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DGB Investment, Inc. (“DGB Investment”), Douglas G. Bergeron and the other participants named herein (collectively, “DGB”) have filed a definitive proxy statement and accompanying **WHITE** universal proxy card with the Securities and Exchange Commission to be used to solicit votes for the election of its slate of highly qualified director nominees at the 2026 annual meeting of stockholders of Ethan Allen Interiors Inc., a Delaware corporation.

Item 1: On the evening of October 26, 2026, DGB issued the following press release:

All Three Leading Independent Proxy Advisory Firms Agree Leadership Change Is Desperately Needed at Ethan Allen

ISS Joins Glass Lewis and Egan-Jones in Recommending the Removal of Chairman and CEO Farooq Kathwari and Lead Independent Director David Sable, Citing Concerns About the Incumbent Board’s Independence and Deference to Mr. Kathwari

Despite These Findings and Persistent Share Price and Operating Underperformance, ISS’ Recommendation Would Leave Three Incumbent Directors in Control of the Board Tasked with Overseeing Ethan Allen’s Next Chapter

Mr. Bergeron Urges Shareholders to Vote the WHITE Proxy Card “FOR” ALL Five of His Nominees

PARK CITY, Utah--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Doug Bergeron, a significant shareholder of Ethan Allen Interiors Inc. (“Ethan Allen” or the “Company”) (NYSE: ETD) with beneficial ownership, collectively with his affiliates and associates, of approximately 5.2% of Ethan Allen’s outstanding common stock, today announced that leading independent proxy advisory firm Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. (“ISS”) has joined Glass, Lewis & Co. (“Glass Lewis”) and Egan-Jones Proxy Services (“Egan-Jones”) in recognizing the need for immediate, meaningful change to Ethan Allen’s Board of Directors (the “Board”) at the Company’s 2026 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the “Annual Meeting”) on November 4, 2026.

Mr. Bergeron commented, “All three leading proxy advisory firms have recommended removing Chairman and CEO Farooq Kathwari and lead independent director David Sable – a powerful repudiation of the leadership and governance structure that has presided over years of underperformance, failed to hold management accountable, and left Ethan Allen ill-prepared for its most consequential leadership transition as a public company.

“Replacing just two directors, however, is not enough to address the extensive failures identified by ISS. Meaningful change cannot be achieved if the directors responsible for these failures retain majority control. ISS’ recommended outcome would leave three incumbent directors in control of the five-member Board, preserving the very leadership that abetted Mr. Kathwari’s failed strategy and willfully participated in the consequential governance failures identified by all three proxy advisories. In short, these directors bear responsibility for Ethan Allen’s decline and have failed to fulfill their fiduciary responsibilities.

“Worse yet, two of the directors who would remain in their seats under ISS’ recommendation, Maria Eugenia Casar and Cynthia Ekberg Tsai, chair the Board’s Audit Committee and Corporate Governance, Nominations and Sustainability Committee, respectively. The third, Tara Stacom, also serves on the Corporate Governance, Nominations and Sustainability Committee and joined the Board during the 2015 proxy contest, purportedly to help address the Company’s longstanding underperformance.

“In other words, these are the individuals who approved Ethan Allen’s rash \$3.00 per share special cash dividend over the course of a weekend – draining funds that could have been reinvested in growth. They also willfully decided to hide the ball from shareholders by withholding first quarter financial results until after the 2026 Annual Meeting and failed to undertake meaningful, proactive succession planning until faced with a contested election. ISS has questioned whether shareholders can trust this Board, and we agree. We do not see how Ethan Allen can deliver improved performance while the same incumbent directors remain in control. That is why we are asking shareholders to give us a mandate to effect this change by voting for all five of our nominees.

“Our slate of five highly qualified director nominees has a singular objective: to restore profitable growth and create enduring value for Ethan Allen shareholders. Together, they bring the complementary leadership, operational, retail and digital expertise necessary to revitalize this iconic American brand, oversee a truly independent CEO search and execute a credible plan for the future. The choice on November 4 is not between continuity and disruption. It is between perpetuating the failures of the past and electing a Board with the experience, independence and conviction to renew Ethan Allen and deliver the lasting value shareholders deserve.”

In commenting on Ethan Allen’s prolonged underperformance, deteriorating operating results and failure to adapt its strategy to an evolving industry, ISS stated:*

- “ETD has generally underperformed both its peer group and broader market benchmarks across important measurement periods, including since the 2015 proxy contest. The company’s occasional periods of relative outperformance could be considered a bright spot, but the overall trends raise questions regarding the effectiveness of the company’s strategy in delivering sustained shareholder value creation.”
- “...achievements have been accompanied by revenue contraction, margin compression, and multiple deterioration. This suggests that ETD has struggled to translate financial discipline into sustained operating momentum, competitive growth, and shareholder returns comparable to those achieved by peers.”
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In criticizing the incumbent Board’s failure to hold management accountable, inadequate CEO succession planning, deference to Mr. Kathwari and troubling lack of transparency, ISS stated:*

- “Despite these ongoing challenges, there is little evidence that the board was willing to acknowledge and address concerns before the dissident launched its campaign.”
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Additional materials related to Mr. Bergeron's campaign, including video interviews with his five director candidates, may be found at www.EthanAllenGrowth.com. Shareholders are encouraged to follow the campaign's LinkedIn and X pages to stay informed in real time.

