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Capital Markets Practice Group

Illustrative Timeline and Document Checklist:

Initial Public Offering

Initial Public Offering Team Members			
[Company]	INC	[•], lead managing underwriter	UW
[•], counsel to the Company	IC	[•], counsel to the underwriters	UWC
[•], independent auditors of the Company	AUD	[•], transfer agent	TRFR
[•], financial printer	Printer	[•], registrar	REG
United States Securities and Exchange Commission	SEC	[The New York Stock Exchange][The NASDAQ National Market]	EXG
The Depository Trust Company	DTC	Financial Industry Regulatory Authority	FINRA

Summary of Target Dates			
Selection of UW	Week 1	Confidentially Submit Draft Form S-1	Week 4
Circulation of Form S-1 to UW	Week 1	Receive SEC Comments	Week 8
Organizational Meeting	Week 2	Confidentially Submit Amendment No. 1 to Draft Form S-1	Week 10
Drafting Session	Week 2	Receive SEC Comments	Week 12
Circulation of revised Form S-1	Week 2	Publicly File Form S-1	Week 13
Drafting Session	Week 3	Road Show	[2 weeks]
Circulation of revised Form S-1	Week 3	Pricing of the Offering	T
Drafting Session	Week 4	Closing of the Offering	T+3

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Document Checklist

DATE	KEY EVENTS	PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY	TIMING / STATUS
I. Preliminary Considerations			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss communications issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Deliver gun-jumping memo – Review publicity policy, marketing plan 	INC, IC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compile working group list 	IC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary drafting of Registration Statement on Form S-1 • Assemble preliminary due diligence materials, including marketing material and other background information • Identify all required financial statements • Identify comparable companies and relevant precedent 	INC, IC, AUD	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft director and officer questionnaires 	IC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm IPO entity structure 	INC, IC, AUD	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review holding company structure • Consider tax implications • Subsidiary organizational structure (foreign and domestic) • Determine effect on material contracts of the Company 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and update charter documents (e.g., Certificate of Incorporation, Bylaws) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Assess capital structure (i.e., authorize sufficient capital for offering and future needs) 	IC	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review EXG listing requirements and determine desired listing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Consider benefits of NYSE vs. NASDAQ (or dual) listing – Determine whether company will seek controlled company exemptions 	INC, IC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reserve possible NYSE and NASDAQ ticker symbols 	IC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Board and committee compositions (consider EXG Rules and SOX) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Audit Committee – Compensation Committee – Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee – Special Pricing Committee (for offering) – Consider other committees (e.g., executive) 	IC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review compensation issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Analyze recent equity grants and sales for potential "cheap stock" issues – Review board compensation – Determine if employment agreements will be entered into with key personnel/management – Consider the effect of offering on current employee compensation – Prepare new public company equity incentive plans 	INC, IC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess D&O indemnification and insurance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Charter/bylaw provisions – Indemnity Agreements – Insurance 	IC	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and update committee charter documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Audit Committee Charter – Compensation Committee Charter • Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee Charter 	IC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft appropriate public company policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Insider trading policy – Analyst and investor relations policy (Reg FD Policy) – Whistleblower policy – Audit and non-audit services pre-approval policy – Related party transaction policy – Code of business conduct and ethics – Corporate governance guidelines – Foreign Corrupt Practices Act policy – Document Retention Policy 	INC, IC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select various third party participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Financial Printer – Printer/Engraver for stock certificates – Transfer Agent – Registrar 	INC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider desirability of a directed share program (i.e., Friends and Family Program) 	INC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the Company web site in light of gun jumping concerns and for conformity with prospectus 	IC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine if the Company will make a presentation to employees regarding activities during the offering period; draft presentation 	INC	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine material contracts to be filed as exhibits and consider whether confidential treatment requests should be made 	INC, IC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine third party consents required 	IC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess pending litigation 	INC, IC	
II. Preparation of the Registration Statement			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select managing underwriters / designate lead underwriter¹ 	INC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage managing underwriters 	INC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribute first draft of Registration Statement to the working group 	IC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizational Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of Company and business Distribute and review working group list Review timeline Management presentations (CEO, CFO, Marketing staff) 	INC, UW, IC, UWC, AUD	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine structure of the offering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Size of offering Price of offering Use of proceeds Participation of Selling Stockholders Over-allotment option Lock-up coverage and exceptions Retail and institutional distribution objectives NYSE vs. NASDAQ listing; ticker symbol Directed share program, if any 		Note: selection of EXG may be deferred until after first submission

¹ Note that the selection of underwriters with the intent to commence a public offering is commonly understood as the commencement of the restricted period associated with a company "in registration."

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish preliminary filing timeline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up drafting sessions Initial filing date Research analyst presentations Roadshow Pricing / Closing Printing 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UW distributes due diligence request list 	UWC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct drafting sessions and distribute revised drafts of Registration Statement 	INC, UW, IC, UWC, AUD	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due diligence continues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine whether any additional diligence materials are required Address any diligence issues raised 	IC, UWC	
III. Activities in the Registration Statement Pre-Filing Period			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed D&O and FINRA questionnaires returned to Company 	IC, UWC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin negotiation of underwriting agreement 	IC, UWC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin negotiation of director and officer lock-up agreements 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Custody Agreement and Power of Attorney distributed to Selling Stockholder(s) 	IC, UWC	Decision regarding inclusion of selling stockholders may be deferred until after first submission
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess FINRA conflicts of interest, disclosure obligations, lock-up limitations and related issues 	UWC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin drafting Registration Statements on Form S-8 for equity incentive plans 	IC, INC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess timing and extent of expected Exchange Act filing obligations (10-K/10-Q/8-K) that will arise once Form 8-A becomes effective 	IC, INC	

