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, or
- (ii) Depositing an instrument in writing executed by you or by your attorney authorized in writing, as the case may be:
  - (a) At the registered office of DAVIDsTEA at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the Meeting is to be held; or

(b) With the Chairman of the Meeting prior to its commencement on the day of the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the Meeting.

#### Q. WHAT IF AMENDMENTS OR OTHER MATTERS ARE BROUGHT TO THE MEETING?

A. The enclosed <u>BLUE</u> proxy form or <u>BLUE</u> VIF gives the persons named on it the authority to use their discretion in voting on amendments to or variations of matters identified in the notice of meeting sent by DAVIDsTEA and other matters which may properly come before the Meeting. At the time of printing this Circular, RDI knows of no such amendments, variations or other matters, except as described herein. If any matters, which are not now known, should properly come before the Meeting, the persons named in the <u>BLUE</u> proxy form or <u>BLUE</u> VIF will vote on such matters in accordance with their judgment.

#### Q. WHAT DO I DO IF I ALREADY VOTED A MANAGEMENT PROXY?

A. Even if you have already voted using the Management Proxy, you have every right to change your vote. Only the later-dated proxy will be counted at the Meeting. Vote only the <u>BLUE</u> proxy form on or before 9:00 a.m. (eastern time) on Tuesday, June 12, 2018. For more information or assistance voting your <u>BLUE</u> proxy form, please contact Shorecrest Group by email at contact@shorecrestgroup.com or by calling toll-free at 1-888-637-5789; brokers and banks - 647-931-7454.

A Beneficial Shareholder may revoke a voting instruction form or proxy authorization form given to an intermediary at any time by written notice to the intermediary, except that an intermediary may not act on a revocation of a voting instruction form or proxy authorization form that is not received by the intermediary in sufficient time prior to the Meeting.

#### QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE PROXY SOLICITOR

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#### PROXY CIRCULAR

This dissident proxy circular (this "Circular") dated May 11, 2018 and the accompanying <u>BLUE</u> proxy form or <u>BLUE</u> voting instruction form ("VIF") are provided to you in connection with the solicitation of proxies by and on behalf of Rainy Day Investments Ltd. ("RDI" or "we") to be used at the annual meeting of holders of shares ("Shares") of DAVIDsTEA Inc. ("DAVIDsTEA") to be held on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. (eastern time) at the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel, 900 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, Montreal, Québec, Canada at any and all adjournments or postponements thereof (the "Meeting").

This solicitation of proxies is made by RDI. This solicitation of proxies is NOT made by or on behalf of management of DAVIDsTEA.

You were sent a management information circular dated May 10, 2018 (the "Management Circular") and a management form of proxy (the "Management Proxy") from management of DAVIDsTEA soliciting proxies in connection with the Meeting. According to the Management Circular, management of DAVIDsTEA is proposing six directors for election to the Board.

If you support RDI's proposals, use only the **BLUE** proxy form or **BLUE** VIF enclosed with this Circular. If you previously returned a Management Proxy, you have the right to change your vote. To do so, simply sign, date and return the **BLUE** proxy form. A later-dated **BLUE** proxy form supersedes a previously-completed Management Proxy. A Beneficial Shareholder may revoke a VIF or proxy authorization form given to an intermediary at any time by written notice to the intermediary, except that an intermediary may not act on a revocation of a VIF or proxy authorization form that is not received by the intermediary in sufficient time prior to the Meeting.

RDI is soliciting proxies in support of the election of the following seven nominees as directors of DAVIDsTEA: Herschel Segal, M. William Cleman, Pat De Marco, CPA, CA, Emilia Di Raddo, CPA, CA, Max Ludwig Fischer, Ph.D., Peter Robinson and Roland Walton (collectively, the "**RDI Nominees**").

#### RECOMMENDATION TO SHAREHOLDERS

RDI recommends that you vote "FOR" the election of the RDI Nominees. The individuals named in the enclosed <u>BLUE</u> proxy form and <u>BLUE</u> VIF intend to cast the votes represented by such proxy "FOR" the election of the RDI Nominees, unless you direct that the Shares represented thereby be voted otherwise.

Your vote is very important to the future of your investment in DAVIDsTEA. If, after reading this Circular, you agree that a change to the current Board is necessary and that the RDI Nominees will better serve your interests as a shareholder of DAVIDsTEA, please sign, date and deposit the enclosed **BLUE** proxy form or **BLUE** VIF. Please follow the instructions under the heading "General Proxy Information" in this Circular with respect to depositing a proxy.

Unless otherwise noted, the information concerning DAVIDsTEA contained in this Circular has been taken from, or is based upon, publicly-available documents or records on file with securities regulatory authorities in Canada and the United States and other public sources. Although RDI has no knowledge that would indicate that any statement contained therein is untrue or incomplete, RDI does not assume responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of such information or for any failure by DAVIDsTEA to disclose material information which may affect the significance or accuracy of such information.

Information concerning DAVIDsTEA is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and on EDGAR at www.sec.gov.

Based on publicly-available information, the registered and head office of DAVIDsTEA is at 5430 Ferrier Street, Mont Royal, Québec, Canada H4P 1M2. All currency references in this Circular are to Canadian dollars, unless indicated otherwise.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained in this Circular constitute "forward-looking information" as such term is defined in applicable Canadian securities legislation. The words "may", "would", "could", "should", "potential", "will", "seek", "intend", "plan", "anticipate", "believe", "estimate", "expect" and similar expressions as they relate to RDI, the intentions of RDI, the impact of the RDI Nominees, if elected, on the financial condition, operations, business and strategies of DAVIDsTEA, future management and other matters related to DAVIDsTEA, are intended to identify forward-looking information. All statements other than statements of historical fact may be forward-looking information. Such statements reflect RDI's current views and intentions with respect to future events and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Material factors or assumptions that were applied in providing forward-looking information include, but are not limited to, the actual financial health of DAVIDsTEA, the support expressed by shareholders to RDI and the current general economic environment. Many factors could cause the actual results, performance or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking information to vary from those described herein should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize. Should any factor affect DAVIDsTEA in an unexpected manner, or should assumptions underlying the forward-looking information prove incorrect, the actual results or events may differ materially from the results or events predicted. Any such forward-looking information is expressly qualified in its entirety by this cautionary statement. Moreover, RDI does not assume responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of such forward-looking information. The forward-looking information included in this Circular is made as of the date of this Circular and RDI undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking information, other than as required by applicable law.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS IN THE UNITED STATES

DAVIDsTEA is governed by the laws of Canada. This solicitation of proxies is not subject to the requirements of section 14(a) of the United States *Securities Exchange Act of 1934*, as amended. Accordingly, this solicitation of proxies is made in the United States with respect to securities of DAVIDsTEA in accordance with Canadian corporate and securities laws and this Circular has been prepared in accordance with disclosure requirements applicable in Canada. DAVIDsTEA shareholders in the United States should be aware that these Canadian requirements are different from the requirements applicable to proxy statements under the United States *Securities Exchange Act of 1934*, as amended.

#### **BACKGROUND TO THIS SOLICITATION**

- In early March 2018, DAVIDsTEA asked that RDI provide the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors with the names of RDI's proposed nominees for election to the Board of Directors at the Meeting.
- On March 12, 2018, after the close of the markets, RDI issued a press release announcing that it intended to submit a slate of nominees to DAVIDsTEA for election as the Board of Directors.
- In the March 12 press release, RDI reiterated its statement of February 20, 2018 that RDI has no intention of selling its shares of DAVIDsTEA at this time.

- On March 19, 2018, RDI submitted a slate of nominees to the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee for election as the Board of Directors of DAVIDsTEA at the Meeting, and issued a press release announcing that it had done so.
- In the March 19 press release, Herschel Segal stated "This is a slate of quality candidates with a common vision for DAVIDsTEA and with the competencies and experience necessary for a turn-around of the company, for the benefit of all DAVIDsTEA shareholders". Mr. Segal further noted that a clear majority of the nominees are independent of RDI.
- On April 25, 2018, RDI formally submitted to DAVIDsTEA the names of the seven RDI Nominees for election to the Board of Directors of DAVIDsTEA at the Meeting. RDI submitted the names of the RDI Nominees in accordance with Article 11 of By-law 2015-1 of DAVIDsTEA, the "advance notice" provision. At the same time, RDI issued a detailed press release announcing that it had done so.

