
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

**Current Report
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **March 21, 2019 (March 18, 2019)**

Two Harbors Investment Corp.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-34506
(Commission
File Number)

27-0312904
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

575 Lexington Avenue, Suite 2930
New York, New York 10022
(Address of principal executive offices)
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(612) 629-2500**

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging Growth Company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 1.01. Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On March 18, 2019, Two Harbors Investment Corp. (“Two Harbors,” “we,” “our” or “us”) and PRCM Advisers LLC (“PRCM”) entered into an underwriting agreement (the “Underwriting Agreement”) with Credit Suisse Securities (USA), J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and JMP Securities LLC, acting as representatives of the several underwriters named on Schedule I thereto (collectively, the “Underwriters”), pursuant to which the Company agreed to issue and sell to the Underwriters 18,000,000 shares of its common stock (the “Shares”) in a public offering pursuant to the Company’s shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-223311) (the “Registration Statement”), including the prospectus, dated February 28, 2018, and the final prospectus supplement, dated March 18, 2019 and filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) on March 20, 2019, as the same may be amended or supplemented. Pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, the Company also granted the Underwriters an option for 30 days to purchase up to an additional 2,700,000 Shares.

The Company made certain customary representations, warranties and covenants concerning the Company and the Registration Statement in the Underwriting Agreement and also agreed to indemnify the Underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

The material terms of the Shares are described in the Company’s prospectus supplement, as filed with the Commission on March 20, 2019 pursuant to Rule 424(b) (5) of the Securities Act, which relates to the offer and sale of the Shares and supplements the Company’s prospectus contained in the Registration Statement, as filed with the Commission on February 28, 2018.

A copy of the Underwriting Agreement is filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference. The description of the terms of the Underwriting Agreement in this Item 1.01 is qualified in its entirety by reference to Exhibit 1.1.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On March 21, 2019, the Company completed its public offering of 18,000,000 Shares pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement. In addition, on March 20, 2019, the Underwriters gave notice of exercise of their option to acquire the 2,700,000 additional shares and specified March 22, 2019 as the closing date.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) *Exhibits.* The following exhibits are being filed herewith this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Exhibit No.	Description
1.1	<u>Underwriting Agreement, dated March 18, 2019, between the Company, PRCM and the Underwriters.*</u>
5.1	<u>Opinion of Stinson Leonard Street LLP with respect to the legality of the Shares.*</u>
8.1	<u>Opinion of Sidley Austin LLP relating to certain tax matters concerning the Shares.*</u>
23.1	<u>Consent of Stinson Leonard Street LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 hereto).</u>
23.2	<u>Consent of Sidley Austin LLP (included in Exhibit 8.1 hereto).</u>

* Filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

TWO HARBORS INVESTMENT CORP.

By: /s/ Rebecca B. Sandberg
Rebecca B. Sandberg
General Counsel and Secretary

Date: March 21, 2019

TWO HARBORS INVESTMENT CORP.

18,000,000 Shares

Common Stock

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

March 18, 2019

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CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC
J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC
JMP SECURITIES LLC

As Representatives of the several Underwriters

c/o Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC
11 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10010

c/o J.P. Morgan Securities LLC
383 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10179

c/o JMP Securities LLC
600 Montgomery Street, Suite 1100
San Francisco, California 94111

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Two Harbors Investment Corp., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), proposes to issue and sell to the underwriters named in Schedule A annexed hereto (the "Underwriters"), for whom Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC ("Credit Suisse"), J.P. Morgan Securities LLC ("JP Morgan") and JMP Securities LLC ("JMP") are acting as Representatives (the "Representatives"), 18,000,000 shares (the "Firm Shares") of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"). The Company also proposes to issue and sell to the Underwriters, at the option of the Underwriters, not more than 2,700,000 additional shares of its common stock (the "Additional Shares"), upon the terms and conditions set forth in Section 1 hereof. The Firm Shares and the Additional Shares are hereinafter collectively sometimes referred to as the "Shares."

The Company has filed, in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (collectively, the "Securities Act"), with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") an automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-223311), as amended, including a base prospectus, with respect to the Shares, which incorporates by reference documents which the Company has filed or will file in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (collectively, the "Exchange Act"), which registration statement became effective upon filing under Rule 462(e) of the Securities Act. Promptly after execution and delivery of this Agreement (the "Agreement"), the Company will prepare and file a prospectus supplement (the "Prospectus Supplement") to the base prospectus included as part of such registration statement setting forth the terms of the offering, sale and plan of distribution of the Shares and additional information concerning the Company and its

business. The Company has furnished to the Representatives, for use by the Underwriters and by dealers, copies of one or more preliminary prospectuses, containing the base prospectus included as part of such registration statement, as supplemented by a preliminary Prospectus Supplement, and including the documents incorporated by reference in such base prospectus or preliminary Prospectus Supplement (each, a "Preliminary Prospectus"), relating to the Shares. Except where the context otherwise requires, such registration statement, as amended when it became effective, including all documents filed as part thereof or incorporated by reference therein, and including any information contained in a Prospectus (as defined below) subsequently filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the rules and regulations of the Commission under the Securities Act (the "Securities Act Regulations"), collectively, are herein called the "Registration Statement." The base prospectus, including all documents incorporated by reference therein, included in the Registration Statement, as supplemented by the Prospectus Supplement, in the form filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) and Rule 430B under the Securities Act on or before the second Business Day (as defined below) following the date of this Agreement (or on such other day as the parties may mutually agree), is herein called the "Prospectus." The information included in such prospectus that was omitted from such registration statement at the time it became effective but that is deemed to be part of such registration statement at the time it became effective pursuant to Rule 430B is referred to as "Rule 430B Information." Any reference herein to the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein, and any reference herein to the terms "amend," "amendment" or "supplement" with respect to the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any Preliminary Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the filing after the execution hereof of any document with the Commission deemed to be incorporated by reference therein. For purposes of this Agreement, all references to the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus or to any amendment or supplement to any of the foregoing shall be deemed to include any copy filed with the Commission pursuant to its Electronic Data Gathering Analysis and Retrieval System ("EDGAR"), and such copy shall be identical in content to any Prospectus or Preliminary Prospectus delivered to the Underwriters for use in connection with the offering of the Shares.

All references in this Agreement to financial statements and schedules and other information which is "contained," "included" or "stated" in the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus (or other references of like import) shall be deemed to mean and include all such financial statements and schedules and other information which is incorporated by reference in or otherwise deemed by Securities Act Regulations to be a part of or included in the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, as the case may be; and all references in this Agreement to amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement, any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus shall be deemed to mean and include the filing of any document under the Exchange Act which is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, such Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, as the case may be.

The Company and the Underwriters agree as follows:

1. Sale and Purchase. Upon the basis of the warranties and representations and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Company agrees to issue and sell the Firm Shares to

the Underwriters, and each of the Underwriters, severally and not jointly, agrees to purchase from the Company the respective numbers of Firm Shares set forth in Schedule A hereto opposite its name at a purchase price per share of \$13.76 (the "Purchase Price"). The Company is advised by the Representatives that the Underwriters intend (i) to make a public offering of the Shares as soon as the Underwriters deem advisable after this Agreement has been executed and delivered and (ii) initially to offer the Firm Shares upon the terms set forth in the Prospectus. The Underwriters may from time to time increase or decrease the public offering price after the initial public offering to such extent as they may determine.

In addition, the Company hereby grants to the Underwriters the option to purchase, and upon the basis of the warranties and representations and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Underwriters shall have the right to purchase, severally and not jointly, from the Company, all or less than all of the Additional Shares at the Purchase Price, provided, however, that the amount paid by the Underwriters for any Additional Shares shall be reduced by an amount per share equal to any dividends declared by the Company and payable on the Firm Shares but not payable on such Additional Shares. This option may be exercised by the Representatives on behalf of the Underwriters at any time and from time to time on or before the thirtieth day following the date hereof, by written notice to the Company. Each such notice shall set forth the aggregate number of Additional Shares as to which the option is being exercised and the date and time when Additional Shares are to be delivered (any such date and time being herein referred to as an "additional time of purchase"); provided, however, that an additional time of purchase shall not be (i) earlier than the time of purchase (as defined below) or (ii) later than the tenth Business Day after the date on which the option shall have been exercised. The number of Additional Shares to be sold to each Underwriter shall be the number which bears the same proportion to the aggregate number of Additional Shares being purchased as the number of Firm Shares set forth opposite the name of such Underwriter on Schedule A hereto bears to the aggregate number of Firm Shares (subject, in each case, to such adjustment as the Representatives may determine to eliminate fractional shares). As used herein "Business Day" shall mean a day on which the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") is open for trading and commercial banks in the City of New York are open for business.

2. Payment and Delivery. Payment of the purchase price for the Firm Shares shall be made to the Company by federal funds wire transfer on March 21, 2019 (unless another time shall be agreed to by the Representatives and the Company). The time at which any such payment and delivery are actually made is herein sometimes called the "time of purchase." Delivery of the Firm Shares and Additional Shares shall be made through the facilities of the Depository Trust Company ("DTC") and shall be in global form registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC, unless the Representatives shall otherwise instruct. The Firm Shares so to be delivered or evidence of their issuance will be made available for checking at least 24 hours prior to the time of purchase. Payment of the purchase price for Additional Shares shall be made at each additional time of purchase in the same manner and at the same office as the payment for the Firm Shares. The Additional Shares being purchased on each additional time of purchase or evidence of their issuance will be made available for checking at a reasonable time in advance of such additional time of purchase.

3. Representations and Warranties of the Company and the Manager.

(a) The Company represents and warrants to each of the Underwriters as of the date hereof, the Applicable Time referred to in Section 3(a)(iv), as of the time of purchase and, if applicable, at each additional time of purchase that:

(i) (1) At the time the Registration Statement was initially filed, (2) at the time of the most recent amendment thereto for the purposes of complying with Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act or otherwise (whether such amendment was by post-effective amendment, incorporated report filed pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act or form of prospectus), (3) at the time the Company or any person acting on its behalf (within the meaning, for this clause only, of Rule 163(c) of the Securities Act) made any offer relating to the Shares in reliance on the exemption of Rule 163 of the Securities Act and (4) at the date hereof, the Company was and is a “well-known seasoned issuer” as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act (“Rule 405”), including not having been and not being an “ineligible issuer” as defined in Rule 405. The Registration Statement is an “automatic shelf registration statement,” as defined in Rule 405, and the Shares, since their registration on the Registration Statement, have been and remain eligible for registration by the Company on a Rule 405 “automatic shelf registration statement.” The Company has not received from the Commission any notice pursuant to Rule 401(g)(2) of the Securities Act objecting to the use of the automatic shelf registration statement form.

At the time the Registration Statement was initially filed, at the earliest time thereafter that the Company or another offering participant made a bona fide offer (within the meaning of Rule 164(h)(2) of the Securities Act) of the Shares and at the date hereof, the Company was not and is not an “ineligible issuer,” as defined in Rule 405.

