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PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES Form DEFA14A April 21, 2015 **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.) Filed by the Registrant R Filed by a Party other than the Registrant " Check the appropriate box: Preliminary Proxy Statement Confidential, for Use of the Commission Only (as permitted by Rule 14a-6(e)(2)) **Definitive Proxy Statement Definitive Additional Materials** þ Soliciting Material under Rule 14a-12 PIPER JAFFRAY COMPANIES (Name of registrant as specified in its charter) (Name of person(s) filing proxy statement, if other than the registrant) Payment of Filing Fee (Check the appropriate box): No fee required. þ Fee computed on table below per Exchange Act Rules 14a-6(i)(4) and 0-11. Title of each class of securities to which transaction applies: (1) Aggregate number of securities to which transaction applies: (2) Per unit price or other underlying value of transaction computed pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 0-11 (set forth the amount on which the filing fee is calculated and state how it was determined): (3) Proposed maximum aggregate value of transaction: (4) Total fee paid: (5) Fee paid previously with preliminary materials. Check box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Exchange Act Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing for which the offsetting fee was paid previously. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing. Amount Previously Paid: (1)

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Beginning on April 22, 2015, Piper Jaffray Companies sent the following communication to certain shareholders of the Company:

April 22, 2015

Dear Shareholder:

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Piper Jaffray Companies is fast approaching, and according to our latest records, we have not received your vote. Your Board of Directors has unanimously recommended that shareholders return the enclosed proxy card voting FOR all of the items on the agenda.

Please help your company avoid the expense of further solicitation by voting TODAY by telephone, via the Internet, or by signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the envelope provided.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Andrew S. Duff Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

REMEMBER:

You can vote your shares by telephone, or via the Internet. Please follow the easy instructions on the enclosed card.

If you have any questions, or need assistance in voting your shares, please call our proxy solicitor,

INNISFREE M&A INCORPORATED TOLL-FREE, at 1-888-750-5834.