#### A NEED FOR A TURNAROUND AT DAVIDSTEA

Herschel Segal resigned from the Board of Directors of DAVIDsTEA on March 5, 2018 due to his belief that a majority of the current Board members do not share his vision for a financial turnaround of DAVIDsTEA through a focus on improving operations; they instead consider a continuing strategic review process to be DAVIDsTEA's priority. Mr. Segal concluded that in order to revitalize DAVIDsTEA's operations, RDI had to propose a slate of new directors sharing his vision for, and long-term commitment to, DAVIDsTEA.

Mr. Segal believes that DAVIDsTEA must focus on an operational and financial turnaround that positions DAVIDsTEA on a sustainable path and creates long-term value – for shareholders, customers and employees. With a new, unified Board of Directors sharing this common vision, Mr. Segal believes that DAVIDsTEA can aspire to a great future as an iconic Canadian brand.

Herschel Segal's fundamental conviction is that good products and satisfied customers are basic ingredients for a profitable business. The leadership of DAVIDsTEA needs to rebuild the corporate culture, from the boardroom to the store and online sales channels, to deliver a variety of quality products priced as a good-value proposition for the consumer, and with empathetic, enthusiastic communication with the customer. These straightforward principles will lead to a strengthening of DAVIDsTEA's retail operations in Canada and the United States, as well as the virtual online shopping experience.

DAVIDsTEA is at a critical juncture; the *status quo* is not an option. Herschel Segal wants, and DAVIDsTEA needs, a unified Board of Directors committed to an operational and financial turnaround built upon straightforward, fundamental principles. It's time to get to work on turning around DAVIDsTEA.

At the Meeting on June 14, shareholders will have an opportunity to affect DAVIDsTEA's future by voting for the seven RDI Nominees. This election is perhaps the most important in DAVIDsTEA's history. A vote for the RDI Nominees will start the process by which DAVIDsTEA can achieve its great potential.

#### OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL TURNAROUND PLAN

Herschel Segal believes that the tea industry is growing, consumers in Canada and the United States are increasingly health conscious and aware of the benefits of specialty teas, and DAVIDsTEA has a well-recognized brand name and a loyal customer base across Canada, all of which are important factors for an operational and financial turnaround. Mr. Segal further believes that the basis for a financial turnaround is a focus on DAVIDsTEA's operations, with good products and satisfied customers. Specifically, Mr. Segal believes that DAVIDsTEA can effect an operational and financial turnaround as follows:

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- Focus on and listen to the customer, enhance the customer experience and make sure that customers are satisfied
- **Provide excellent products at a compelling price** by rebuilding DAVIDsTEA's buying department and improving the creativity and efficiency of product development
- **Create ongoing, two-way communication** between DAVIDsTEA's head office and its stores, and provide support to the stores and their personnel
- Focus on the Canadian market, where the DAVIDsTEA brand has been successful, and expand the number of stores in Canada
- **Stabilize** operations in the United States
- Reduce overhead costs, including a reduction of head office personnel
- Assess DAVIDsTEA's senior management and make any necessary changes
- Provide clear direction from the Board of Directors to senior management and employees

#### QUESTIONABLE MANAGEMENT DECISIONS

DAVIDsTEA's management and Board of Directors have made a number of decisions that have contributed to DAVIDsTEA's poor financial performance. In particular, DAVIDsTEA has been slow to respond to changing trends in the way consumers shop. In short, mall traffic has decreased as more consumers shop online. E-commerce sales represented only 12.2% of DAVIDsTEA's total sales in fiscal 2017, 10.6% in fiscal 2016 and 9.4% in fiscal 2015. DAVIDsTEA has not responded adequately to this important trend. Management has failed to devote sufficient resources to e-commerce and alternative sources of revenue.

Management has also failed to focus on the in-store experience, including the time required to serve customers. If customers perceive that there are lengthy waiting times at DAVIDsTEA stores, they will go elsewhere. This problem has not been rectified.

DAVIDsTEA initially experienced considerable success with a grassroots marketing program, including community events and engagement. As a result of this creative marketing approach, DAVIDsTEA was able to build strong brand recognition and support. In the past few years, DAVIDsTEA has deviated from this marketing approach, with mitigated results. It's time to return to what succeeded in the past and to what gave DAVIDsTEA its unique community-focused identity.

#### DEEPLY DISTURBING FINANCIAL RESULTS

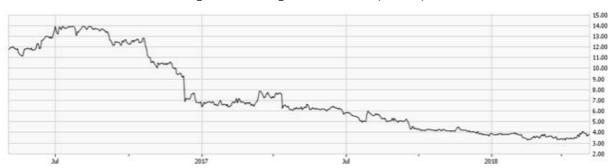
DAVIDsTEA's financial results for the 2017 fiscal year are deeply disturbing. Compared to the previous fiscal year, sales increased by 3.7% while comparable sales decreased by 6.0%. Even with an increase in sales, gross profit decreased. Selling, general and administration expenses increased. Operating losses for the fiscal year were approximately four times greater than in the previous fiscal year. All of this led to a loss of \$24.7 million in results from operating activities compared to a loss of \$6.3 million in the previous fiscal year. Net loss grew to \$28.5 million from a net loss of \$3.7 million for the previous year. Fully-diluted loss was \$1.11 per share compared to a loss of \$0.15 per share in the previous fiscal year.

These financial results cannot be sustained going forward and confirm the need for change.

#### POOR STOCK PERFORMANCE AND LIMITED LIQUIDITY

The closing price of DAVIDsTEA's shares on Nasdaq on May 9, 2018 was US \$3.65. This compares with US \$6.15 on May 9, 2017 and US \$11.94 on May 9, 2016. In short, the price of DAVIDsTEA stock has fallen by almost 70% in two years. All shareholders have suffered from this precipitous decline, as shown in Figure 1 below.

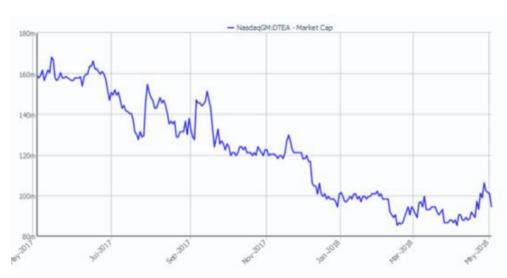
Figure 1: Trading Price of Shares (in US \$)



\*Source: TMX Money website

With the steep decline in the stock price, the market capitalization of DAVIDsTEA has decreased dramatically over the past year, as set out in Figure 2 below, from approximately US\$160 million to less than US\$100 million today, a drop in one year of approximately 37.5%.

Figure 2: Market Capitalization (in US \$)



\*Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence, a division of S&P Global Inc.

Further, there is limited trading volume in DAVIDsTEA's shares. Figure 3 below sets out daily trading volume on Nasdaq for the past two years - in short, there is a lack of liquidity, with fewer than 100,000 shares changing

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hands on most trading days. On May 9, 2018, 1,963 shares traded. All of this has occurred under DAVIDsTEA's current management and Board of Directors.

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Figure 3: Trading Volume

\*Source: Data sourced from TMX Money website

#### **EXCESSIVE EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

As noted in the media following DAVIDsTEA's recent announcement of its results for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2018, DAVIDsTEA paid an aggregate amount of approximately US \$3.68 million (CAD \$4.73 million) in executive compensation (including base salary, bonuses, severance pay and other benefits) to six executives during the fiscal year, notwithstanding a net loss of \$28.5 million for the year. This included a total of approximately US \$800,000 for the Chief Executive Officer, almost US \$1 million for the former Chief Financial Officer and almost US \$850,000 for the former Chief Operating Officer and President of DAVIDsTEA's U.S. subsidiary. RDI believes that executive compensation should be based on performance.