(ii) The Registration Statement became effective upon filing under Rule 462(e) of the Securities Act on February 28, 2018 and any post-effective amendment thereto also became effective upon filing under Rule 462(e). The Company has not received, and has no notice of, any order of the Commission preventing or suspending the use of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto, or threatening or instituting proceedings for that purpose. Any statutes, regulations, contracts or other documents that are required to be described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or to be filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement have been so described or filed. The Prospectus has been or will be so prepared and will be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the Securities Act on or before the second Business Day following the date of this Agreement or on such other day as the parties may mutually agree. The Preliminary Prospectus, at the time of filing thereof, conformed in all material respects to the requirements of the Securities Act. Copies of the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus, any such amendments or supplements and all documents incorporated by reference therein that were filed with the Commission on or prior to the date of this Agreement (including one fully executed copy of each of the Registration Statement and of each amendment thereto for the Underwriters) have been delivered to the Underwriters and their counsel (except for documents incorporated by reference that have otherwise been filed and are publicly available on EDGAR). The Company has not distributed any offering material in connection with the offering or sale of the Shares other than the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus, Issuer General Use Free

Writing Prospectuses (as defined below) or any other materials, if any, permitted by the Securities Act.

(iii) Each part of the Registration Statement, and any post-effective amendment thereto, when such part became effective and at each deemed effective date with respect to the Underwriters pursuant to Rule 430B(f)(2) of the Securities Act or was or is filed with the Commission, and the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto, on the date of filing thereof with the Commission and at the time of purchase and, if applicable, at each additional time of purchase, conformed or will conform in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act. Each part of the Registration Statement, and any post-effective amendment thereto, when such part became effective and at each deemed effective date with respect to the Underwriters or was or is filed with the Commission, did not or will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. The Prospectus, any Preliminary Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto, at their respective times of issuance and at the time of purchase and, if applicable, at each additional time of purchase, did not or will not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, except that the foregoing shall not apply to statements in, or omissions from, any such document in reliance upon, and in conformity with, written information concerning the Underwriters that was furnished in writing to the Company by the Representatives on behalf of the Underwriters specifically for use in the preparation thereof.

(iv) As of the Applicable Time neither (x) the Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectus(es) (as defined below) issued at or prior to the Applicable Time, the other information, if any, stated in Schedule B to this Agreement to be included in the General Disclosure Package and the Statutory Prospectus (as defined below) as of the Applicable Time, all considered together (collectively, the “General Disclosure Package”), nor (y) any individual Issuer Limited Use Free Writing Prospectus, when considered together with the General Disclosure Package, included any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

As used in this subsection and elsewhere in this Agreement:

“Applicable Time” means 4:05 P.M. (New York City time) on March 18, 2019 or such other time as agreed by the Company and the Representatives.

“Issuer Free Writing Prospectus” means any “issuer free writing prospectus,” as defined in Rule 433 of the Securities Act (“Rule 433”), relating to the Shares that (i) is required to be filed with the Commission by the Company, (ii) is a “road show that is a written communication” within the meaning of Rule 433(d)(8)(i) whether or not required to be filed with the Commission or (iii) is exempt from filing pursuant to Rule 433(d)(5)(i) because it contains a description of the Shares or of the offering that does not reflect the final terms, in each case in the form filed or required to be filed with the Commission or, if not required to be filed, in the form retained in the Company’s records pursuant to Rule 433(g).

“Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectus” means any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is intended for general distribution to prospective investors, as evidenced by it being specified in Schedule C hereto.

“Issuer Limited Use Free Writing Prospectus” means any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is not an Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectus.

“Statutory Prospectus” as of any time means the prospectus relating to the Shares that is included in the Registration Statement immediately prior to that time, including any document incorporated by reference therein.

Each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, as of its issue date and at all subsequent times through the completion of the public offer and sale of the Shares or until any earlier date that the Company notified or notifies the Representatives as described in the next sentence, did not, does not and will not include any information that conflicted, conflicts or will conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, including any document incorporated by reference therein, and any preliminary or other prospectus deemed to be a part thereof that has not been superseded or modified.

The representations and warranties in this subsection shall not apply to statements in or omissions from the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use therein.

(v) The documents incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, when they were or are filed with the Commission under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, as the case may be, conformed or will conform in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, as applicable and, when read together with the other information in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (as applicable), (i) at the time the Registration Statement became effective, (ii) at the earlier of time the Prospectus was first used and the date and time of the first contract of sale of Shares in this offering and (iii) at the Applicable Time, did not and will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading.

(vi) The financial statements, together with the related schedules and notes thereto, included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus are accurate in all material respects and present fairly the financial condition of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries as of the dates shown and their results of operations, changes in financial position, stockholders’ equity and cash flows for the periods shown, and such financial statements have been prepared in conformity with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“US GAAP”) applied on a consistent basis. The summary and selected financial and statistical data included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus present fairly the information shown therein and such data has been compiled on a basis consistent with the

financial statements presented therein and the books and records of the Company. There are no financial statements that are required to be included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus under the Securities Act that are not included as required. The interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and has been prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto. The (i) audited and unaudited consolidated financial statements of CYS Investments, Inc. and the related notes thereto included in Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed with the Commission on September 28, 2018 and (ii) the unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial information of the Company and its subsidiaries and the related notes thereto included in Exhibit 99.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed with the Commission on September 28, 2018, reflecting the acquisition of CYS Investments, Inc., fairly present the information contained therein, have been prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines with respect to pro forma financial statements and have been properly presented on the bases described therein, and the assumptions used in the preparation thereof are believed by the Company's management to be reasonable and the adjustments used therein are believed by the Company's management to be appropriate to give effect to the transactions and circumstances referred to therein.

(vii) The Company has established and maintains disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-14 and 15d-14 under the Exchange Act); such disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that material information relating to the Company is made known to the Company's Chief Executive Officer and its Chief Financial Officer, and such disclosure controls and procedures are effective to perform the functions for which they were established; any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal controls have been identified for the Company's Chief Executive Officer and its Chief Financial Officer; and since the date of the most recent evaluation of such disclosure controls and procedures, there have been no significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls.

(viii) The Preliminary Prospectus was, and the Prospectus and the General Disclosure Package delivered to the Underwriters for use in connection with this offering will be, identical to the versions of the Preliminary Prospectus, Prospectus and the General Disclosure Package, respectively, created to be transmitted to the Commission for filing via EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

(ix) The Company has been duly formed and incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation and in good standing under the laws of the State of Maryland, with power and authority (corporate and other) to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby; and the Company is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation in good standing in all other jurisdictions in which its ownership or lease of property or assets or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except where the failure to be so qualified would not, individually or in the aggregate, result in a material adverse effect on the condition (financial or

otherwise), results of operations, business, properties or prospects of the Company and the Subsidiaries taken as a whole (a “Material Adverse Effect”), and the Company is in compliance in all material respects with the laws, orders, rules, regulations and directives issued or administered by such jurisdictions.

(x) Each subsidiary of the Company (each a “Subsidiary,” and together the “Subsidiaries”) has been duly incorporated or organized and is existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, with power and authority (corporate and other) to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and perform its obligations under this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby; and each Subsidiary of the Company is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation or organization in good standing in all other jurisdictions in which its ownership or lease of property or assets or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except where the failure to be so qualified would not have a Material Adverse Effect; all of the issued and outstanding capital stock or membership interests of each Subsidiary of the Company has been duly authorized and validly issued and is fully paid and nonassessable; and the capital stock or membership interests of each Subsidiary owned by the Company, directly or through Subsidiaries, is owned free from liens, encumbrances and defects (other than liens and encumbrances created by financing arrangements entered into in the ordinary course of business), and each of the Subsidiaries is in compliance in all material respects with the laws, orders, rules, regulations and directives issued or administered by such jurisdictions.

(xi) Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries is in breach of, or in default under (nor has any event occurred which with notice, lapse of time, or both would result in any breach of, or constitute a default under), (i) its articles of incorporation or bylaws or operating agreement, as applicable or (ii) any obligation, agreement, covenant or condition contained in any contract, license, repurchase agreement, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, bank loan or credit agreement, note, lease or other evidence of indebtedness, or any lease, contract or other agreement or instrument to which it is a party or by which it or any of its assets or properties may be bound or affected, the effect of which breach or default under this clause (ii) could have a Material Adverse Effect. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the issuance and sale of the Shares and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby will not conflict with, or result in any breach of, constitute a default under or a Repayment Event (as defined below) under (nor constitute any event which with notice, lapse of time, or both would result in any breach of, constitute a default under or a Repayment Event under), (i) any provision of the articles of incorporation or bylaws of the Company or operating agreement of any Subsidiary, (ii) any provision of any contract, license, repurchase agreement, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, bank loan or credit agreement, note, lease or other evidence of indebtedness, or any lease, contract or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of the Subsidiaries is a party or by which any of them or any of their assets or properties may be bound or affected, the effect of which could have a Material Adverse Effect or (iii) under any federal, state, local or foreign law, regulation or rule or any decree, judgment or order applicable to the Company or any Subsidiary. As used herein, a “Repayment Event” means any event or condition which gives the holder of any note, debenture or other evidence of indebtedness (or any person acting on such holder’s behalf) the right to require the repurchase,

redemption or repayment of all or a portion of such indebtedness by the Company or any Subsidiary.

(xii) As of the time of purchase and each additional time of purchase, as applicable, all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock have been duly and validly authorized and issued and are fully paid and non-assessable, have been issued in compliance with all federal and state securities laws and were not issued in violation of any preemptive right, resale right, right of first refusal or similar right; the Shares have been duly and validly authorized and, when issued and delivered and paid for in accordance with this Agreement on each time of purchase, such shares will be duly and validly issued and fully-paid and non-assessable, free and clear of any pledge, lien, encumbrance, security interest or other claim; and will not have been issued in violation of any preemptive right under the General Corporation Law of the State of Maryland (the "MGCL") or the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Company.

(xiii) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company.

(xiv) The capital stock of the Company, including the Shares, conforms and will conform in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the Registration Statement, General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and such description conforms to the rights set forth in the instruments defining the same. The certificates for the Shares are in due and proper form and the holders of the Shares will not be subject to personal liability by reason of being such holders.

(xv) The Shares have been duly and validly authorized by the Company for issuance and sale pursuant to this Agreement and when issued and delivered against payment therefor as provided herein, will be duly and validly issued and fully paid and non-assessable, free and clear of any pledge, lien, encumbrance, security interest or other claim, and will be registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act.

(xvi) No approval, authorization, consent or order of or filing with any national, state or local governmental or regulatory commission, board, body, authority or agency is required in connection with the issuance and sale of the Shares or the consummation by the Company of the transaction contemplated hereby other than (i) registration of the Shares under the Securities Act, (ii) any necessary qualification under the securities or blue sky laws of the various jurisdictions in which the Shares are being offered by the Underwriters, and (iii) such approvals as are expected to be obtained in connection with the approval of the listing of the Shares on the NYSE.