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Item 3: On October 27, 2026, DGB posted the following materials on LinkedIn and X.com:

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All three leading proxy advisory firms, ISS, Glass Lewis and Egan-Jones, have now recommended that Ethan Allen shareholders withhold votes from Chairman and CEO Farooq Kathwari and lead independent director David Sable at the 2026 Annual Meeting, with Glass Lewis and Egan-Jones each recommending that shareholders vote FOR ALL FIVE of our director nominees.

ISS cited persistent share price and operating underperformance, reactive CEO succession planning, and a Board that has failed to hold Mr. Kathwari accountable. Yet its recommendation would leave three incumbent directors in control of the five-member Board that oversees Ethan Allen's next chapter.

As Glass Lewis and Egan-Jones recognize, replacing two directors is not enough to deliver the meaningful change all three advisors say is needed.

Read more here: <https://lnkd.in/gdN-ZiXW>

Vote the WHITE universal proxy card FOR [Doug Bergeron](#), [Anna Brockway](#), [Kris Miller](#), [Steve Oblak](#) and [Stefanie Tsen Ward](#) before the November 4 Annual Meeting.

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Leading independent proxy advisor ISS has joined Glass Lewis and Egan-Jones in recommending Ethan Allen (\$ETD) shareholders remove its Chairman and CEO and Lead Independent Director. However, replacing two directors is not enough. Vote WHITE FOR ALL FIVE.



All Three Leading Independent Proxy Advisory Firms Agree Leadership Change ...

From businesswire.com

Item 4: Also on October 27, 2026, DGB posted the following material to www.EthanAllenGrowth.com:



Materials

Press Releases



All Three Leading Independent Proxy Advisory Firms Agree Leadership Change Is Desperately Needed at Ethan Allen
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Leading Independent Proxy Advisory Firm Glass Lewis Recommends Ethan Allen Shareholders Vote the WHITE Proxy Card "FOR" All Five of Doug Bergeron's Director Nominees
10.26.26 BUSINESS WIRE



Independent Proxy Advisory Firm Egan-Jones Recommends Ethan Allen Shareholders Vote the White Proxy Card "For" All Five of Doug Bergeron's Director Nominees
10.20.26 BUSINESS WIRE



Doug Bergeron Comments on Ethan Allen's Decision to Report First Quarter Results After 2026 Annual Meeting
10.19.26 BUSINESS WIRE



"Where Are the Numbers?" Doug Bergeron Calls on Ethan Allen to Release First Quarter Results Before November 4 Board Vote
10.18.26 BUSINESS WIRE



The Right Nominees and Plan to Renew an American Icon: Doug Bergeron Sends Letter to Ethan Allen Shareholders
10.15.26 BUSINESS WIRE



Doug Bergeron Releases Investor Presentation Highlighting Urgent Need for Change and Clear Plan to Revitalize Growth at Ethan Allen
10.13.26 BUSINESS WIRE



Doug Bergeron Launches Video Series Featuring Five Director Nominees and Their Plan to Restore Growth at Ethan Allen
10.1.26 BUSINESS WIRE



Doug Bergeron Files Definitive Proxy Statement for Ethan Allen's 2026 Annual Meeting and Sends Letter to Shareholders
9.22.26 BUSINESS WIRE



Doug Bergeron Comments on Ethan Allen's Reactionary "Succession Plan"
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Doug Bergeron Launches Search for New CEO of Ethan Allen
9.10.26 BUSINESS WIRE



Doug Bergeron Files Preliminary Proxy Statement for Ethan Allen's 2026 Annual Meeting
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Doug Bergeron Comments on Latest Self-Serving Tactics by Ethan Allen Board
8.20.26 BUSINESS WIRE



Doug Bergeron Launches Campaign to Revitalize Growth at Ethan Allen and Nominates Alternative Slate of Director Candidates
8.5.26 BUSINESS WIRE

Important Materials



Doug Bergeron Letter to Ethan Allen Shareholders: The Right Nominees and Plan to Renew an American Icon
10.15.26



Investor Presentation
10.13.26



Doug Bergeron Letter to Ethan Allen Shareholders
9.22.26

Media Coverage



Proxy advisory firm Glass Lewis backs Bergeron in Ethan Allen fight
10.25.26 REUTERS



Ethan Allen Delays Earnings Until After Bergeron Vote
10.20.26 THE DEAL



Financial firm supports investor group in Ethan Allen proxy fight
10.20.26 WOODWORKING NETWORK



DGB Offers Ethan Allen CEO a Non-Board Advisory Role
10.13.26 BLOOMBERG



Ethan Allen Launches CEO Search Amid Bergeron Fight
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Ethan Allen Activist Investor Plans to Conduct Own CEO Search
9.10.26 BLOOMBERG



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Furniture Firm Ethan Allen Pushed by Activist to Replace Board
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Need CEO Search For Ethan Allen: Bergeron
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