#### THE RDI NOMINEES

Herschel Segal leads the slate of RDI Nominees. If the slate is elected at the Meeting, it is expected that Mr. Segal will be appointed as Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of DAVIDsTEA. The six other RDI Nominees are: M. William Cleman, a corporate director and consultant; Pat De Marco, CPA, CA, President of Viau Foods Inc., located in Laval, Québec; Emilia Di Raddo, CPA, CA, President of Le Château Inc., a leading Canadian fashion retailer based in Montreal, Québec; Max Ludwig Fischer, Ph.D., a retired professor with an interest in holistic nutrition and herbal medicine; Peter Robinson, until recently CEO of the David Suzuki Foundation and prior thereto CEO of Mountain Equipment Co-op, a Canadian consumers' cooperative; and Roland Walton, former President of Tim Hortons Canada.

The RDI Nominees were invited to serve in light of their diverse skills and experience and their commitment to an operational and financial turnaround of DAVIDsTEA. The RDI Nominees collectively have expertise in the retail industry, financial expertise, and experience with public companies and other large organizations. Herschel Segal believes that a Board of Directors comprised of the RDI Nominees will be able to provide clear direction to

DAVIDsTEA's senior management and employees and is confident that the RDI Nominees will help DAVIDsTEA effect an operational and financial turnaround.

At present, all of the RDI Nominees are "independent" within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities regulations and Nasdaq rules. If Herschel Segal is appointed as Executive Chairman of the Board after the Meeting, a clear majority of the RDI Nominees will be "independent". In addition, at least three, if not more, of the RDI Nominees are "financially literate" and "independent" within the meaning of Canadian securities regulations and Nasdaq rules and have the skills required in order to be members of the Audit Committee of DAVIDsTEA.

#### MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON AT THE MEETING

RDI asks that shareholders elect each of Herschel Segal, M. William Cleman, Pat De Marco, CPA, CA, Emilia Di Raddo, CPA, CA, Max Ludwig Fischer, Ph.D., Peter Robinson and Roland Walton as directors of DAVIDsTEA, in each case to hold office until the next annual meeting of DAVIDsTEA or until their respective successors are elected or appointed.

#### The RDI Nominees

#### Herschel Segal Westmount, Québec

Since January 1969, Herschel Segal has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of RDI, an investment company. In 1959, Mr. Segal founded Le Château Inc., a clothing retailer listed on the TSX Venture Exchange, and served as its Chief Executive Officer until September 2006. Mr. Segal served as Executive Chairman of Le Château Inc. until February 2007 and remains a director. Mr. Segal holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from McGill University. Mr. Segal is a founder of DAVIDsTEA and was a director from 2008 until his resignation on March 5, 2018.

Public board membership	Board committee membership	ı		
Le Château Inc.		Board	į	
Principal Occupation for Past Five Years				
Rainy Day Investments Ltd. President and CEO 1969 - Present				
Provides				

Age: 87

**Status: Independent** 

Joined Board: 2008 (resigned March 5, 2018)

2017 Votes in favour:

99.64%

Shares Held: 12,012,538 (through RDI)

### Expertise

- Senior Leadership
- Finance/Accounting
- · Retail Industry
- Food and Beverage Industry
- Brand Marketing
- Public Companies

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#### M. William Cleman Côte St. Luc, Québec

M. William Cleman is an experienced operating and financial executive in the retail and real estate sectors and is a corporate director and consultant. Mr. Cleman has been a director of New Look Vision Group Inc., a company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange, and its predecessor entities since 2005. From January 2015 to July 2015, Mr. Cleman was a member of the Board of Directors and head of the special committee of Hartco Inc., a company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange which was privatized in November 2015. Since 2008, he has been Chairman of the Board of Arbell Inc., a private distribution company, and was a member of the Board of Directors of Hart Stores Inc., a company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange, from June 2008 until its privatization in February 2015. He was a director of Gemmar Systems from 2005 to 2007, and from April 2002 to November 2005 was a member of the Board of Directors of Le Château Inc., a company then listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Mr. Cleman retired as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Bouclair Inc., a Montréal-based retail chain in the home furnishings sector, in 2003. Previously, Mr. Cleman held senior positions at Bouclair Inc. from 1994. From 1989 to 1994, he was a partner in Cleman Ludmer Steinberg Inc., a merchant bank. From 1971 to 1989, Mr. Cleman had a successful career at Steinberg Inc., a major food retailer and real estate company. When Mr. Cleman left Steinberg Inc. in 1989 upon its sale to a private investor, he held the position of Chairman and CEO of Ivanhoe Inc., the real estate subsidiary of Steinberg Inc. Mr. Cleman holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from McGill University and a Masters of Business Administration degree from the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario.

Public board membership	Board committee membership	
New Look Vision Group Inc.	Human Resources and Compensation Committee Executive Committee Audit Committee	
<b>Principal Occupation for Past Five Years</b>		
Corporate Director and Consultant	2003 - Present	





Age: 68

Status: Independent

Joined Board: To be elected

Shares Held: Nil

#### **Expertise**

- Senior Leadership
- Finance/Accounting
- Retail Industry
- Food and Beverage Industry
- **Brand Marketing**
- **Public Companies**

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#### Pat De Marco, CPA, CA Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Québec

Pat De Marco has been President and Chief Operating Officer of Viau Food Products Inc. of Laval, Québec, a large Canadian processor of beef and pork products, since 2008. Prior thereto, Mr. De Marco held senior executive positions at Moores Retail Group Inc., Canada's leading menswear retailer, from 1995 as Chief Financial Officer and from 2002 as President. Prior to that, Mr. De Marco was a partner at Ernst & Young LLP, where for 13 years he audited and consulted for companies in the manufacturing, real estate and consumer goods sectors. Mr. De Marco is a CPA, and holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Concordia University, Montreal, Québec.

Principal	Occupation	for Past Five	Years
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Viau Food Products Inc. President & COO 2008 to present

#### Expertise

- Senior Leadership
- Finance/Accounting
- Retail Industry
- Food and Beverage Industry
- Brand Marketing



Age: 57

**Status: Independent** 

Joined Board: To be elected

**Shares Held: Nil** 

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#### Emilia Di Raddo, CPA, CA Montreal, Québec

Emilia Di Raddo has been the President of Le Château Inc., a company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange, since 2000, where she has also served on the Board of Directors since 2001 and served as Chief Financial Officer from 1996 to 2000. Prior to that, Mrs. Di Raddo was a partner at Ernst & Young LLP where she practiced for more than 15 years for companies operating in the retail and consumer products industries. Mrs. Di Raddo received a Bachelor of Commerce degree and a Diploma in Accountancy from Concordia University, Montreal, Québec, and is a chartered accountant and CPA. She was a director of DAVIDsTEA from August 21, 2012 to January 31, 2013 and from March 2014 until her resignation on May 10, 2018.

Public board membership	Board committee membership	
Le Château Inc.	Board	
Principal Occupation for Past Five		
Le Château Inc.	2000 to present	



Age: 60

Status: Independent

Joined Board: From August 21, 2012 to January 31, 2013 and from March 2014 to May 10, 2018.

2017 Votes in favour:

99.65%

**Shares Held: Nil** 

#### Expertise

- Senior Leadership
- Finance/Accounting
- Retail Industry
- Technology/ecommerce
- Brand Marketing
- Public Companies
- Digital and Social Media

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## Max Ludwig Fischer, Ph.D. Toronto, Ontario

From 1980 to 2013, Max Ludwig Fischer was Professor of German and International Studies at Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, where he also held administrative positions, including Chair of the Department of German and Russian Studies. Since 2008, Mr. Fischer has been a consultant to the President and CEO of Rancho La Puerta in Tecate, Mexico, a consistent winner of Travel & Leisure's "Best Spa Destination", as well as a Bi-Annual Lecturer on Nutrition and Natural Healing Modalities at Rancho La Puerta. In 2018, Mr. Fischer was an invited lecturer on "The Concept of Holistic Living" at the Omega Institute, Rhinebeck, New York. Mr. Fischer holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy and a Masters of Arts degree from the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and sociology from the University of Regensburg, Regensburg, Germany. Mr. Fischer is the author of numerous publications on 20th century literature, exile literature and intercultural communications. In addition to his expertise in literature, Mr. Fischer has a deep interest in psychology, holistic living and natural nutrition.