(xvii) No person, as such term is defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X promulgated under the Securities Act (each, a "Person"), has the right, contractual or otherwise, to cause the Company to issue to it any shares of capital stock or other securities of the Company upon the issue and sale of the Shares to the Underwriters hereunder, nor does any Person have preemptive rights, co-sale rights, rights of first refusal or other rights to purchase or subscribe for any of the Shares or any securities or obligations convertible into or exchangeable for, or any

contracts or commitments to issue or sell any of, the Shares or any options, rights or convertible securities or obligations, other than those that have been expressly waived prior to the date hereof.

(xviii) Ernst & Young LLP (the “Accountants”), whose report on the financial statements of the Company is filed with the Commission as part of the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, are and, during the periods covered by their reports, were independent public accountants as required by the Securities Act. To the knowledge of the Company, Deloitte & Touche LLP, who certified the audited financial statements of CYS Investments, Inc. included in Exhibit 99.1 of the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed on September 28, 2018, were, during the periods by their report, independent public accountants as required by the Securities Act.

(xix) The Company and the Subsidiaries possess, and are in compliance with the terms of, all adequate certificates, authorizations, franchises, licenses and permits (“Licenses”) necessary or material to the conduct of the business now conducted or proposed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus to be conducted by them and have not received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any Licenses that, if determined adversely to the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, would, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(xx) The disclosure set forth in (A) the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 under the headings “Our Business—Management Agreement” and “Our Business—Operating and Regulatory Structure,” (B) the Company’s Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed on March 29, 2018, under the heading “Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions — Transactions with Related Persons,” and (C) in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under the headings “Description of Capital Stock,” “Certain Provisions of the Maryland General Corporation Law and Two Harbors’ Charter and Bylaws,” “U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations” and “Underwriting,” insofar as such statements summarize legal matters, agreements, documents or proceedings discussed therein, are accurate and fair summaries of such legal matters, agreements, documents or proceedings and present the information required to be shown.

(xxi) Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there are no pending actions, suits or proceedings (including any inquiries or investigations by any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign) against or affecting the Company, any of the Subsidiaries or any of their respective properties that, if determined adversely to the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, would, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect, or would materially and adversely affect the ability of the Company to perform its obligations under this Agreement, or which are otherwise material in the context of the sale of the Shares; and no such actions, suits or proceedings (including any inquiries or investigations by any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign) are threatened or, to the Company’s knowledge, contemplated.

(xxii) Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, since the end of the period covered by the latest audited financial statements

included in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (A) there has been no change, nor any development or event involving a prospective change, in the condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, business, properties or prospects of the Company and the Subsidiaries, taken as a whole that is material and adverse, (B) there has been no dividend or distribution of any kind declared, paid or made by the Company on any class of its capital stock, (C) there has been no material adverse change in the capital stock, short-term indebtedness, long-term indebtedness, net current assets or net assets of the Company and the Subsidiaries, (D) there has not been any material transaction entered into or any material transaction that is probable of being entered into by the Company, other than transactions in the ordinary course of business and changes and transactions described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and (E) there has not been any obligation, direct or contingent, which is material to the Company taken as a whole, incurred by the Company, except obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business.

(xxiii) Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there are no contracts, agreements or understandings between the Company and any person granting such person the right to require the Company to file a registration statement under the Act with respect to any securities of the Company owned or to be owned by such person or to require the Company to include such securities in the securities registered pursuant to a Registration Statement or in any securities being registered pursuant to any other registration statement filed by the Company under the Act (collectively, “registration rights”), and any person to whom the Company has granted registration rights has agreed not to exercise such rights until after the expiration of the Lock-Up Period set forth in Section 4(j) hereto.

(xxiv) Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries (i) have failed to pay any dividend or sinking fund installment on preferred stock or (ii) have defaulted on any installment on indebtedness for borrowed money or on any rental on one or more long term leases, which defaults would have a Material Adverse Effect on the financial position of the Company and the Subsidiaries, taken as a whole. The Company has not filed a report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, since the filing of its last Annual Report on Form 10-K, indicating that it (i) has failed to pay any dividend or sinking fund installment on preferred stock or (ii) has defaulted on any installment on indebtedness for borrowed money or on any rental on one or more long term leases, which defaults would have a Material Adverse Effect on the financial position of the Company.

(xxv) Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries nor any of their respective officers, directors and controlling Persons have, directly or indirectly, (i) taken any action designed to cause or to result in, or that has constituted or which might reasonably be expected to constitute, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Common Stock to facilitate the sale of the Shares, or (ii) (except pursuant to this Agreement) (A) sold, bid for, purchased, or paid anyone any compensation for soliciting purchases of, the Shares or (B) since March 16, 2018 paid or agreed to pay to any Person any compensation for soliciting another to purchase any other securities of the Company, other than in connection with the Company’s sales of Common Stock pursuant to its “at the market” program.

(xxvi) Neither the Company nor any of its affiliates (i) is required to register as a “broker” or “dealer” in accordance with the provisions of the Exchange Act or (ii) directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls or has any other association with (within the meaning of Article I of the Bylaws of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”)) any member firm of FINRA.

(xxvii) Any certificate signed by any officer of the Company delivered to the Representatives or to counsel for the Underwriters pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Company to each Underwriter as to the matters covered thereby.

(xxviii) As of the date of this Agreement, the Company has no plan or intention to materially alter its capital investment policy or investment allocation strategy, both as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, and is in compliance with its stated capital investment policy and investment allocation strategy.

(xxix) Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company and the Subsidiaries have good and marketable title to all real properties and all other properties and assets owned by them, in each case free from liens, charges, encumbrances and defects that would materially affect the value thereof or materially interfere with the use made or to be made thereof by them and, except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company and the Subsidiaries hold any leased real or personal property under valid and enforceable leases with no terms or provisions that would materially interfere with the use made or to be made thereof by them.

(xxx) Each of the Company and the Subsidiaries have filed all federal, state and foreign income and franchise tax returns required to be filed on or prior to the date hereof (except where the failure to file would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect) and have paid taxes shown as due thereon (or that are otherwise due and payable) (except for cases in which the failure to file or pay would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect or except as are being contested in good faith and for which adequate reserves have been established in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles), and no tax deficiency has been determined adversely to the Company or any of the Subsidiaries which has had (nor does the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries have any notice or knowledge of any tax deficiency which would reasonably be expected to be determined adversely to the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries and which would reasonably be expected to have) a Material Adverse Effect. To the knowledge of the Company and each of the Subsidiaries, there are no tax returns of the Company or any Subsidiary that are currently being audited by federal, state or local taxing authorities or agencies which would have a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxxi) The Company does not have any trademark, trade names and other rights to inventions, know-how, patents, copyrights, confidential information and other intellectual property that is material to the present or proposed business activities of the Company as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(xxxii) Except as set forth in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, the Company, the Subsidiaries and the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") are in compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and all applicable Exchange Rules (defined below). The Company maintains a system of internal controls, including, but not limited to, disclosure controls and procedures, internal controls over accounting matters and financial reporting, an internal audit function and legal and regulatory compliance controls (collectively, "Internal Controls") that comply with all federal and state securities laws and are sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that (A) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (B) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with US GAAP and to maintain accountability for assets; (C) receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (D) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and (E) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences. The Internal Controls are, or upon consummation of the offering of the Shares will be, overseen by the Audit Committee (the "Audit Committee") of the Board in accordance with the rules and regulations, the auditing principles, rules, standards and practices applicable to auditors of "issuers" (as defined in the Sarbanes-Oxley Act) promulgated or approved by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and the rules (the "Exchange Rules"). The Company has not publicly disclosed or reported to the Audit Committee or the Board, and within the next 135 days the Company does not reasonably expect to publicly disclose or report to the Audit Committee or the Board, a significant deficiency, material weakness, change in Internal Controls or fraud involving management or other employees who have a significant role in Internal Controls, any violation of, or failure to comply with, all federal and state securities laws, or any matter which, if determined adversely, would have a Material Adverse Effect. The interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and has been prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto.

(xxxiii) The Company and each of the Subsidiaries is insured by insurers with appropriately rated claims paying abilities against such losses and risks and in such amounts as are prudent and customary for the businesses in which they are engaged; all policies of insurance and fidelity or surety bonds insuring the Company or any of the Subsidiaries or their respective businesses, assets, employees, officers and directors are in full force and effect; none of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries has been refused any insurance coverage sought or applied for; and the Company has obtained directors' and officer's insurance in such amounts as is customary for companies engaged in the type of business conducted by the Company.

(xxxiv) Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there are no contracts, agreements or understandings between the Company or any of its affiliates, including, but not limited to, PRCM Advisers LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Manager") and Pine River Capital Management L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, or any of their respective direct or indirect Subsidiaries, and any person that would give rise to a valid claim against the Company or the Underwriter for a brokerage commission, finder's fee or other like payment in connection with this offering.

(xxxv) No labor dispute exists between any officers or other key persons of the Company or the Manager named in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (each, a “Company-Focused Professional”) on the one hand and the employer of each such individual on the other hand nor, to the knowledge of the Company, is such a labor dispute imminent that could have a Material Adverse Effect; and to the knowledge of the Company, no labor dispute exists between any employee of the Company or the Manager on the one hand and the employer of each such individual on the other hand nor, to the knowledge of the Company, is such a labor dispute imminent that could have a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxxvi) Neither the Company nor, to the best of the Company’s knowledge, any employer of any Company-Focused Professional has been notified that any such Company-Focused Professional plans to terminate his or her employment with his or her employer. Neither the Company nor, to the best of the Company’s knowledge, any Company-Focused Professional is subject to any noncompete, nondisclosure, confidentiality, employment, consulting or similar agreement that would be violated by the present or proposed business activities of the Company or the Manager as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(xxxvii) No relationship, direct or indirect, exists between or among the Company or any Subsidiary, on the one hand, and the directors, officers and stockholders of the Company, on the other hand, which is required by the Securities Act to be described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus that is not so described.

(xxxviii) The Company has made a timely election to be subject to tax as a real estate investment trust (“REIT”) pursuant to Sections 856 through 860 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”) for its taxable year ended December 31, 2009. Commencing with its taxable year ended December 31, 2009, the Company has been organized and operating in conformity with the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code, and the Company’s actual and proposed method of operation as set forth in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and each Statutory Prospectus does and will enable it to meet the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code. The Company will use its best efforts to continue to qualify as a REIT for its taxable year ending December 31, 2019, and the Company will use its best efforts to continue to qualify as a REIT unless the Board of Directors of the Company determines that it is no longer in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders to be so qualified.

(xxxix) All statements regarding the Company’s qualification and taxation as a REIT and descriptions of the Company’s organization and proposed method of operation set forth in the Registration Statement, General Disclosure Package and each Statutory Prospectus are true, complete and correct in all material respects.

(xl) Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary is and, after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Shares, will be required to register as an “investment company” or an entity “controlled” by an “investment company,” as such terms are defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “Investment Company Act”).

(xli) No relationship, direct or indirect, exists between or among the Company or any Subsidiary, on the one hand, and the directors, officers, stockholders or directors of the Company or any Subsidiary, on the other hand, which is required by the rules of FINRA to be described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus which is not so described.

