# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# **SCHEDULE 13D**

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

# **GEN Restaurant Group, Inc.**

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock (Title of Class of Securities)

> 36870C104 (CUSIP Number)

David Kim
11480 South Street, Suite 205
Cerritos, CA 90703
(562) 356-9929
(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

June 30, 2023 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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Manzanarez Melendez Family Trust Dated December 1, 2020				
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#### Item 1. Security and Issuer.

This statement on Schedule 13D relates to the Class A common stock, \$0.001 par value per share (the "Class A Common Stock"), and the Class B common stock, \$0.001 par value per share (the "Class B Common Stock"), of GEN Restaurant Group, Inc. (the "Issuer"). The address of the principal executive offices of the Issuer is 11480 South Street, Suite 205, Cerritos, California 90703.

#### Item 2. Identity and Background.

(a) This Schedule 13D is being filed by Jose Manzanarez and Manzanarez Melendez Family Trust Dated December 1, 2020 ("Manzanarez Trust" and together with Mr. Manzanarez, collectively, the "Reporting Persons") pursuant to their agreement to the joint filing of this Schedule 13D, attached as an exhibit hereto (the "Joint Filing Agreement").

As of the date of this statement, Manzanarez Trust is the record owner of 1,690,058 shares of Class B Common Stock. Mr. Manzanarez directly (whether through ownership interest or position) or indirectly may be deemed to control Manzanarez Trust as trustee. Mr. Manzanarez may be deemed to have shared voting and investment power with respect to the shares of Class B Common Stock owned by Manzanarez Trust. As such, Mr. Manzanarez may be deemed to have shared beneficial ownership over such shares of Class B Common Stock.

- (b) The address of each of the Reporting Persons is 11480 South Street, Suite 205, Cerritos, California 90703.
- (c) Not applicable to Manzanarez Trust. The present principal occupation of Mr. Manzanarez is Head of Operations at the Issuer.
- (d) None of the Reporting Persons has been convicted in a criminal proceeding during the last five years.
- (e) None of the Reporting Persons has been party to any civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree, or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws, or finding any violation with respect to such laws during the last five years.
  - (f) Mr. Manzanarez is a United States citizen. Manzanarez Trust is a trust formed under the laws of the State of California.

#### Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

The Reporting Persons funded the acquisition of the shares of Class B Common Stock held by the Reporting Persons by contributing certain interests in GEN Restaurant Group (as defined in Item 4 below).

#### Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Upon the consummation of the Issuer's initial public offering (the "**IPO**"), certain historic owners (including Mr. Manzanarez) of "GEN Restaurant Group," an unconsolidated group of entities listed in the historical financial statements of the Issuer, and primarily owned by either David Kim or Jae Chaeng, the Co-Chief Executive Officers of the Issuer, contributed their interests in GEN Restaurant Group to GEN Restaurant Companies, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("**GEN LLC**"), of which the Issuer is the managing member, in exchange for Class B limited liability company units ("**Class B Units**") of GEN LLC. Following the consummation of the IPO, these historic holders owned, in the aggregate, 28,141,566 Class B Units of GEN LLC. For each membership unit of GEN LLC that is classified as a Class B Unit, the Issuer issued to the respective Class B unitholder one corresponding share of its Class B Common Stock. The Class B stockholders initially have 98.6% of the combined voting power of the Issuer's common stock. The limited liability company agreement of GEN LLC permits the members of GEN LLC and holders of the Class B Units to exchange Class B Units for shares of Class A Common Stock on a one-for-one basis or, at the Issuer's election, cash. The stockholder's equivalent shares of Class B Common Stock would then be canceled. Each share of Class B Common Stock is entitled to ten votes and will vote together with the Class A Common Stock as a single class, except as otherwise set forth in the Issuer's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation.

#### Voting and Investment Agreement

In connection with the IPO, the Reporting Persons and certain other holders of Class B Common Stock entered into the Voting and Investment Agreement, dated June 30, 2023 (the "Voting Agreement"). Pursuant to the Voting Agreement, certain stockholders were granted director nomination rights in certain circumstances, and the parties thereto agreed to certain limitations on their ability to sell or transfer shares of the Issuer's capital stock.