Principal Occupation for Past Five Years		
Retired		
Willamette University, Salem, Oregon	Professor of German and International Studies	1980-2013



Age: 67

Status: Independent

Joined Board: To be elected

**Shares Held: Nil** 

### Expertise

- Senior Leadership
- Regulatory/Legal
- Food and Beverage Industry
- Digital and Social Media

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#### Peter Robinson Mayne Island, British Columbia

Peter Robinson possesses diverse leadership experience spanning more than four decades in business, government and the non-profit sectors. He was Chief Executive Officer of the David Suzuki Foundation from 2008 to 2017 and, from 2000 to 2008, was Chief Executive Officer of Mountain Equipment Co-op, a Canadian consumers' cooperative that sells outdoor recreation gear and clothing exclusively to its members. From 1983 to 2000, Mr. Robinson held a number of positions with BC Housing, a government agency, including Chief Executive Officer from 1999 to 2000. Mr. Robinson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in geography from Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia, and a Master of Arts degree in Conflict Analysis and Management and a Doctor of Social Sciences degree, both from Royal Roads University, Victoria, British Columbia. He has been extensively involved in community and humanitarian work, including serving as a director from 2012 to 2017 of Imagine Canada, a national charitable organization, governor of the Canadian Red Cross Society from 2010 to 2012, and Chair of the Board of Governors and Chancellor of Royal Roads University from 2007 to 2010. Mr. Robinson has received several honorary degrees and awards, including Honorary Doctor of Laws from Royal Roads University in 2014, Honorary Doctor of Technology from the British Columbia Institute of Technology in 2010, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012 and the Order of Red Cross from the Canadian Red Cross Society in 2005.

Principal Occupation for Past Five Years		
Private Farm	Owner	2017 - present
David Suzuki Foundation	CEO	2008 - 2017

**Age: 66** 

**Status: Independent** 

Joined Board: To be elected

**Shares Held: Nil** 

#### **Expertise**

- Senior Leadership
- Finance/Accounting
- Retail Industry
- Technology/ecommerce
- Brand Marketing
- Digital and Social Media

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### Roland Walton Oakville, Ontario

Roland Walton has more than 35 years of experience in the food service industry. Mr. Walton spent 18 years as a member of the executive team at Tim Hortons, holding various key leadership positions including President of Tim Hortons Canada from 2012 to 2015, Chief Operating Officer from 2008 to 2012, Executive Vice-President Operations Canada and the United States from 2000 to 2008 and Executive Vice-President Operations Canada from 1997 to 2000. Prior thereto, Mr. Walton spent 13 years with Pizza Hut/Pepsico in operations and general management positions in Canada and the United States. Mr. Walton began his career with Wendy's Restaurants. Mr. Walton was a member of the board of the Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association (CRFA) for more than 15 years beginning in 1997 and served as Treasurer on the Executive Committee for four years. His service with the CRFA culminated with Mr. Walton being named an Honorary Fellow in 2012. Mr. Walton currently serves as Vice Chairman of Food for Life, a not-for-profit organization based in Burlington, Ontario. Mr. Walton holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Guelph University.

Public board membership		Board committee membership
Principal Occupation for Past Five Years		
Retired		
Tim Hortons Canada	President	2012 - 2015
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Age: 62

Status: Independent

Joined Board: To be elected

**Shares Held: Nil** 

#### Expertise

- Senior Leadership
- Finance/Accounting
- Retail Industry
- Food and Beverage Industry
- Brand Marketing

Each of the RDI Nominees has consented to being named as a nominee in this Circular. It is not contemplated that any of the RDI Nominees will be unable to stand for election to the Board or to serve as a director, if elected. If for any reason, any of the RDI Nominees do not stand for election or are unable to serve as such, proxies in favour of the RDI Nominees will be voted for another nominee in the discretion of the persons named in the enclosed **BLUE** proxy form or **BLUE** VIF unless the shareholder has specified in his/her proxy or VIF that his/her Shares are to be withheld from voting in the election of the RDI Nominees.

RDI believes that, if elected, each of the RDI Nominees will be "independent" within the meaning of Canadian National Instrument 58-101 - Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices.

To the knowledge of RDI, none of the RDI Nominees is or has been indebted to DAVIDsTEA at any time since the beginning of DAVIDsTEA's most recently-completed financial year, or has indebtedness to another entity which is the subject of a guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar arrangement or understanding provided by DAVIDsTEA.

Cease Trade Orders and Bankruptcies

Other than as set out below, none of the RDI Nominees:

- (a) is, or within the last ten years has been, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company that:
  (i) was subject to a cease trade order, an order similar to a cease trade order, or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under applicable securities legislation, and which in all cases was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days (an "Order"), which Order was issued while the RDI Nominee was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of such company; or (ii) was subject to an Order that was issued after the RDI Nominee ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while the RDI Nominee was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of such company;
- (b) is, or within the last ten years has been, a director or executive officer of any company that, while the RDI Nominee was acting in that capacity, or within a year of the RDI Nominee ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets; or
- (c) has, within the last ten years, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold his assets.

M. William Cleman was a director of Hart Stores Inc. ("HSI") when it sought protection from its creditors under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (Canada) on August 30, 2011. On February 27, 2012, the Québec Superior Court sanctioned and approved a Plan of Compromise and Arrangement filed by HSI under the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (Canada). The Plan of Compromise and Arrangement was voted on and accepted by the creditors of HSI at a meeting held on February 15, 2012.

The shares of HSI were subject to cease-trade orders issued by the securities commissions of Québec, Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba, respectively, starting in August 2012, which cease-trade orders related to the audited financial statements of HIS for the fiscal year ended January 29, 2012 and its interim financial statements for the three-month period ended April 29, 2012. In connection with a going-private transaction effected in February 2015, HSI obtained partial revocation orders from the five provincial securities commissions, in order to complete the going-private transaction.

Penalties and Sanctions

To the knowledge of RDI, none of the RDI Nominees has been subject to: (a) any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority; or (b) any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or

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regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable securityholder in deciding whether to vote for a proposed director.

# RECOMMENDATION TO SHAREHOLDERS

#### **Election of Seven RDI Nominees**

RDI recommends that you vote <u>FOR</u> the election of the seven RDI Nominees. The individuals named in the enclosed <u>BLUE</u> proxy form or <u>BLUE</u> VIF intend to cast the votes represented by such proxy <u>FOR</u> the election of the seven RDI Nominees, unless you direct that the Shares represented thereby be voted otherwise.

#### **Number of Directors**

The Articles of DAVIDsTEA provide that the number of directors shall be a minimum of three and a maximum of fifteen. RDI understands that pursuant to an employment agreement between DAVIDsTEA and the Chief Executive Officer, the latter must be a director of DAVIDsTEA for so long as he is Chief Executive Officer. Accordingly, at the Meeting, RDI will propose that shareholders adopt a resolution setting the number of directors to be elected at the Meeting at eight (seven RDI Nominees and the Chief Executive Officer). The individuals named in the enclosed **BLUE** proxy form or **BLUE** VIF intend to cast the votes represented by such proxy **FOR** a resolution setting at eight the number of directors to be elected at the Meeting, unless you direct that the Shares represented thereby be voted otherwise.

## **Appointment of Auditor**

Based on the Management Circular, the Board has proposed that Ernst & Young LLP be re-appointed as the auditor of DAVIDsTEA until the next annual meeting of shareholders, at a remuneration to be fixed by the Board. RDI recommends that you vote "FOR" the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as auditor of DAVIDsTEA for the ensuing year and to authorize the directors to fix its remuneration. The individuals named in the enclosed **BLUE** proxy form or **BLUE** VIF intend to cast the votes represented by such proxy **FOR** the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as auditor of DAVIDsTEA for the ensuing year and to authorize the directors to fix its remuneration, unless you direct that the Shares represented thereby be voted otherwise.

# **Other Business**

As at the date hereof, RDI knows of no amendments, variations or other matters to be presented for action at the Meeting. If, however, any amendments, variations or other matters properly come before the Meeting, the persons named as proxyholder in the **BLUE** proxy form or **BLUE** VI will vote on such matters in accordance with their best judgment on the matter.

# **VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS**

For purposes of the Meeting, DAVIDsTEA established April 30, 2018 as the Record Date for determining shareholders entitled to notice of the Meeting and to vote at the Meeting. To the knowledge of RDI, based on publicly-available information, as at the Record Date, there were 25,912,061 Shares issued and outstanding; each Share is entitled to one vote.