(xlii) Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has, directly or indirectly, including through any Subsidiary, extended credit, arranged to extend credit, or renewed any extension of credit, in the form of a personal loan, to or for any director or executive officer of the Company or any Subsidiary, or to or for any family member or affiliate of any director or executive officer of the Company or any Subsidiary.

(xliii) The operations of the Company and the Subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in material compliance with all applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements, including those of the Bank Secrecy Act, as amended by Title III of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (USA Patriot Act), and the applicable anti-money laundering statutes of jurisdictions where the Company and the Subsidiaries conduct business, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the "Anti-Money Laundering Laws"), and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of the Subsidiaries with respect to Anti-Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the best knowledge of the Company, threatened.

(xliv) (A) Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries, nor, to the Company's knowledge, any director, officer, employee, agent, affiliate or representative of the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, is an individual or entity ("Covered Person") that is, or is owned or controlled by a Covered Person that is:

(B) the subject of any sanctions administered or enforced by the U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control, the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, Her Majesty's Treasury, or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively, "Sanctions"), nor

(C) located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the subject of Sanctions (including, without limitation, Crimea, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria).

(xliv) The Company will not, directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of the offering, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any Subsidiary, joint venture partner or other Covered Person:

(A) to fund or facilitate any activities or business of or with any Covered Person or in any country or territory that, at the time of such funding or facilitation, is the subject of Sanctions; or

(B) in any other manner that will result in a violation of Sanctions by any Covered Person (including any Covered Person participating in the offering, whether as underwriter, advisor, investor or otherwise).

(xlvi) The Company and the Subsidiaries have not knowingly engaged in, are not now knowingly engaged in, and will not engage in, any dealings or transactions with any Covered Person, or in any country or territory, that at the time of the dealing or transaction is or was the subject of Sanctions.

(xlvii) The Registration Statement is not the subject of a pending proceeding or examination under Section 8(d) or 8(e) of the Securities Act, and the Company is not the subject of a pending proceeding under Section 8A of the Securities Act in connection with the offering of the Shares.

(xlviii) None of the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries or affiliates, nor any director, officer or employee of the Company, nor, to the Company's knowledge, any Company-Focused Professional, any other employee of the Manager providing services to the Company as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, any agent or representative of the Company or of any of the Subsidiaries or affiliates, has taken or will take any action in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization or approval of the payment or giving of money, property, gifts or anything else of value, directly or indirectly, to any "government official" (including any officer or employee of a government or government-owned or controlled entity or of a public international organization, or any person acting in an official capacity for or on behalf of any of the foregoing, or any political party or party official or candidate for political office) to influence official action or secure an improper advantage; and the Company and the Subsidiaries and affiliates have conducted their businesses in compliance with applicable anti-corruption laws, including, without limitation, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder, and have instituted and maintain and will continue to maintain policies and procedures designed to promote and achieve compliance with such laws and with the representation and warranty contained herein.

(xlix) The description of the Company's organization and actual and proposed method of operation and its qualification and taxation as a REIT set forth in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and each Preliminary Prospectus is accurate and presents fairly the matters referred to therein in all material respects; the Company's operating policies and investment guidelines described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and each Preliminary Prospectus accurately reflect in all material respects the current intentions of the Company with respect to the operation of its business, and no material deviation from such guidelines or policies is currently contemplated.

(l) Any third-party statistical and market-related data included in a Registration Statement, a Statutory Prospectus or the General Disclosure Package are based on or derived from sources that the Company believes to be reliable and accurate.

(li) All "non-GAAP financial measures" (as defined in the Rules and Regulations) included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the

Prospectus comply with the requirements of Regulation G and Item 10 of Regulation S-K under the Rules and Regulations.

(lii) No “nationally recognized statistical rating organization” as such term is defined for purposes of Rule 436(g)(2) (i) has imposed (or has informed the Company that it is considering imposing) any condition (financial or otherwise) on the Company’s retaining any rating assigned to the Company or any securities of the Company or (ii) has indicated to the Company that it is considering any of the actions described in Section 6(i) hereof.

(liii) Each of the Management Agreement, dated October 28, 2009, by and among the Company and the Manager, the First Amendment to Management Agreement, dated December 19, 2012, the Second Amendment to the Management Agreement, dated November 3, 2014, the Third Amendment to the Management Agreement, dated June 28, 2017, and the Fourth Amendment to the Management Agreement, dated April 25, 2018 (together, the “Management Agreement”), by and among the Company, Two Harbors Operating Company LLC and the Manager has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and constitutes a valid and binding agreement of the Company enforceable in accordance with its terms, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other laws affecting enforcement of creditors’ rights or by general equitable principle.

(b) The Manager represents and warrants to each of the Underwriters that as of the date hereof, the Applicable Time referred to in Section 3(a)(iv), as of the time of purchase and, if applicable, at each additional time of purchase that:

(i) The Management Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Manager and constitutes a valid and binding agreement of the Manager enforceable against the Manager in accordance with its terms, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other laws affecting enforcement of creditors’ rights or by general equitable principles.

(ii) Any information regarding the Manager that is included in a Registration Statement, a Statutory Prospectus or the General Disclosure Package is derived from the Manager’s accounting or other applicable records and is accurate in all material respects.

(iii) The Manager has been duly organized and is existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with the limited liability company power and authority to own its properties and conduct its business as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby; and the Manager is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation in good standing in all other jurisdictions in which its ownership or lease of property or assets or the conduct of its business requires such qualification except where the failure to be so qualified would not have a Material Adverse Effect.

(iv) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby will not result in a breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, or result in the imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Manager or any of its subsidiaries pursuant to,

the articles of incorporation or bylaws or operating agreement, as applicable, of the Manager or any of its subsidiaries, any statute, rule, regulation or order of any governmental agency or body or any court, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over the Manager or any of its subsidiaries or any of their properties, or any agreement or instrument to which the Manager or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which the Manager or any of its subsidiaries is bound or to which any of the properties or assets of the Manager or any of its subsidiaries is subject.

(v) This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Manager.

(vi) The Manager possesses, and is in compliance with the terms of, all adequate Licenses necessary or material to the conduct of the business of the Manager with respect to the Company now conducted or proposed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus to be conducted by it and has not received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any Licenses that, if determined adversely to the Manager or any of its subsidiaries, would, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(vii) Except as disclosed in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there has been no change, nor any development or event involving a prospective change, in the condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, business, properties or prospects of the Manager that is material and adverse to the Company or that would prevent the Manager from carrying out its obligations under this Agreement or the Management Agreement.

(viii) To the knowledge of the Manager no officers or other key persons of the Manager and its affiliates named in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, or a significant number of members of the Manager's fixed income investment team that participate in the Company's investment decisions plans to terminate his or her employment with the Manager or its affiliates that would be expected to materially adversely affect the Company. Neither the Manager nor, to the best of the Manager's knowledge, any officers or other key persons of the Manager named in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus is subject to any noncompete, nondisclosure, confidentiality, employment, consulting or similar agreement that would be violated by the present or proposed business activities of the Company or the Manager as described in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(ix) Neither the Manager nor any of its officers, directors and controlling Persons have, directly or indirectly, (i) taken any action designed to cause or to result in, or that has constituted or which might reasonably be expected to constitute, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of the Common Stock to facilitate the sale of the Shares or (ii) (except pursuant to this Agreement) (A) sold, bid for, purchased, or paid anyone any compensation for soliciting purchases of, the Shares or (B) since March 16, 2018 paid or agreed to pay to any Person any compensation for soliciting another to purchase any other securities of the Company, other than in connection with the Company's sales of Common Stock pursuant to its "at the market" program.

(x) There are no pending actions, suits or proceedings (including any inquiries or investigations by any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign) against or

affecting the Manager or any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective properties that are expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, or would materially and adversely affect the ability of the Manager to perform its obligations under this Agreement or the Management Agreement; and, to the Manager's knowledge, no such actions, suits or proceedings (including any inquiries or investigations by any court or governmental agency or body, domestic or foreign) are threatened or contemplated.

(xi) The Manager is not prohibited by the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, or the rules and regulations thereunder, from performing its obligations under the Management Agreement as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(xii) The Manager is insured by insurers with appropriately rated claims paying abilities against such losses and risks and in such amounts as are prudent and customary for the businesses in which they are engaged; all policies of insurance and fidelity or surety bonds insuring the Manager or any of its subsidiaries or their respective businesses, assets, employees, officers and directors are in full force and effect; none of the Manager or any of its subsidiaries has been refused any insurance coverage sought or applied for; and the Manager has obtained directors' and officer's insurance in such amounts as is customary for companies engaged in the type of business conducted by the Manager.

(xiii) The Manager maintains a system of internal controls in place sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (A) the transactions that may be effectuated by the Manager under the Management Agreement are executed in accordance with its management's general or specific authorization and (B) access to the Company's assets is permitted only in accordance with the internal policies, controls and procedures of the Manager.

(xiv) The Manager is in compliance with all applicable federal, state, local and foreign laws, rules, regulations, orders, decrees and judgments, including those relating to transactions with affiliates, except where the failure to so comply could not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect.

(xv) The description of the Company's investment strategy in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and each Preliminary Prospectus accurately reflects in all material respects the current intentions of the Manager with respect to the operation of the Company's business, and no material deviation from such investment strategy is currently contemplated.

4. Certain Covenants of the Company and the Manager. Each of the Company and the Manager, as applicable, hereby covenants and agrees with each of the Underwriters that:

(a) The Company will furnish such information as may be required and otherwise will cooperate in qualifying the Shares for offering and sale under the securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdictions (both domestic and foreign) as the Representatives may designate and to maintain such qualifications in effect so long as required for the distribution of the Shares, provided that the Company shall not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to consent to the service of process under the laws of any such jurisdiction (except service of process with

respect to the offering and sale of the Shares). The Company will promptly advise the Representatives of the receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of the Shares for sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose.