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IV. Final Preparations to File the Registration Statement			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm that Company and all material subsidiaries are qualified to do business, in good standing and current on all income and sales tax obligations in all appropriate jurisdictions 	IC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company Board of Directors meets to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Reserve common stock for issuance – Authorize issuance of common stock – Approve form and authorize execution of underwriting agreement – Approve form of Registration Statement and authorize filing of Registration Statement and amendments thereto – Approve Registration Statement under the Exchange Act (Form 8-A) – Authorize certain individuals to sign registration statement and amendments thereto (power of attorney) – Designate a Special Pricing Committee of Board of Directors with power to approve all matters in connection with the offering on behalf of the Company, including the sale price and underwriting discount and commissions – Approve Equity Incentive Plan – Approve employment offer letters – Designate Section 16 officers – Approve any material agreement amendments – Appoint agent for service of process – Appoint Transfer Agent and Registrar – Authorize compliance with blue sky laws, as required, and adopt any 	INC	

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	<p>necessary resolutions required by blue sky authorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Authorize listing on EXG – Approve any public company benefit plan filings (related S-8, exchange listing, etc.) – Approve revisions to charter and bylaws, subject to consummation of offering – Approve updated committee charters and policies, subject to consummation of offering – Approve indemnification agreements – Authorize taking of all further actions necessary in connection with the offering 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auditor delivers audit opinion and draft of comfort letter 	AUD	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute draft EXG Listing Application 	IC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Custody Agreement and Power of Attorney signed by all Selling Stockholders; certificates placed in custody 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers and directors execute lock-up agreements 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafting session to discuss and review final revisions to Registration Statement 	INC, UW, IC, UWC, AUD	
V. Initial Filing of the Registration Statement			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confidentially Submit Draft Registration Statement with SEC 	INC, IC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File appropriate documents with FINRA 	UWC	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive and resolve first set of SEC comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Contact SEC to confirm anticipated date of SEC comments – Anticipate at least 2-3 rounds of comments – First round of comments typically delivered 30 days after filing – Circulate comments to working group – Follow-up calls to SEC and updates to working group • Revise registration statement and finalize response letter to SEC 	INC, UW, IC, UWC, AUD	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File initial EXG Listing Application 	IC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin preparations for roadshow 	INC, UW	
VI. Subsequent Submissions/Public Filing			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confidentially Submit Amendment No. 1 to the Draft Registration Statement and letter responding to SEC comments 	INC, IC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive and resolve second set of SEC comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Receive comments from SEC; typically 10 days after filing Amendment No. 1 – Circulate comments to working group – Follow-up calls to SEC and updates to working group – Revise registration statement and finalize response letter to SEC 	INC, UW, IC, UWC, AUD	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize form of press release 	INC, UW, IC, UWC	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publicly File Registration Statement with SEC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auditor consent Board and officer signature pages Exhibits Filing fee 		Public filing must be made at least 21 days before the commencement of the road show Upon public filing, confidentially submitted drafts automatically become publically available
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confidentially submit or file further amendments to Registration Statement and response letters addressing remaining SEC comments as necessary 	INC, IC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File EXG Listing Application ancillary materials 	IC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver invitations to prospective members of the underwriting syndicate 	UW	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain EDGAR filing codes and powers of attorney for Section 16 filers 	IC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rehearse and finalize roadshow presentation 	INC, UW	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize research analyst due diligence 	UW	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize Selling Stockholder arrangements and agreements 	INC, IC	
VII. Launch of Offering			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Print preliminary prospectus 	Printer	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct roadshow in selected cities 	INC, UW	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File Form 8-A with the SEC 	IC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare SEC Forms 3 and 4, Schedules 13D and 13G and exhibits (including powers of attorney and joint filing agreements) 	IC	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directors and officers execute indemnification agreements 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare press release regarding pricing 	INC, UW	
VIII. Effectiveness of the Registration Statement and Pricing of the Initial Public Offering			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear timing and effectiveness of Registration Statement with SEC² and EXG 	IC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare and file requests for acceleration of Registration Statement on behalf of Company and Underwriters 	IC, UWC	Acceleration requests should be filed at least 48 hours prior to planned effectiveness
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm FINRA review is complete 	UWC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare and file banker letter with SEC 	UWC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct bring-down due diligence 	INC, UW, IC, UWC, AUD	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEC declares Registration Statement effective 	SEC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form 8-A becomes effective and Exchange Act filing obligations begin 	SEC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File all required Form 3 and 4 and Schedules 13D and 13G 	INC, IC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public offering price determined after market close 	INC, UW	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special pricing committee of Board of Directors meets to approve offering price, discounts, and other terms 	INC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Pricing Date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UW and Company execute underwriting agreement All members of underwriting syndicate sign agreement among underwriters Auditor delivers comfort letter Prospectus printed for general distribution 	INC, UW, AUD	

² Note, if additional comments are anticipated after discussions with the SEC, this timeline can be updated to include the additional steps that will be required to clear the registration statement.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File final prospectus 	IC	
IX. Preparation for Closing			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize Closing Mechanics 	IC, UWC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and prepare Underwriters' closing memorandum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Order Good Standing Certificates Coordinate mechanics of TRFR and stock exchange Distribute finalized funds flow memorandum Coordinate offering and closing mechanics with UW back office and DTC Compile closing deliverables 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver Wire Instructions to UW back office 	INC	
X. The Closing of the Initial Public Offering			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Closing Date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auditor delivers bring-down comfort letter Deliver legal opinions Deliver good standing certificates Deliver closing documents 	INC, UW, IC, UWC, AUD	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribute final closing memorandum 	UWC	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selling Stockholders file Form 4 reflecting sale of Shares in Offering 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> File Registration Statement on Form S-8 as to any equity incentive plans 	IC	

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