To the knowledge of RDI, based on publicly-available information, a quorum of shareholders will be present at the Meeting if the holders of 331/3% of the Shares entitled to vote at the Meeting are present in person or represented by proxy, provided that a quorum shall be not less than two persons.

To the knowledge of RDI, based on publicly-available information, as at the Record Date, no person beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, or exercises control or direction over Shares of DAVIDsTEA carrying more than 10% of the outstanding Shares except for:

Name	Number of Shares Owned or Controlled as of the Record Date	Percentage of Outstanding Shares as of the Record Date
Rainy Day Investments Ltd.	12,012,538	46.36%
Porchlight Equity Management, LLC	3,304,306	12.8%
TDM Asset Management PTY Ltd.	3,162,520	12.2%
Edgepoint Investment Group	2,984,352	11.5%

# INTEREST OF INFORMED PERSONS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

None of the RDI Nominees or any of their respective associates or affiliates has had a material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction since the commencement of DAVIDsTEA's most recently-completed financial year or in any proposed transaction which has materially affected or will materially affect DAVIDsTEA.

# INTEREST OF CERTAIN PERSONS IN MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

Neither RDI, the RDI Nominees nor any of their respective associates or affiliates has any material interest, direct or indirect, in any matter which, to the knowledge of RDI, will be acted on at the Meeting other than the election of directors.

# EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION, INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS, AND SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

Information regarding (i) the compensation of executives and directors of DAVIDsTEA (including the information prescribed by Form 51-102F6 – *Statement of Executive Compensation*), (ii) the indebtedness of the DAVIDsTEA's directors and executive officers, (iii) management contracts that may be in place at DAVIDsTEA's and (iv) securities authorized for issuance under DAVIDsTEA's equity compensation plans is not within the knowledge of RDI. For this information, please refer to the Management Circular, and other continuous disclosure documents filed by DAVIDsTEA on SEDAR at <a href="https://www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

#### **GENERAL PROXY INFORMATION**

# **Solicitation of Proxies**

This Circular is furnished by RDI in connection with the solicitation of proxies for use at the Meeting and at any adjournment or postponement thereof. Proxies may be solicited by mail, telephone, fax or other electronic means and in person, as well as by newspaper or other media advertising.

RDI intends to seek reimbursement from DAVIDsTEA for out-of-pocket expenses, including proxy solicitation expenses and legal fees, incurred in connection with the Meeting to the extent provided for under the *Canada Business Corporations Act* and other applicable law.

RDI's proxy solicitation agent, Shorecrest Group, can be contacted by email at contact@shorecrestgroup.com or by telephone toll-free at 1-888-637-5789; brokers and banks - 647-931-7454.

RDI has entered into an agreement with Shorecrest Group pursuant to which Shorecrest Group as agreed that it will act as RDI's strategic advisor and solicitation agent. Pursuant to this agreement, Shorecrest Group will receive a fee of approximately \$115,000 plus out-of-pocket expenses, which amount includes a fee on the successful completion of RDI's solicitation in connection with the Meeting.

No person is authorized to give information or to make any representations other than those contained in this Circular and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by RDI to be given or made.

#### **Notice and Access**

RDI has elected not to use notice and access to distribute this Circular and the **BLUE** proxy form or **BLUE** VIF accompanying this Circular. Registered holders and beneficial holders will be mailed these materials.

# **Appointment of Proxies**

The persons named as proxyholders in the enclosed **BLUE** proxy form are Herschel Segal and, failing him, Neil Wiener. A shareholder of DAVIDsTEA has the right to appoint a person, who need not be a shareholder of DAVIDsTEA, other than the persons named in the **BLUE** proxy form or **BLUE** VIF accompanying this Circular, as proxyholder to attend and act for and on behalf of such shareholder at the Meeting and may exercise such right by striking out the names of the persons named in the **BLUE** proxy form or **BLUE** VIF and inserting the name of the person to be appointed as proxyholder in the blank space provided in the **BLUE** proxy form, **BLUE** VIF or by completing another proper proxy form. If you beneficially own your Shares and therefore you are not the registered holder, see "Beneficial Shareholders" below for important information about how to appoint a representative of RDI as proxyholder for your Shares.

Shareholders should carefully complete and sign their proxies in accordance with the instructions contained in this Circular and in the <u>BLUE</u> proxy form or <u>BLUE</u> VIF in order to ensure that their proxies can be used at the Meeting. Completed and executed proxies should be returned in accordance with the instructions in the <u>BLUE</u> proxy form or <u>BLUE</u> VIF.

# **Registered Shareholders**

If you are a Registered Shareholder of DAVIDsTEA (meaning your Shares are held by you directly and not by your broker or other intermediary), you should follow the procedures set out in the enclosed **BLUE** proxy form and as set out below.

In order to vote for the election of the RDI Nominees set out in this Circular, you should do the following: (i) complete the **BLUE** proxy form enclosed by marking **FOR** with respect to the election of the RDI Nominees as outlined in the **BLUE** proxy form; and (ii) sign and date the **BLUE** proxy form and return by e-mail, fax or mail to the contact indicated in the **BLUE** proxy form.

# **Revocation of Proxies**

You may revoke a proxy already given pursuant to management's solicitation of proxies by completing and delivering the enclosed **BLUE** proxy form. A later-dated **BLUE** proxy form revokes any and all prior proxies given by you in connection with the Meeting.

A Registered Shareholder of DAVIDsTEA who has given a proxy may also revoke the proxy at any time prior to use by depositing an instrument in writing revoking the proxy, executed by such Registered Shareholder or by his, her or its attorney authorized in writing, either: (i) at the registered office of DAVIDsTEA at any time up to and including the last business day preceding the day of the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof; (ii) with the chairman of the Meeting on the day of the Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof; or (iii) in any other manner permitted by law.

If you are the beneficial owner, and therefore not a registered holder, of your Shares, see "RDI Encourages You to Submit Your Proxy as Soon as Possible - Beneficial Shareholders" below for instructions on how to revoke any proxy you give in connection with the Meeting.

#### **Beneficial Shareholders**

The information in this section applies only to shareholders who hold their Shares through a broker or other Intermediary (as defined below).

Only Registered Shareholders of DAVIDsTEA or the persons they appoint as their proxyholders are permitted to attend and vote at the Meeting. In many cases, Shares beneficially owned by a person (a "Beneficial Shareholder") are registered either (i) in the name of an intermediary (an "Intermediary") that the Beneficial Shareholder deals with in respect of the Shares (Intermediaries include, among others, banks, trust companies, securities dealers or brokers and trustees or administrators of self-administered RRSPs, RRIFs, RESPs and similar plans); or (ii) in the name of a depository, such as CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc. in Canada or The Depository Trust Company in the United States.

RDI has distributed copies of this Circular and a **BLUE** VIF or a **BLUE** proxy form to the depositories and Intermediaries for distribution to Beneficial Shareholders. Intermediaries are required to forward all meeting materials to Beneficial Shareholders, unless a Beneficial Shareholder has waived the right to receive the meeting materials. The proxy-related materials are being sent to both Registered Shareholders and Beneficial Shareholders. If you are a Beneficial Shareholder, and RDI or its agent has sent these materials directly to you, your name and address and information about your holdings of securities have been obtained in accordance with applicable securities regulatory requirements from DAVIDsTEA or from the Intermediary holding the Shares on your behalf.

Without specific instructions, Intermediaries are generally prohibited from voting shares for their clients. Therefore, Beneficial Shareholders should ensure that instructions respecting the voting of their Shares are communicated to the appropriate person by the appropriate time. A Beneficial Shareholder cannot use a voting instruction form to vote shares directly at the Meeting. Voting instruction form must be returned sufficiently in advance of the Meeting to have those Shares voted. Each Intermediary has its own procedures which should be carefully followed by Beneficial Shareholders to ensure that your Shares are voted by the Intermediary on your behalf at the Meeting. These procedures may allow for voting by email, by telephone, by internet, by mail and/or by fax.