(b) The Company will prepare the Prospectus in a form in compliance with Rule 430B and approved by the Underwriters and file such Prospectus with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act not later than 10:00 A.M. (New York City time), on or before the second Business Day following the date of this Agreement or on such other day as the parties may mutually agree and to furnish promptly (and with respect to the initial delivery of such Prospectus, not later than 10:00 A.M. (New York City time) on or before the second Business Day following the date of this Agreement or on such other day as the parties may mutually agree) to the Underwriters copies of the Prospectus (or of the Prospectus as amended or supplemented if the Company shall have made any amendments or supplements thereto after the effective date of the Registration Statement) in such quantities and at such locations as the Underwriters may reasonably request for the purposes contemplated by the Securities Act, which Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto furnished to the Underwriters will be identical to the version created to be transmitted to the Commission for filing via EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

(c) During (a) the time in which a Prospectus relating to the Shares is required to be delivered under the Securities Act or (b) 180 days from the time of purchase or any additional time of purchase, as applicable, whichever is greater, the Company will advise the Representatives immediately, confirming such advice in writing, of (i) the receipt of any comments from the Commission relating to any filing of the Company under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, (ii) any request by the Commission for amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or for additional information with respect thereto, (iii) the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or of any order preventing or suspending the use of any Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus or of any examination pursuant to Section 8(e) of the Securities Act concerning the Registration Statement, (iv) the suspension of the qualification of the Shares for offering or sale in any jurisdiction and (v) the initiation, threatening or contemplation of any proceedings for any of such purposes and, if the Commission or any other governmental agency or authority should issue any such order, the Company will make every reasonable effort to obtain the lifting or removal of such order as soon as possible. During (a) the time in which a Prospectus relating to the Shares is required to be delivered under the Securities Act or (b) 180 days from the time of purchase or any additional time of purchase, as applicable, whichever is greater, the Company will advise the Representatives promptly of any proposal to amend or supplement the Registration Statement or the Prospectus and will furnish the Representatives with copies of any such documents a reasonable amount of time prior to such proposed filing or use, as the case may be, and will not file or use any such document to which the Representatives or counsel for the Underwriters shall object in writing. The Company has given the Representatives notice of any filings made pursuant to the Exchange Act within 48 hours prior to the Applicable Time; the Company will give the Representatives notice of its intention to make any such filing from the Applicable Time to the time of purchase and, if applicable, from the time the Representatives give the Company notice of their intention to exercise the option set

forth in Section 1 to purchase Additional Shares to each additional time of purchase, and will furnish the Representatives with copies of any such documents a reasonable amount of time prior to such proposed filing, as the case may be, and will not file or use any such document to which the Representatives or counsel for the Underwriters shall object in writing.

(d) During (a) the time in which a Prospectus relating to the Shares is required to be delivered under the Securities Act or (b) 180 days from the time of purchase or any additional time of purchase, as applicable, whichever is greater, the Company will advise the Representatives promptly and, if requested by the Representatives, will confirm such advice in writing when any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement becomes effective under the Securities Act.

(e) The Company will furnish to the Representatives, and upon request to each of the Underwriters, for a period of five years from the date of this Agreement (i) copies of all annual, quarterly and current reports filed with the Commission on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K, or such other similar form as may be designated by the Commission, and (ii) such other information as the Representatives may reasonably request regarding the Company, in each case as soon as such communications, documents or information become available; provided that any materials described in clauses (i) — (ii) that are filed with the Commission and available through EDGAR shall be deemed automatically furnished without any further action by the Company.

(f) The Company will advise the Representatives promptly of the happening of any event known to the Company within the time during which a Prospectus relating to the Shares is required to be delivered under the Securities Act which would require the making of any change in the Prospectus then being used, or in the information incorporated by reference therein, so that the Prospectus would not include an untrue statement of material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or if it is necessary at any time to amend or supplement the Prospectus to comply with any law. If within the time during which a Prospectus relating to the Shares is required to be delivered under the Securities Act any event shall occur or condition shall exist which, in the reasonable opinion of the Company, the Representatives or counsel for the Underwriters, would require the making of any change in the Prospectus then being used, or in the information incorporated by reference therein, so that the Prospectus would not include an untrue statement of material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, or if it is necessary at any time to amend or supplement the Prospectus to comply with any law, the Company will promptly prepare and furnish to the Underwriters copies of the proposed amendment or supplement before filing any such amendment or supplement with the Commission and thereafter promptly furnish, at the Company's own expense, to the Underwriters and to dealers copies in such quantities and at such locations as the Representatives may from time to time reasonably request of an appropriate amendment to the Registration Statement or supplement to the Prospectus so that the Prospectus as so amended or supplemented will not, in the circumstances when it is so delivered, be misleading or so that the Prospectus will comply with the law. If at any time following issuance of an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus there occurred or occurs an event or development as a result of which such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus conflicted or would conflict with the

information contained in the Registration Statement relating to the Shares or the Statutory Prospectus or any preliminary prospectus or included or would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or would omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances, prevailing at that subsequent time, not misleading, the Company will promptly notify the Representatives and will promptly amend or supplement, at its own expense, such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus to eliminate or correct such conflict, untrue statement or omission.

(g) The Company will make generally available to its stockholders as soon as practicable, and in the manner contemplated by Rule 158 of the Securities Act, but in any event not later than 15 months after the end of the Company's current fiscal quarter, an earnings statement (which need not be audited) covering a 12-month period beginning after the date upon which the Prospectus is filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act that shall satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act and Rule 158 thereunder and will advise the Underwriters in writing when such statement has been made available.

(h) The Company will apply the net proceeds from the sale of the Shares in the manner set forth under the caption "Use of Proceeds" in the Prospectus.

(i) Within the time during which a Prospectus relating to the Shares is required to be delivered under the Securities Act, the Company will furnish to the Representatives, not less than two Business Days before a filing with the Commission, a copy of any document proposed to be filed pursuant to Section 13, 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act and during such period will file all such documents in a manner and within the time periods required by the Exchange Act.

(j) Without the prior written consent of Credit Suisse, neither the Company nor the Manager will: (1) sell, offer, contract to sell, pledge, register, grant any option to purchase or otherwise dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of Common Stock, or any securities convertible into, or exercisable, exchangeable or redeemable for Common Stock, (2) enter into any swap or other arrangement that transfers to another, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the Common Stock, whether any such transaction described in clause (1) or (2) above is to be settled by delivery of Common Stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise, or (3) file any registration statement with the Commission relating to the offering of any shares of Common Stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock, except for the sales to the Underwriters pursuant to this Agreement, during the period commencing on the date hereof and continuing for 45 days after the date hereof or such earlier date that the Representatives consent to in writing (the "Lock-Up Period"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Company may (A) grant Common Stock-based awards to the Company's directors and personnel of the Manager under its equity compensation plan in the ordinary course consistent with past practice, and (B) issue and sell shares of Common Stock pursuant to its dividend reinvestment and direct share purchase plan.

(k) The Company will complete all required filings with the NYSE and other necessary actions in order to cause the Shares to be listed and admitted and authorized for trading on the NYSE within the time period specified in the Prospectus and to maintain such listing and

to file with the NYSE all documents and notices required by the NYSE of companies that have securities that are listed on the NYSE.

(l) [reserved].

(m) On or after the date of this Agreement and prior to the first date of purchase, the Company will use its best efforts to list the Shares for trading on the NYSE within the time period specified in the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.

(n) The Company will maintain, at its expense, a registrar and transfer agent for the Shares.

(o) The Company will pay all expenses, fees and taxes (other than any fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters, except as set forth under Section 5 hereof or (iv) or (v) below) in connection with (i) the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement, each Preliminary Prospectus, the Prospectus, any Permitted Free Writing Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto, and the printing and furnishing of copies of each thereof to the Underwriters and to dealers (including costs of mailing and shipment), (ii) the issuance, sale and delivery of the Shares by the Company, (iii) the word processing and/or printing of this Agreement, any dealer agreements, and the reproduction and/or printing and furnishing of copies of each thereof to the Underwriters and to dealers (including costs of mailing and shipment), (iv) the costs and expenses of the Company relating to investor presentations on any "road show" undertaken in connection with the marketing of the Shares, including without limitation, expenses associated with the production of road show slides and graphics, fees and expenses of any consultants engaged in connection with the road show presentations, travel and lodging expenses of the representatives and officers of the Company and any such consultants, and the cost of aircraft and other transportation chartered in connection with the road show, except that the lodging, airfare (except if the Company charters a flight in which case employees of the Underwriters ride on such charter without charge), and incidental expenses of employees of the Underwriters shall be the responsibility of the Underwriters, (v) the qualification of the Shares for offering and sale under state laws and the determination of their eligibility for investment under state law as aforesaid (including the legal fees and filing fees and other disbursements of counsel to the Underwriters) and the preparation, printing and furnishing of copies of any blue sky surveys or legal investment surveys to the Underwriters and to dealers, (vi) listing of the Shares on the NYSE and any registration thereof under the Exchange Act and the approval for book-entry transfer by DTC, (vii) the filing, if any, for review of the public offering of the Shares by the FINRA with such costs not to exceed \$5,000, (viii) the performance of the Company's other obligations hereunder and (ix) the costs and expenses (including without limitation any damages or other amounts payable in connection with legal or contractual liability) associated with the reforming of any contracts for sale of the Shares made by the Underwriters caused by a breach of the representation contained in the first paragraph of Section 3(iv).

(p) The Company and the Manager will not and will cause the Subsidiaries not to (i) take, directly or indirectly, prior to termination of the underwriting syndicate contemplated by this Agreement, any action designed to stabilize or manipulate the price of any security of the Company, or which may cause or result in, or which might in the future reasonably be expected

to cause or result in, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company, to facilitate the sale or resale of any of the Shares or (ii) prior to termination of the underwriting syndicate contemplated by this Agreement, sell, bid for, purchase or pay any Person (other than as contemplated by the provisions hereof) any compensation for soliciting purchases of the Shares.

(q) The Company will comply with all of the provisions of any undertakings in the Registration Statement.

(r) The Company has been organized and operated in conformity with the requirements for qualification and taxation of the Company as a REIT under the Code, and the Company's proposed methods of operation will enable the Company to continue to meet the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code for subsequent taxable years.

(s) The Company will not be or become, and will cause each of the Subsidiaries not to be or become, at any time prior to the expiration of three years after the date of the Agreement, required to register as an "investment company," as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act.

(t) The Company has retained the Accountants as its qualified accountants and qualified tax experts (i) to test procedures and conduct annual compliance reviews designed to determine compliance with the REIT provisions of the Code and the Company's exempt status under the Investment Company Act and (ii) to otherwise assist the Company in monitoring appropriate accounting systems and procedures designed to determine compliance with the REIT provisions of the Code and the Company's exempt status under the Investment Company Act.

(u) The Company will comply with all requirements imposed upon it by the Securities Act and the Exchange Act as from time to time in force, so far as necessary to permit the continuance of sales of, or dealings in, the Shares as contemplated by the provisions hereof and the Prospectus.

(v) The Company will maintain such controls and other procedures, including, without limitation, those required by Sections 302 and 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and the applicable regulations thereunder that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms, including, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and to ensure that material information relating to the Company is made known to them by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which such periodic reports are being prepared.

(w) The Company will comply with all effective applicable provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

(x) The Company represents and agrees that, unless it obtains the prior consent of the Representatives, and each Underwriter represents and agrees that, unless it obtains the prior consent of the Company and the Representatives, it has not made and will not make any offer relating to the Shares that would constitute an “issuer free writing prospectus,” as defined in Rule 433, or that would otherwise constitute a “free writing prospectus,” as defined in Rule 405, required to be filed with the Commission or, in the case of the Company, whether or not required to be filed with the Commission. Any such free writing prospectus consented to by the Company and the Representatives is hereinafter referred to as a “Permitted Free Writing Prospectus.” The Company represents that it has treated or agrees that it will treat each Permitted Free Writing Prospectus as an “issuer free writing prospectus,” as defined in Rule 433, and has complied and will comply with the requirements of Rule 433 applicable to any Permitted Free Writing Prospectus, including timely filing with the Commission where required, legending and record keeping.