The purpose of these procedures is to permit Beneficial Shareholders to direct voting of the Shares they beneficially own. Generally, Beneficial Shareholders who have not waived the right to receive the meeting materials, will receive, or will have already received, this Circular and either a **BLUE** VIF or, less frequently, a **BLUE** proxy form. Beneficial Shareholders should carefully follow the procedures set out in the applicable VIF or proxy form, which generally provide for the following, depending on which type of form your receive:

(a) A <u>BLUE</u> VIF (in most cases) which is not signed by the Intermediary and which, when properly completed and signed by the Beneficial Shareholder and returned to the Intermediary or its

service company, most commonly Broadridge Investor Communications Solutions, Canada and its counterpart in the United States ("**Broadridge**"), will constitute voting instructions. Beneficial Shareholders should follow the instructions provided in the voting instruction form, using one of the described voting methods provided, to vote their Shares; or

(b) Less frequently, a <u>BLUE</u> proxy form which has already been signed by the Intermediary and which is restricted as to the number of Shares beneficially owned by the Beneficial Shareholder but which is otherwise not completed. In these cases, the Beneficial Shareholder must properly complete, sign and date the <u>BLUE</u> proxy form and submit it as follows:

	CANADA		UNITED STATES
INTERNET:	Go to <a href="https://www.proxyvote.com">www.proxyvote.com</a> and vote using the 16-digit control number found on your <a href="https://www.proxyvote.com">BLUE</a> VIF.	INTERNET:	Go to <a href="https://www.proxyvote.com">www.proxyvote.com</a> and vote using the 16-digit control number found on your <a href="https://www.proxyvote.com">BLUE</a> VIF.
TELEPHONE:	Call the toll-free number found on your <b>BLUE</b> VIF or 1.800.474.7493 or 1.800.474.7501 (French) and vote using the 16-digit control number found on your <b>BLUE</b> VIF.	TELEPHONE:	1.800.454.8683  You will need the 16-digit control number noted on your BLUE VIF.
FACSIMILE:	1.905.507.7793	FACSIMILE:	n/a
MAIL:	Please complete your <b>BLUE</b> VIF and enclose it using the postage-paid envelope.	MAIL:	Proxy Services P.O. Box 9104 Farmingdale, New York 11735-9533 USA

If you are a Beneficial Shareholder and support RDI and the RDI Nominees and want to vote your **BLUE** VIF or **BLUE** proxy form in accordance with RDI's recommendations as set out in this Circular, you should complete, sign and date your **BLUE** VIF or **BLUE** proxy form received from your Intermediary and submit it using one of the methods described above, as applicable, depending on whether you are a Canadian or U.S. Beneficial Shareholder. For assistance in voting please contact Shorecrest Group toll-free at 1-888-637-5789, brokers and banks - 647-931-7454, or by email at contact@shorecrestgroup.com.

Should a Beneficial Shareholder wish to attend and vote at the Meeting in person (or have another person appointed as proxyholder to attend and vote on behalf of the Beneficial Shareholder), the Beneficial Shareholder should strike out the names of the persons named in the **BLUE** VIF or **BLUE** proxy form and insert the Beneficial Shareholder's or such other person's name in the blank space provided. **In any case, Beneficial Shareholders should carefully follow the instructions of their Intermediary, including those regarding when and where the <b>proxy (or any proxy authorization form) is to be delivered.** 

The majority of brokers and nominees now delegate responsibility for obtaining instructions from clients to Broadridge. Broadridge typically mails voting information forms to the Beneficial Shareholders and asks Beneficial Shareholders to return the forms to Broadridge then tabulates the results of all instructions received and provides appropriate instructions respecting the voting of shares to be represented at the Meeting. A Beneficial Shareholder receiving a **BLUE** VIF from Broadridge cannot use that form to vote Shares directly at the Meeting. The form must be returned to Broadridge well in advance of the Meeting in order to have the Shares

YOUR VOTE AND SUPPORT ARE IMPORTANT - SUBMIT ONLY YOUR BLUE PROXY OR BLUE VIF TODAY FOR ASSISTANCE VOTING YOUR PROXY, PLEASE CONTACT SHORECREST GROUP

Toll-free at 1-888-637-5789; brokers and banks - 647-931-7454

Email: contact@shorecrestgroup.com Please visit www.savedtea.com for updates voted. Each Beneficial Shareholder should contact his or her Intermediary and carefully follow the voting instructions provided by such Intermediary. If you are a Beneficial Shareholder and wish to vote your Shares in person at the Meeting, you should contact your Intermediary and follow its instructions for completion and return of the **BLUE** VIF or **BLUE** proxy form provided to you directly by them.

A Beneficial Shareholder may revoke a proxy form or voting information form given to an Intermediary or Broadridge at any time by voting again, as the latest <u>BLUE</u> VIF or <u>BLUE</u> proxy form will automatically revoke any previous ones already submitted or, by written notice to the Intermediary in accordance with the instructions given to the Beneficial Shareholder by its Intermediary. A Beneficial Shareholder should contact Broadridge using any of the methods set out in this Circular for assistance in ensuring that forms of proxy or voting instructions previously given to an Intermediary or Broadridge are properly revoked.

# **Delivery of Proxy-Related Materials to Objecting Beneficial Holders**

RDI intends to pay for intermediaries to deliver proxy-related materials to Beneficial Shareholders in accordance with Canadian National Instrument 54-101 - Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer.

RDI ENCOURAGES YOU TO SUBMIT YOUR BLUE PROXY FORM OR BLUE VIF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

IN ORDER TO BE VOTED AT THE MEETING, YOUR BLUE PROXY MUST BE RETURNED TO SHORECREST GROUP NO LATER THAN 9:00 A.M. (EASTERN TIME) ON TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018. SEE RETURN INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BLUE PROXY FORM OR BLUE VIF.

#### **Exercise of Discretion**

The Shares represented by the enclosed <u>BLUE</u> proxy form or <u>BLUE</u> VIF will be voted for, against or withheld from voting, as applicable, in accordance with the instructions of the shareholder on any ballot that may be called for at the Meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof, and where you specify a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon, the Shares will be voted in accordance with your specification so made.

In the absence of such specification, Shares represented by the enclosed <u>BLUE</u> proxy form or <u>BLUE</u> VIF will be voted <u>FOR</u> the items outlined in the <u>BLUE</u> proxy form or <u>BLUE</u> VIF. The enclosed <u>BLUE</u> proxy form or <u>BLUE</u> VIF confers the persons appointed under the proxy with discretionary authority (which they will exercise in accordance with their best judgment) with respect to any variation or amendments to those matters specified in the proxy and with respect to any other matters which may properly be brought before the Meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof. RDI is not currently aware of any such amendment, variation or other matter.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to DAVIDsTEA can be found on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and on EDGAR at www.sec.gov. Financial information regarding DAVIDsTEA is provided in its comparative financial statements and management's discussion and analysis for its most recently-completed financial year, which can be found on SEDAR and on EDGAR. In addition, shareholders may obtain copies of DAVIDsTEA's financial statements and management's discussion and analysis upon request to DAVIDsTEA.

# **APPROVAL**

Information contained in this Circular, unless otherwise indicated, is given as of the date hereof. The contents and the sending of this Circular have been approved by RDI and a copy of this Circular has been sent to DAVIDsTEA, each director of DAVIDsTEA, each shareholder whose proxy has been solicited and the auditor of DAVIDsTEA.

**DATED** May 11, 2018

# RAINY DAY INVESTMENTS LTD.

Per: (signed) "Herschel H. Segal"

Name: Herschel H. Segal

# TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. PLEASE VOTE TODAY.

# REGISTERED SHAREHOLDERS

(You hold a physical share certificate registered in your name)

# > VOTE BY FAX OR EMAIL

Please complete and sign your proxy and return by fax to 647-931-7349 or email contact@shorecrestgroup.com.

#### > VOTE BY MAIL

Please complete and sign your proxy and return using the enclosed envelope or by mail or delivery to: Shorecrest Group, 67 Yonge St, Suite 901, Toronto, ON, M5E1J8.

#### > VOTE BY INTERNET

Go to: www.proxyvote.com and vote using the 18-digit control number located on your Voting Instruction Form.

### BENEFICIAL SHAREHOLDERS

(You hold shares through a bank, broker or intermediary)

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#### > VOTE BY MAIL

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# Questions may be directed to:



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# Important Information for DAVIDsTEA Shareholders

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After being introduced to the growing tea industry a decade ago, I was inspired by the opportunity to make high- quality tea accessible to Canadians. As a founder and major investor in DAVIDsTEA, I was very proud at how rapidly the company grew on its way to establishing a dominant presence in the market and becoming a leading

Canadian brand. Today, I own 46.4% of DAVIDsTEA's outstanding shares through Rainy Day Investments Ltd.

By 2015, DAVIDsTEA was a public company listed on Nasdaq. It was a time of great promise for the brand. I remained a significant shareholder and served as a member of the Board of Directors, offering the best advice I could based on my lifetime in retailing.

Over the years, the Board of Directors and management made numerous decisions with which I disagreed. The U.S. expansion failed to take hold and Canadian operations did not receive the required attention to sustain their momentum. Unfortunately, I was only one voice among many on the Board. Now I have become alarmed and frustrated with the situation, particularly in light of the deteriorating financial results over the past year. Urgent action is needed to right the ship.

I feel that the current Board of Directors is prioritizing the agenda of three investment funds, who own a total of 36.5% of the shares, over the long-term interests of individual shareholders. I have seen the Board expending valuable resources and time exploring strategic alternatives which could lead to a sale of all or part of the company at a time when its underlying value is depressed by deeply disturbing financial results.

In my view, a key prerequisite for success is a common vision at the Board level and a clear strategic direction, both of which are currently lacking. The best solution is a new, unified Board of Directors that will focus immediately and urgently on a turnaround to take advantage of the growing demand for tea. The seven nominees RDI proposes, myself included, bring vast retailing and business experience and share a common vision for the future of DAVIDSTEA. The following pages, along with the enclosed proxy circular, outline why independent shareholders should act now to take advantage of this opportunity to elect a new Board of Directors that will serve your best interests.

This information relates to the future value of your investment and the election of a new Board of Directors may be your only opportunity to effect change. Together, we can put DAVIDsTEA back on the path to growth and long-term success.



# Herschel H. Segal

Founder and shareholder of DAVIDsTEA, President, Rainy Day Investments Ltd. ("RDI")

# Shareholders of DAVIDsTEA are encouraged to vote using only the BLUE proxy FOR RDI's seven nominees.

Tea is the second most widely consumed beverage worldwide, following only water. Every year, more North Americans are shifting away from consuming sugar and caffeine-loaded drinks in favour of healthier alternatives. DAVIDSTEA offers a natural and beneficial beverage choice to consumers, and as a leading Canadian brand, is well positioned to become a leader in the market.

# Change is needed now

# The current Board has no LONG-TERM Vision

The current Board of Directors is wasting valuable time, money and resources by continuing its strategic review, which could lead to a sale of all or part of the company at a time when its underlying value is depressed. No sale can be completed without the approval of Herschel Segal, who has confirmed his long-term commitment to DavidsTea, and the strategic review is not aligned with the interest of long-term individual shareholders. This process is distracting management and employees when they should be focused on a turnaround of the company.

# **DEEPLY DISTURBING Financial results**

DavidsTea financial results for 2017 are deeply disturbing. Compared to the previous fiscal year, sales increased by 3.7% while comparable sales decreased by 6.0%. Even with an increase in sales, gross profit decreased. Selling, general and administration expenses increased. Net loss grew to \$28.5 million in fiscal 2017 compared to a net loss of \$3.7 million for the previous year. Fully-diluted loss per share was \$1.11 compared to a loss of \$0.15 per share for the previous fiscal year. These financial results cannot be sustained going forward and confirm the need for change.

#### **POOR Stock Performance**

DavidsTea shares are currently trading on Nasdaq at approximately US\$3.65. This compares with US\$6.15 a year ago and US\$11.94 two years ago. The price of DavidsTea stock has fallen by almost 70% in two years. All shareholders have suffered from this precipitous decline. Further, there is a lack of liquidity, with fewer than 100,000 shares changing hands on most trading days. All of this has occurred under DavidsTea's current management and Board of Directors.

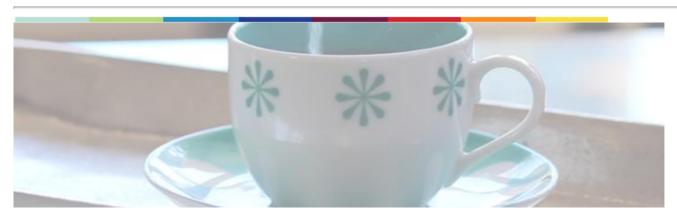
#### **QUESTIONABLE Management Decisions**

DavidsTea's management and Board of Directors have made a number of decisions that have contributed to poor financial performance. In particular, DavidsTea has been slow to respond to changing trends in the way consumers shop - online. Management has also failed to focus on the in-store experience, including the time required to serve customers. In addition, DavidsTea has deviated from the grassroots marketing program which succeeded in the past, including community events and engagement, and which gave DavidsTea its unique community-focused identity and strong brand recognition.

### **Reinstate Brand Principles**

The current Board and management have been so fixated on attracting a buyer that they have forgotten that the success of DavidsTea was built on a mandate of treating its employees fairly, providing a superior product and, most importantly, listening to customers and providing them with a great customer experience.





# Back to success

Once elected to the Board, RDI's nominees will act as your advocates for change. They will work tirelessly on a turnaround of DavidsTea's financial performance through improved operations, based on the principles described below:

# A VISION for DAVIDSTEA

Herschel Segal believes in the future of DavidsTea. His vision for DavidsTea is to build on its strengths, including a well- known brand, a loyal customer base across Canada and passionate employees, while addressing weaknesses such as U.S. operations and excessive product and organizational costs. With the right focus, DavidsTea can restore growth, position itself on a sustainable path, and create value for the long-term – for shareholders, customers and employees. The economy is strong, the DavidsTea brand resonates with a new generation of consumers, and the tea business offers compelling opportunities for creating long-term shareholder value. By focusing on the right priorities, DavidsTea can aspire to a great future as an iconic Canadian brand.

#### **CLEAR FOCUS on Operations & Financial Turnaround**

DavidsTea's priority needs to be a turnaround of its financial performance through improved operations, and not a continuing strategic review process, the end goal of which is to sell all or part of the business. The operational objective should be a "best in class" customer experience which results in a turnaround of DavidsTea's financial performance.

#### A UNIFIED Board of Directors

In order to improve operations and effect a financial turnaround, a unified Board of Directors is needed, one which shares a common vision for DavidsTea's future. The strategic review process favoured by the current Board of Directors has run its course; DavidsTea and the Board of Directors need to get to work immediately to revitalize the business. With a new, unified Board of Directors, DavidsTea will be able to make substantial progress in improving operations and financial performance, for the benefit of all shareholders. Herschel Segal has proposed a slate of new directors who will work in the best interests of all DavidsTea shareholders.

# **QUALITY Candidates**

The seven nominees proposed by RDI bring impeccable credentials in retailing and finance and vast business experience to DavidsTea's governance. A clear majority of the nominees are independent of RDI and Herschel Segal. They share a common vision for DavidsTea and a belief in its future.



This letter highlights information in the saveDTEA Proxy Circular dated May 11, 2018 (the "Circular"). It does not contain all of the information that you should consider and should be read in conjunction with the Circular.

# It's time to elect a Board of Directors that will focus on the principles that made DAVIDsTEA a success.

- Focus on and listen to customers, enhance the customer experience and make sure that customers are satisfied
- Provide excellent products at a compelling price by rebuilding DavidsTea's buying department and improving the creativity and efficiency of product development
- Create ongoing, two-way communication between DavidsTea's head office and its stores, and provide support to the stores and their personnel
- Reduce overhead costs, including a reduction of head office personnel

- Focus on the Canadian market, where the DavidsTea brand has been successful, and expand the number of stores in Canada
- · Stabilize operations in the United States
- Assess DavidsTea's senior management and make any necessary changes
- Provide clear direction from the Board of Directors to senior management and employees

# **Our Nominees**

#### **Herschel Segal**

Founder of DAVIDsTEA President & CEO of Rainy Day Investments Ltd.

# M. William Cleman

Corporate Director and Consultant

# Pat De Marco, CPA, CA

President & CEO of Viau
Food Products Inc.

# Emilia Di Raddo, CPA, CA

President of Le Château Inc.