(y) If the third anniversary of the initial effective date of the Registration Statement occurs before all the Shares have been sold by the Underwriters, the Company shall, prior to the third anniversary, file a new shelf registration statement and take any other action necessary to permit the public offering of the Shares to continue without interruption; references herein to the Registration Statement shall include the new registration statement declared effective by the Commission; provided, however, for the avoidance of doubt, this subsection (y) shall not apply unless the Representatives notify the Company that not all of the Shares have been sold by the Underwriters at least 60 days prior to the third anniversary of the initial effective date of the Registration Statement.

(z) On or prior to the date hereof, the Representatives shall have received a lock-up letter in the form of Exhibit F hereto from the Manager and each of the Company’s directors and executive officers listed on Schedule C hereto.

5. Reimbursement of Underwriter’s Expenses. If the Shares are not delivered for any reason other than the termination of this Agreement pursuant to the default by one or more of the Underwriters in its or their respective obligations hereunder, the Company shall, in addition to paying the amounts described in Section 4(o) hereof, reimburse the Underwriters for all of their out-of-pocket expenses, including the fees and disbursements of their counsel.

6. Conditions of Underwriter’s Obligations. The several obligations of the Underwriters hereunder are subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties on the part of the Company and the Manager, as applicable, on the date hereof, at the Applicable Time and at the time of purchase (and the several obligations of the Underwriters at each additional time of purchase are subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties on the part of the Company and the Manager, as applicable, on the date hereof, at the Applicable Time and at the time of purchase (unless previously waived) and at each additional time of purchase, as the case may be), the performance by the Company and the Manager of their obligations hereunder and to the following additional conditions precedent:

(a) The Company shall furnish to the Representatives, at the time of purchase or at each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, opinions of (i) Holland & Knight LLP, special regulatory counsel for the Company, (ii) Sidley Austin LLP, tax counsel for the Company and (iii) Stinson Leonard Street LLP, counsel for the Company, addressed to the Underwriters, and dated the time of purchase or each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, and in form satisfactory to Ropes & Gray LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, substantially in the form of Exhibit A, Exhibit B and Exhibit C respectively, attached hereto.

(b) The Representatives shall have received from the Accountants, letters dated, respectively, the date of this Agreement and the time of purchase and each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, and addressed to the Underwriters in the forms heretofore approved by the Representatives relating to the financial statements, including any pro forma financial statements of the Company and such other matters customarily covered by comfort letters issued in connection with a registered public offering.

In the event that the letters referred to above set forth any such changes, decreases or increases, it shall be a further condition to the obligations of the Underwriters that (i) such letters shall be accompanied by a written explanation of the Company as to the significance thereof, unless the Representatives deem such explanation unnecessary and (ii) such changes, decreases or increases do not, in the sole judgment of the Representatives, make it impractical or inadvisable to proceed with the purchase and delivery of the Shares as contemplated by the Registration Statement and the Prospectus.

(c) The Representatives shall have received from Deloitte & Touche LLP, letters dated the date of this Agreement and addressed to the Underwriters in the forms heretofore approved by the Representatives relating to the financial statements of CYS Investments, Inc.

(d) The Representatives shall have received at the time of purchase or at each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, an opinion of Ropes & Gray LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, dated the time of purchase or each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives.

(e) The Representatives shall have received a certificate, at the time of purchase or at each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Manager, dated the time of purchase or each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, substantially in the form of Exhibit D, attached hereto.

(f) No amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, including the documents deemed to be incorporated by reference therein, or Issuer Free Writing Prospectus shall be filed to which the Underwriters object in writing.

(g) Prior to the time of purchase or each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, (i) no stop order with respect to the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall have been issued under the Securities Act or proceedings initiated under Section 8(d) or 8(e) of the Securities Act; (ii) the Registration Statement and all amendments thereto, or modifications thereof, if any, shall not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; and

(iii) the Prospectus and all amendments or supplements thereto, or modifications thereof, if any, and the General Disclosure Package shall not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.

(h) All filings with the Commission required by Rule 424 under the Securities Act to have been filed by the time of purchase or each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, shall have been made within the applicable time period prescribed for such filing by Rule 424 (without reliance on Rule 424(b)(8)). A prospectus containing the Rule 430B Information shall have been filed with the Commission in accordance with Rule 424(b) (or a post-effective amendment providing such information shall have been filed and declared effective in accordance with the requirements of Rule 430B).

(i) Between the time of execution of this Agreement and the time of purchase or each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, (i) no material and adverse change, financial or otherwise (other than as referred to in the Registration Statement, and the Prospectus and the General Disclosure Package, in each case as of the Applicable Time), in the condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, business, properties or prospects of the Company and the Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, shall occur or become known such as to make it, in the sole judgement of the Representatives, impractical or inadvisable to market the Shares or to enforce contracts for the sale of the Shares and (ii) no transaction which is material and adverse to the Company or any of the Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, shall have been entered into by the Company or any Subsidiary.

(j) The Company shall deliver to the Representatives a certificate, dated the date of this Agreement, signed by its Chief Financial Officer, substantially in the form of Exhibit E, attached hereto.

(k) The Company will, at the time of purchase or each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, deliver to the Representatives a certificate of two of its executive officers to the effect that the representations and warranties of the Company as set forth in this Agreement are true and correct as of each such date, that the Company shall perform such of its obligations under this Agreement as are to be performed at or before the time of purchase and at or before each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, and that the conditions set forth in subsections (g) and (i) of this Section 6 have been met.

(l) FINRA shall not have raised any objection with respect to the fairness and reasonableness of the underwriting terms and arrangements.

(m) Between the time of execution of this Agreement and the time of purchase or each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, there shall not have occurred any downgrading, nor shall any notice or announcement have been given or made of (i) any intended or potential downgrading or (ii) any review or possible change that does not indicate an improvement, in the rating accorded any securities of or guaranteed by the Company by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization," as that term is defined under Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act.

(n) Subsequent to the execution and delivery of this Agreement and prior to the time of purchase, the Company shall have submitted an application to the NYSE to list the Shares on the NYSE.

7. **Termination.** The obligations of the Underwriters hereunder shall be subject to termination in the absolute discretion of the Representatives, at any time prior to the time of purchase or, if applicable, each additional time of purchase, (i) if any of the conditions specified in Section 6 shall not have been fulfilled when and as required by this Agreement to be fulfilled, (ii) if any material and adverse change occurs (financial or otherwise), or any development involving a material and adverse change occurs (financial or otherwise) (in each case, other than as disclosed in, or incorporated by reference into, the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package, and the Prospectus as of the Applicable Time (exclusive of any supplement thereto)), in the condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, business, properties or prospects of the Company and the Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, which would, in the sole judgment of the Representatives, make it impracticable to market the Shares, (iii) if (a) the United States shall have declared war in accordance with its constitutional processes or there has occurred an outbreak or escalation of hostilities or other national or international calamity or crisis or change or development in economic, political or other conditions the effect of which, or (b) any material adverse change in the financial markets of the United States or the international financial markets is such as to make it, in the sole judgment of the Representatives, impracticable or inadvisable to market the Shares or enforce contracts for the sale of the Shares, (iv) if trading in any securities of the Company has been suspended or materially limited by the Commission or by the NYSE, or if trading generally on the NYSE has been suspended, materially limited (including an automatic halt in trading pursuant to market-decline triggers other than those in which solely program trading is temporarily halted), or limitations on or minimum prices for trading (other than limitations on hours or numbers of days of trading) shall have been fixed, or maximum ranges for prices for securities have been required, by such exchange or FINRA or by order of the Commission or any other governmental authority, (v) if a banking moratorium shall have been declared by New York or United States authorities or a material disruption has occurred in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States, or (vi) if there shall have occurred any downgrading, or any notice or announcement shall have been given or made of (a) any intended or potential downgrading or (b) any review or possible change that does not indicate an improvement, in the rating accorded any securities of or guaranteed by the Company or any Subsidiary by any “nationally recognized statistical rating organization,” as that term is defined under Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act.

If the sale to the Underwriters of the Shares, as contemplated by this Agreement, is not carried out by the Underwriters for any reason permitted under this Agreement or if such sale is not carried out because the Company shall be unable to comply with any of the terms of this Agreement, the Company shall not be under any obligation or liability under this Agreement (except to the extent provided in Sections 3, 4(a), 5, 9 and 10 hereof), and the Underwriters shall be under no obligation or liability to the Company under this Agreement (except to the extent provided in Sections 9 and 10 hereof) or to one another hereunder.

8. Increase in Underwriters' Commitments. If any Underwriter shall default in its obligation under this Agreement to take up and pay for the Shares to be purchased by it under this Agreement (other than for reasons sufficient to justify the termination of this Agreement under the provisions of Section 7 hereof), the Representatives shall have the right, within 36 hours after such default, to make arrangements for one or more of the non-defaulting Underwriters, or any other underwriters, to purchase all, but not less than all, of the Shares which such Underwriter shall have agreed but failed to take up and pay for. Absent the completion of such arrangements within such 36-hour period, (i) if the total number of Defaulted Shares does not exceed 10% of the total number of Shares to be purchased at the time of purchase or each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, each non-defaulting Underwriter shall take up and pay for in addition to the number of Shares agreed to be purchased by all such defaulting Underwriters in such amount or amounts as the Representatives may designate with the consent of each Underwriter so designated or, in the event no such designation is made, such Shares shall be taken up and paid for by all non-defaulting Underwriters pro rata in proportion to the aggregate number of Firm Shares set opposite the names of such non-defaulting Underwriters in Schedule A; and (ii) if the total number of Defaulted Shares exceeds 10% of such total number of Shares to be purchased at the time of purchase or each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, and if neither the non-defaulting Underwriters nor the Company shall make arrangements within the five Business Day period from the date of default for the purchase of such Defaulted Shares, the Representatives may terminate this Agreement by notice to the Company, without liability of any party to any other party except that the provisions of Sections 3, 4(a), 5, 9, and 10 shall at all times be effective and shall survive such termination. Nothing in this paragraph, and no action taken hereunder, shall relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of any default of such Underwriter under this Agreement.

Without relieving any defaulting Underwriter from its obligations hereunder, the Company agrees with the non-defaulting Underwriters that they will not sell any Shares hereunder unless all of the Shares are purchased by the Underwriters (or by substituted Underwriters selected by the Representatives with the approval of the Company or selected by the Company with the approval of the Representatives).

If a new Underwriter or Underwriters are substituted for a defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters in accordance with the foregoing provisions, the Company or the Representatives shall have the right to postpone the time of purchase or each additional time of purchase, as the case may be, for a period not exceeding seven Business Days from the date of substitution in order that any necessary changes in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and other documents may be effected.

The term Underwriter as used in this Agreement shall refer to and include any Underwriter substituted under this Section 8 with like effect as if such substituted Underwriter had originally been named in Schedule A.