# Max Ludwig Fischer, Ph.D.

Retired University Professor Wellness and Holistic Living Lecturer

#### **Peter Robinson**

Former CEO of the David Suzuki Foundation

### **Roland Walton**

Former CEO of Tim Hortons Canada

# Vote your shares today

You may have received a proxy and information circular from DAVIDsTEA management.

To support RDI's qualified nominees, vote only using the enclosed BLUE proxy. If you have already voted using the yellow management proxy and wish to vote FOR RDI's qualified nominees, please vote using the enclosed BLUE form. This will automatically revoke any previous proxies submitted.

To ensure that your vote is counted, please vote by proxy even if you are planning to attend the meeting. The deadline to vote your BLUE proxy is at 9 am (EST) on June 12, 2018.

RDI has retained Shorecrest Group to assist with collecting proxies and submitting them to DAVIDsTEA prior to the vote deadline.

For more information please visit www.saveDTEA.com



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#### BLUE PROXY

This form of proxy ("BLUE Proxy") is solicited by and on behalf of RAINY DAY INVESTMENTS LTD. ("RDI") and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying dissident proxy circular dated May 11, 2018 (the "Circular") for the annual meeting of shareholders of DAVIDSTEA Inc. ("DAVIDSTEA") to be held on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. (castern time) at the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel, 900 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, Montreal, Québec and any and all adjournments or postponements thereof (the "Meeting").

THIS FORM OF <u>BLUE PROXY</u> IS NOT BEING SOLICITED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE MANAGEMENT OF DAVIDSTEA. SHORECREST GROUP <u>MUST</u> RECEIVE COMPLETED BLUE PROXIES <u>NO LATER THAN</u> 9:00 a.m. (eastern time) on Tuesday, June 12, 2018.

#### RDI RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS NOMINATED BY RDI AND FOR THE TWO OTHER ITEMS BELOW

The undersigned holder of common shares of DAVIDsTEA hereby appoint(s) Herschel Segal or, failing

him, Neil Wiener or, instead of either of the foregoing. , as the nominee and proxy of the undersigned, with full power of substitution, to attend, act for and vote on behalf of the undersigned in respect of all of the common shares of DAVIDsTEA registered in the name of becaut of the undersigned in respect of all of the common shares of DAVIDSTEA registered in the name of the undersigned in respect of all matters that may properly come before the Meeting, and on every vote or ballot that may take place in consequence thereof, to the extent and with the same powers as if the undersigned were personally present at the Meeting with authority to vote at the said proxyholder's discretion, except as otherwise specified below.

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	Ben Gisz			
	Peter Cornetta			
	Steven J. Collins			
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Number of commons shares of DAVIDsTEA represented by this proxy

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#### YOU MUST ACT QUICKLY FOR YOUR VOTE TO COUNT FAX OR MAIL YOUR PROXY TODAY

#### Notes:

- This form of proxy must be dated and signed by the shareholder or by the shareholder's attorney authorized in writing or, if the shareholder is a body corporate, this form of proxy must be executed by an officer or attorney thereof properly authorized.
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- 3. The common shares of DAVIDsTEA represented by this proxy will be voted in accordance with the instructions of the shareholder on any ballot that may be called for and where a choice is specified, the common shares shall be voted accordingly. Where no choice is specified for the matters referred to in items 1 to 3 herein, such common shares will be VOTED FOR the election of the directors nominated by RDI in item 2 and "FOR" the two other matters referred to items 1 and 3 above.
- If a security is held by two or more individuals, any one of them present or represented by proxy at the Meeting may, in the absence of the other or others, vote at the Meeting. However, if one or more of them are present or represented by proxy, they must vote together in respect of such security.
- 5. If common shares of DAVIDsTEA are registered in the name of an executor, administrator or trustee, please sign exactly as your name appears on this proxy. If common shares of DAVIDsTEA are registered in the name of a deceased or other holder, the proxy must be signed by the legal representative with his or her name printed below his or her signature, and evidence of authority to sign on behalf of the deceased or other holder must be attached to this proxy.

- Please sign and date the proxy. If not dated, the proxy shall be deemed to be dated on the date on which it is mailed to the shareholder.
- This proxy is valid only in respect of the Meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof.
- If your address as shown on the address label is incorrect, please give your correct address when returning this proxy.
- 9. BLUE proxies to be used at the Meeting to be held at 9:30 a.m. (eastern time) on Thursday, June 14, 2018 MUST be received by Shorecrest Group not later than the proxy deadline of 9:00 a.m. (eastern time) on Tuesday, June 12, 2018. Accordingly, you are urged to sign, date and return by fax (at the fax number specified in item 11 below) your proxy so that it is received at the address specified in item 11 below as soon as possible. In the case of any adjournment or postponement of the Meeting, your proxy must be received by Shorecrest Group by not later than 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) preceding the date of the Meeting.
- Please vote your <u>BLUE</u> <u>Proxy</u> today. You do not need to submit the <u>YELLOW</u> form of proxy sent to you by DAVIDsTEA. You may submit this <u>BLUE</u> Proxy even if you have already submitted a <u>YELLOW</u> form of proxy.
- Please sign, date and return your <u>BLUE</u> Proxy today (i) by fax at 647-931-7349 and then (ii) by mail or by delivery to the address specified below.

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VOTING BY EMAIL

Complete, sign and date your <u>BLUE Proxy</u>. Scan both sides of the proxy and return it by email to: contact@shorecrestgroup.com.

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# Rainy Day Investments Files Proxy Circular for DAVIDsTEA Annual Meeting

**Montreal, Québec** - May 11, 2018 – Rainy Day Investments Ltd. ("**RDI**") announces that it has filed a dissident proxy circular in connection with the annual meeting of shareholders of DAVIDsTEA Inc. ("**DAVIDsTEA**") (Nasdaq: DTEA) to be held on June 14, 2018. RDI, which holds approximately 46.4% of the outstanding shares of DAVIDsTEA, is the holding company of Mr. Herschel Segal, a founder of DAVIDsTEA and a director until March 5, 2018.

The RDI proxy circular proposes a slate of seven nominees for election as directors of DAVIDsTEA at the annual meeting. As previously announced, the seven nominees are Herschel Segal; M. William Cleman, a corporate director and consultant; Pat De Marco, CPA, CA, President of Viau Foods Inc., located in Laval, Québec; Emilia Di Raddo, CPA, CA, President of Le Château Inc., a leading Canadian fashion retailer based in Montreal, Québec; Max Ludwig Fischer, Ph.D., a retired professor with an interest in holistic nutrition and herbal medicine; Peter Robinson, until recently CEO of the David Suzuki Foundation and prior thereto CEO of Mountain Equipment Co-op, a Canadian consumers' cooperative; and Roland Walton, former President of Tim Hortons Canada.

RDI also issued a letter from Herschel Segal to DAVIDsTEA shareholders, which will be mailed to them. The following is Mr. Segal's letter:

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RDI will mail its circular shortly in response to DAVIDsTEA's management proxy circular dated May 10, 2018. The mailing will include a **BLUE** proxy form or **BLUE** voting instruction form, which allows shareholders to vote **FOR** the slate of seven nominees proposed by RDI. Shareholders who need assistance in voting their **BLUE** proxy form or **BLUE** voting instruction form in favour of the seven RDI nominees should contact RDI's proxy solicitation agent, Shorecrest Group, by email at contact@shorecrestgroup.com or by calling toll free at 1-888-637-5789. Brokers and banks can reach Shorecrest Group at 647-931-7454. The circular will also be available under DAVIDsTEA's profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and on EDGAR at www.sec.gov.

A new website, www.saveDTEA.com, will be available on-line during the week of May 14, 2018 and can be consulted by all DAVIDsTEA shareholders.

RDI also confirms that Emilia Di Raddo, one of the seven RDI nominees, resigned yesterday as a director of DAVIDsTEA, a position Ms. Di Raddo held since 2014. Emilia Di Raddo advised RDI that she resigned in large part due to personal attacks against Mr. Herschel Segal made in the DAVIDsTEA management proxy circular issued yesterday. Ms. Di Raddo confirmed that she fully supports the operational and financial turnaround plan for DAVIDsTEA elaborated by RDI.

#### **Investor Contact**

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