9. Indemnification.

(a) Indemnification of Underwriters. The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Underwriters, their affiliates, as such term is defined in Rule 501-(b) under the

Securities Act (each, an “Affiliate”) and the person, if any, who controls each Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act as follows:

(i) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including the Rule 430B Information, or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any preliminary prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto or any documents deemed to be incorporated by reference therein), or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(ii) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, to the extent of the aggregate amount paid in settlement of any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or of any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission; provided that (subject to Section 9(d) below) any such settlement is effected with the written consent of the Company; and

(iii) against any and all expense whatsoever, as incurred (including the fees and disbursements of counsel chosen by the Representatives), reasonably incurred in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission, to the extent that any such expense is not paid under (i) or (ii) above;

provided, however, that this indemnity agreement shall not apply to any loss, liability, claim, damage or expense to the extent arising out of any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Underwriter through the Representatives expressly for use in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including the Rule 430B Information or any preliminary prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto or any documents deemed to be incorporated by reference therein), it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by the Underwriters consists of the information described as such in subsection (b) below.

(b) Indemnification of Company, Directors and Officers. Each Underwriter severally agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, its directors, each of its officers who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense described in the indemnity contained in subsection

(a) of this Section, as incurred, but only with respect to untrue statements or omissions, or alleged untrue statements or omissions, made in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including the Rule 430B Information or any preliminary prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by such Underwriter expressly for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by any Underwriter consists of the following information in the Prospectus: the information in the third, ninth and tenth paragraphs under the caption "Underwriting."

(c) Actions Against Parties; Notification. Each indemnified party shall give notice as promptly as reasonably practicable to each indemnifying party of any action commenced against it in respect of which indemnity may be sought hereunder, but failure to so notify an indemnifying party shall not relieve such indemnifying party from any liability hereunder to the extent it is not materially prejudiced as a result thereof and in any event shall not relieve it from any liability which it may have otherwise than on account of this indemnity agreement. In the case of parties indemnified pursuant to Sections 9(a) above, counsel to the indemnified parties shall be selected by the Representatives, and, in the case of parties indemnified pursuant to Section 9(b) above, counsel to the indemnified parties shall be selected by the Company. An indemnifying party may participate at its own expense in the defense of any such action; provided, however, that counsel to the indemnifying party shall not (except with the consent of the indemnified party) also be counsel to the indemnified party. In no event shall the indemnifying parties be liable for fees and expenses of more than one counsel (in addition to any local counsel) separate from their own counsel for all indemnified parties in connection with any one action or separate but similar or related actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified parties, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever in respect of which indemnification or contribution could be sought under this Section 9 or Section 10 hereof (whether or not the indemnified parties are actual or potential parties thereto), unless such settlement, compromise or consent (i) includes an unconditional release of each indemnified party from all liability arising out of such litigation, investigation, proceeding or claim and (ii) does not include a statement as to an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

(d) Settlement Without Consent if Failure to Reimburse. If at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel, such indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of the nature contemplated by Section 9(a), (ii) effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 45 days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request, (ii) such indemnifying party shall have received notice of the terms of such settlement at least 30 days prior to such settlement being entered into and (iii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed such indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement.

10. Contribution. If the indemnification provided for in Section 9 hereof is for any reason unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party in respect of any losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the aggregate amount of such losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by such indemnified party, as incurred, (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand from the offering of the Shares pursuant to this Agreement or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of the Company on the one hand and of the Underwriters on the other hand in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations.

The relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand in connection with the offering of the Shares pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the net proceeds from the offering of the Shares pursuant to this Agreement (before deducting expenses) received by the Company, relative to the total compensation received by the Underwriters from the sale of Shares on behalf of the Underwriters.

The relative fault of the Company on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether any such untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or by the Underwriters and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission.

The Company and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 10 were determined by pro rata allocation by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to above in this Section 10. The aggregate amount of losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by an indemnified party and referred to above in this Section 10 shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 10, no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Shares underwritten by it and distributed to the public were offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damages which such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of any such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission.

No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any Person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

For purposes of this Section 10, the person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act and the Underwriters' Affiliates shall have the same rights to contribution as such Underwriter, and each director of the Company, each officer of the Company who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company.

11. Notices. Except as otherwise herein provided, all statements, requests, notices and agreements shall be in writing or by telegram and, if to the Underwriters, shall be sufficient in all respects if delivered or sent to the Representatives at Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Eleven Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010-3629, Attention: LCD-IBD, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, 383 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10179 (fax: (212) 622-8358); Attention Equity Syndicate Desk, JMP Securities LLC, 600 Montgomery Street, Suite 1100, San Francisco, California 94111, Facsimile: (415) 835-8920, Attention: Equity Securities; and if to the Company, shall be sufficient in all respects if delivered or sent to 590 Madison Avenue, 36th Floor, New York, New York 10022, Attention: Rebecca Sandberg with a copy to: Stinson Leonard Street LLP, 50 South Sixth Street, Suite 2600, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402 Attention: Stephen Quinlivan.

12. Governing Law; Construction. This Agreement and any claim, counterclaim or dispute of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of or in any way relating to this Agreement (a "Claim"), directly or indirectly, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York. The Section headings in this Agreement have been inserted as a matter of convenience of reference and are not a part of this Agreement.

13. Submission to Jurisdiction. Except as set forth below, no Claim may be commenced, prosecuted or continued in any court other than the courts of the State of New York located in the City and County of New York or in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, which courts shall have jurisdiction over the adjudication of such matters, and the Company and the Manager consent to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of such courts and personal service with respect thereto. The Company and the Manager hereby consent to personal jurisdiction, service and venue in any court in which any Claim arising out of or in any way relating to this Agreement is brought by any third party against the Representatives or any indemnified party. Each of the Representatives the Company and the Manager (on its behalf and, to the extent permitted by applicable law, on behalf of its stockholders and affiliates) waives all right to trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim (whether based upon contract, tort or otherwise) in any way arising out of or relating to this Agreement. The Company and the Manager agree that a final judgment in any such action, proceeding or counterclaim brought in any such court shall be conclusive and binding upon the Company or the Manager and may be enforced in any other courts in the jurisdiction of which the Company or the Manager is or may be subject, by suit upon such judgment.

14. Parties at Interest. The Agreement herein set forth has been and is made solely for the benefit of the Underwriters, the Company, the Manager and to the extent provided in Section 9 and 10 hereof the controlling Persons, directors and officers referred to in such Section, and their

respective successors, assigns, heirs, pursuant representatives and executors and administrators. No other Person, partnership, association or corporation (including a purchaser, as such purchaser, from any of the Underwriters) shall acquire or have any right under or by virtue of this Agreement.

15. No Advisory or Fiduciary Relationship. The Company and the Manager acknowledge and agree that (a) the purchase and sale of the Shares pursuant to this Agreement, including the determination of the purchase price of the Shares and any related discounts and commissions, is an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Company and the Manager, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other hand, (b) in connection with the offering contemplated hereby and the process leading to such transaction, each Underwriter is and has been acting solely as a principal and is not the agent or fiduciary of the Company and the Manager, or its respective stockholders, creditors, employees or any other party, (c) no Underwriter has assumed or will assume an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Company and the Manager with respect to the offering contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether such Underwriter has advised or is currently advising the Company or the Manager on other matters) and no Underwriter has any obligation to the Company or the Manager with respect to the offering contemplated hereby except the obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement, (d) the Underwriters and their respective affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of each of the Company and the Manager and (e) the Underwriters have not provided any legal, accounting, regulatory or tax advice with respect to the offering contemplated hereby and the Company and the Manager have consulted their own respective legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate.

16. Tax Disclosure. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, immediately upon commencement of discussions with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby, the Company (and each employee, representative or other agent of the Company) may disclose to any and all persons, without limitation of any kind, the tax treatment and tax structure of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and all materials of any kind (including opinions or other tax analyses) that are provided to the Company relating to such tax treatment and tax structure. For purposes of the foregoing, the term "tax treatment" is the purported or claimed federal income tax treatment of the transactions contemplated hereby, and the term "tax structure" includes any fact that may be relevant to understanding the purported or claimed federal income tax treatment of the transactions contemplated hereby.

17. Representations, Warranties and Agreements to Survive. All representations, warranties and agreements contained in this Agreement or in certificates of officers of the Company, any of the Subsidiaries, or the Manager or its subsidiaries submitted pursuant hereto, shall remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of (i) any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter or its Affiliates or selling agents, any person controlling any Underwriter, its officers or directors or any person controlling the Company and (ii) delivery of and payment for the Shares.

18. **Integration.** This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings (whether written or oral) among the Company and the Underwriters, or any of them, with respect to the subject matter hereof.

19. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be signed by the parties in one or more counterparts which together shall constitute one and the same agreement among the parties.

20. **Successors and Assigns.** This Agreement shall be binding upon the Underwriters, the Manager and the Company and their successors and assigns and any successor or assign of any substantial portion of the Company's and any of the Underwriters' respective businesses and/or assets.

21. **Time.** TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE OF THIS AGREEMENT. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SET FORTH HEREIN, SPECIFIED TIMES OF DAY REFER TO NEW YORK CITY TIME.

If the foregoing correctly sets forth the understanding among the Company, the Manager and the Underwriters, please so indicate in the space provided below for the purpose, whereupon this letter and your acceptance shall constitute a binding agreement among the Company, the Manager and the Underwriters, severally.

Very truly yours,

TWO HARBORS INVESTMENT CORP.

By /s/ Mary Risky
Mary Risky, Chief Financial Officer

PRCM ADVISERS LLC

By /s/ Timothy O'Brien
Timothy O'Brien, Vice President
And General Counsel

[Signature Page to Underwriting Agreement]

Accepted and agreed to as of the date first above written, on behalf of themselves and the other Underwriters named in Schedule A.

CREDIT SUISSE SECURITIES (USA) LLC

By: /s/ Renos Savvides
Name: Renos Savvides
Title: Director

J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC

By: /s/ Alaoui Zenere
Name: Alaoui Zenere
Title: Vice President

JMP SECURITIES LLC

By: /s/ Thomas Kilian
Name: Thomas Kilian
Title: Chief Operating Officer, Investment Banking

[Signature Page to Underwriting Agreement]

SCHEDULE A

Underwriter	Number of Firm Shares To Be Purchased
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC	9,000,000
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC	7,200,000
JMP Securities LLC	1,800,000
Total:	18,000,000

SCHEDULE B

1. Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectus

None.

2. Other Information Included in the General Disclosure Package

Shares Offered: 18,000,000

The initial public offering price per Share shall be, as to each investor, the price paid by such investor.

SCHEDULE C

List of Persons and Entities Executing Lock-Up Agreements

Thomas Siering
Mary Risky
William Roth
E. Spencer Abraham
James J. Bender
Karen Hammond
Stephen G. Kasnet
W. Reid Sanders
James A. Stern
Hope Woodhouse
Rebecca Sandberg
PRCM Advisers LLC

Exh-F-1



March 21, 2019

Two Harbors Investment Corp.
575 Lexington Avenue, Suite 2930
New York, NY 10022

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-223311)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as counsel to Two Harbors Investment Corp., a Maryland corporation (the “Company”), in connection with certain matters of Maryland law relating to the sale and issuance of 20,700,000 shares (the “Shares”) of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the Company (including 2,700,000 Shares to cover over-allotments), pursuant to an Underwriting Agreement, dated March 18, 2019 (the “Underwriting Agreement”), by and among the Company, PRCM Advisers LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and JMP Securities LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters listed on Schedule A thereto (collectively, the “Underwriters”).

In connection with our representation of the Company, and as a basis for the opinion hereinafter set forth, we have examined originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of the following documents (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Documents”):

1. the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-223311) of the Company, relating to the Shares, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the “Registration Statement”), filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “1933 Act”);
2. the Company’s Prospectus, dated February 28, 2018 (the “Base Prospectus”), as supplemented by (i) a Preliminary Prospectus Supplement, dated March 18, 2019 (the “Preliminary Prospectus Supplement”), and (ii) a Prospectus Supplement, dated March 20, 2019 (the “Prospectus Supplement” and, together with the Base Prospectus, the “Final Prospectus”), each in the form in which it was transmitted to the SEC, including, in the case of the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement and the Prospectus Supplement, pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the General Rules and Regulations promulgated under the 1933 Act;
3. the charter of the Company, as amended (the “Charter”), certified by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland (the “SDAT”);

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4. the bylaws of the Company (the "Bylaws"), certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;
5. a certificate of the SDAT as to the good standing of the Company, dated as of a recent date;
6. resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company and a duly authorized committee thereof (the "Resolutions") relating to, among other matters, (a) the sale and issuance of the Shares, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company, and (b) the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of the Agreement, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company;
7. the Underwriting Agreement;
8. a certificate executed by the Secretary of the Company, dated as of a recent date; and
9. such other documents and matters as we have deemed necessary or appropriate to express the opinion set forth below, subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualification stated herein.

In expressing the opinion set forth below, we have assumed the following:

1. Each individual executing any of the Documents, whether on behalf of such individual or another person, is legally competent to do so.
2. Each individual executing any of the Documents on behalf of a party (other than the Company) is duly authorized to do so.
3. Each of the parties (other than the Company) executing any of the Documents has duly and validly executed and delivered each of the Documents to which such party is a signatory, and such party's obligations set forth therein are legal, valid and binding and are enforceable in accordance with all stated terms.
4. All Documents submitted to us as originals are authentic. The form and content of all Documents submitted to us as unexecuted drafts do not differ in any respect relevant to this opinion from the form and content of such Documents as executed and delivered. All Documents submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies conform to the original documents. All signatures on all Documents are genuine. All public records reviewed or relied upon by us or on our behalf are true and complete. All representations, warranties, statements and information contained in the Documents are true and complete. There has been no oral or written modification of or amendment to any of the Documents, and there has been no waiver of any provision of any of the Documents, by action or omission of the parties or otherwise.
5. The Shares will not be issued or transferred in violation of any restriction or limitation contained in Article VII of the Charter.

Based upon the foregoing, and subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications stated herein, it is our opinion that the issuance of the Shares has been duly authorized, and, when and if issued and delivered against payment therefor in accordance with

the Resolutions and the Registration Statement, the Shares will be legally issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

The foregoing opinion is limited to the laws of the State of Maryland, and we do not express any opinion herein concerning any other law. We express no opinion as to the applicability or effect of federal or state securities laws, including the securities laws of the State of Maryland, or as to federal or state laws regarding fraudulent transfers. To the extent that any matter as to which our opinion is expressed herein would be governed by the laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Maryland, we do not express any opinion on such matter. The opinion expressed herein is subject to the effect of any judicial decision which may permit the introduction of parol evidence to modify the terms or the interpretation of agreements.

The opinion expressed herein is limited to the matters specifically set forth herein and no other opinion shall be inferred beyond the matters expressly stated. This opinion is rendered on the date hereof, and we have no continuing obligation hereunder to inform you of changes of law or fact subsequent to the date hereof or facts of which we have become aware after the date hereof.

This opinion is being furnished to you for submission to the Commission as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K relating to the Shares (the "Current Report"). We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Current Report and to the use of the name of our firm therein. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required by Section 7 of the 1933 Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Stinson Leonard Street LLP

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March 21, 2019

Two Harbors Investment Corp.
575 Lexington Avenue, Suite 2930
New York, New York 10022Re: Two Harbors Investment Corp.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special tax counsel to Two Harbors Investment Corp., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the issuance and sale to the Underwriters named in Schedule A to the Underwriting Agreement, dated March 18, 2019 (the "Underwriting Agreement"), between the Company, PRCM Advisers LLC, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and JMP Securities LLC, as the representatives of the several underwriters named therein, pursuant to the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, of an aggregate of 18,000,000 shares (the "Firm Securities") of common stock, \$0.01 par value (the "Common Stock"), of the Company and, in connection with the option granted by the Company to the Underwriters to purchase additional shares from the Company, up to an additional 2,700,000 shares of Common Stock (the "Optional Securities"). The Firm Securities and the Optional Securities are hereinafter collectively sometimes referred to herein as the "Securities." This opinion is being delivered to you in connection with your filing of a Form 8-K in connection with the offering of the Securities pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them in the Underwriting Agreement.

In connection with rendering this opinion letter, we have examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of the filing by the Company of a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-223311), and any amendments or supplements thereto (collectively, the "Registration Statement") and the Company's Prospectus included therein, dated February 28, 2018 (the "Base Prospectus"), as supplemented by the Prospectus Supplement, dated March 18, 2019 (the "Prospectus Supplement," together with the Base Prospectus, the "Prospectus"), each in the form in which it was transmitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 filed with the Commission on February 27, 2019 (together with documents incorporated by reference therein, the "Form 10-K"), and such other documentation and information provided to us by you as we have deemed necessary or

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appropriate as a basis for the opinion set forth herein. In addition, we are relying upon a certificate containing certain factual statements, factual representations and covenants of an officer of the Company dated the date hereof (the "Officer's Certificate") relating to, among other things, the actual and proposed operations of the Company and the entities in which it holds, or has held, a direct or indirect interest (collectively, the "Company Group").

For purposes of our opinion, we have not independently verified all of the facts, statements, representations and covenants set forth in the Officer's Certificate, the Registration Statement and the related Prospectus, the Form 10-K or in any other document hereunder. In particular, we note that the Company Group may engage in transactions in connection with which we have not provided legal advice, and have not reviewed, and of which we may be unaware. Consequently, we have relied on the Company's representation that the facts, statements, representations, and covenants presented in the Officer's Certificate, the Registration Statement and the related Prospectus, the Form 10-K and other documents, or otherwise furnished to us, accurately and completely describe all material facts relevant to our opinion. We have assumed that all such facts, statements, representations and covenants are true without regard to any qualification as to knowledge, belief, intent or materiality. Our opinion is conditioned on the continuing accuracy and completeness of such facts, statements, representations and covenants. Any variation or difference in the facts, statements, representations, and covenants referred to, set forth, or assumed herein or in the Officer's Certificate may affect our conclusions set forth herein.

In our review of certain documents in connection with our opinion as expressed below, we have assumed the legal capacity of all natural persons, the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified, conformed, photostatic, or electronic copies, and the authenticity of the originals of such copies. Where documents have been provided to us in draft form, we have assumed that the final executed versions of such documents will not differ materially from such drafts.

We have further assumed, with your consent, that (i) the purchase and sale of the Securities have been or will be consummated in accordance with the provisions of the Prospectus (and no covenants or conditions described therein and affecting this opinion will be waived or modified), (ii) the parties to the transactions described above will treat the purchase and sale of the Securities and all related transactions for U.S. federal income tax purposes in a manner consistent with the opinion set forth below, (iii) all applicable reporting requirements have been or will be satisfied, (iv) each of the written agreements to which the Company Group is a party has been and will be implemented, construed and enforced in accordance with its terms, and (v) no action will be taken by the Company Group after the date hereof that would have the effect of altering facts upon which the opinions set forth below are based. If any of the above described assumptions is untrue for any reason, or if the purchase and sale of the Securities are consummated in a manner that is different from the manner described in the Registration Statement and the related Prospectus, our opinion as expressed below may be adversely affected.

In rendering this opinion letter, we have considered and relied upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), the regulations promulgated thereunder ("Regulations"), administrative rulings and other U.S. Treasury interpretations of the Code and the Regulations by

the courts and the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”), all as they exist at the date hereof. It should be noted that the Code, Regulations, judicial decisions and administrative interpretations are subject to change at any time and, in some circumstances, with retroactive effect. A material change that is made after the date hereof in any of the foregoing bases for our opinions could affect our conclusions set forth herein. In this regard, an opinion of counsel with respect to an issue represents counsel’s best judgment as to the outcome on the merits with respect to such issue, is not binding on the IRS or the courts, and is not a guarantee that the IRS will not assert a contrary position with respect to such issue or that a court will not sustain such a position if asserted by the IRS. This opinion letter shall not be construed as or deemed to be a guaranty or insuring agreement.

We express no opinion as to the laws of any jurisdiction other than the federal income tax laws of the United States. We express no opinion on any issue relating to the Company, PRCM Advisers LLC, the Company Group or any investment therein, other than as expressly stated herein.

Based on and subject to the foregoing, we are of the opinion that:

1. Commencing with its taxable year that ended on December 31, 2014, the Company has been organized and operated in conformity with the requirements for qualification and taxation as a real estate investment trust (a “REIT”), and its current organization and proposed method of operation will enable it to continue to meet the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code. In addition, the Company’s qualification and taxation as a REIT depend upon its ability to meet, through actual operating results, certain requirements relating to the sources of its income, the nature of its assets, its distribution levels and the diversity of its stock ownership, and various other qualification tests imposed under the Code, the results of which are not reviewed by us. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that the actual results of the Company’s operations for any one taxable year will satisfy the requirements for taxation as a REIT under the Code.

2. Although the discussion set forth in the Prospectus Supplement under the heading “U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations” does not purport to discuss all possible United States federal income tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of the Securities, such discussion, though general in nature, constitutes, in all material respects, a fair and accurate summary under current law of the material United States federal income tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of such Securities, subject to the qualifications set forth therein. The United States federal income tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of the Securities by an investor will depend upon that investor’s particular situation, and we express no opinion as to the completeness of the discussions set forth in the Prospectus Supplement under the heading “U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations” as applied to any particular investor.

This opinion letter is expressed as of the date hereof, and we undertake no obligation to supplement or revise our opinions to reflect any legal developments or factual matters arising subsequent to the date hereof, or the impact of any information, document, certificate, record, statement, representation, covenant or assumption relied upon herein that becomes incorrect or untrue. As described above, the Company’s qualification and taxation as a REIT depend upon the Company’s ability to meet the various requirements imposed under the Code, including

through actual annual operating results, asset composition, distribution levels and diversity of stock ownership, the results of which have not been and will not be reviewed by us. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that the actual results of the Company's operation for any particular taxable year will satisfy such requirements.

This opinion has been prepared for you in connection with your filing of a Form 8-K in connection with the offering of the Securities pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement. We consent to the filing of this opinion letter as an exhibit to the Form 8-K and to the use of our name therein. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are an "expert" under the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "1933 Act") or that we otherwise are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the 1933 Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ SIDLEY AUSTIN LLP