Pursuant to the Voting Agreement, stockholders party thereto who, together or alone, hold more than 50% of the outstanding voting power of the Issuer's capital stock, have certain drag-along rights in the event of a bona fide offer from an unaffiliated third party purchaser to consummate a Sale of the Corporation, as defined in the Voting Agreement. Certain stockholders party to the Voting Agreement additionally have a right of first offer under the Voting Agreement, if at any time a stockholder party to the Voting Agreement proposes to transfer any shares of the Issuer's capital stock, subject to certain limitations.

The foregoing description of the Voting Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Voting Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 99.2 to this Schedule 13D and incorporated by reference herein.

#### Registration Rights Agreement

In connection with the closing of the IPO, the Issuer entered into the Registration Rights Agreement, by and among the Issuer, the Reporting Persons and certain other Class B stockholders of the Issuer party thereto (the "**Registration Rights Agreement**").

Pursuant to the terms of the Registration Rights Agreement, holders of Class B Common Stock party to the Registration Rights Agreement (the "**Holders**") are entitled to demand and piggyback registration rights related to the shares of Class A Common Stock issuable upon exchange of the corresponding Class B Units.

Demand Registration. Following the first anniversary of the closing date of the IPO, under the Registration Rights Agreement, certain Holders are able to require the Issuer to file a registration statement (a "**Demand Registration**") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Issuer is required to notify all Holders in the event of such a request (a "**Demand Registration Request**"). All eligible Holders will be entitled to participate in any Demand Registration upon proper notice to the Issuer and the Issuer is required to use its commercially reasonable efforts to effect such registration in accordance with the terms of the Demand Registration Request, subject to as the terms set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement.

Piggyback Registration. Under the Registration Rights Agreement, if at any time the Issuer proposes or is required to register any of its equity securities under the Securities Act (other than a Demand Registration, pursuant to an employee benefit plan, or other limited circumstances) (a "Piggyback Registration"), the Issuer will be required to notify each eligible Holder of its right to participate in such registration. The Issuer will use commercially reasonable efforts to cause all eligible securities requested to be included in the registration to be so included. The Issuer has the right to withdraw or postpone a registration statement in which the Holders have elected to exercise piggyback registration rights, and Holders are entitled to withdraw their registration requests prior to the registration.

The foregoing description of the Registration Rights Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Registration Rights Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 99.3 to this Schedule 13D and incorporated by reference herein.

# Tax Receivable Agreement

In connection with the closing of the IPO and the reorganization described in the Issuer's filings with the SEC, the Issuer, the Reporting Persons and certain other Class B stockholders entered into the Tax Receivable Agreement (the "TRA"), for the benefit of the members of GEN LLC or their permitted assignees, pursuant to which the Issuer will pay 85% of the amount of the net cash tax savings, if any, that the Issuer realizes (or, under certain circumstances, is deemed to realize) as a result of (i) increases in tax basis (and utilization of certain other tax benefits) resulting from the Issuer's acquisition of a member's limited liability company units of GEN LLC in future exchanges and (ii) any payments the Issuer makes under the TRA (including tax benefits related to imputed

interest). Generally, payments under the TRA will be made to certain members of GEN LLC (not including the Company as managing member of GEN LLC) pursuant to the terms of the TRA. Such payments will reduce the amount of cash resulting from the tax savings previously described, that would have otherwise been available to GEN LLC for other uses, including reinvestment or dividends to the Issuer's stockholders.

The term of the TRA will continue until all tax benefits that are subject to the TRA have been utilized or have expired, unless the Issuer exercises its right to terminate the TRA (or the TRA is terminated due to a change in control or the Issuer's breach of a material obligation thereunder), in which case, the Issuer will be required to make the termination payment specified in the TRA.

The foregoing description of the TRA is qualified in its entirety by reference to the TRA, which is filed as Exhibit 99.4 to this Schedule 13D and incorporated by reference herein.

#### Lock-Up Agreements

Under lock-up agreements (the "**Lock-Up Agreements**") entered into with the underwriters in connection with the Issuer's IPO, subject to certain exceptions, during the 180-day period from June 27, 2023 (the "**Lock-Up Period**"), the Reporting Persons may not, without the prior written consent of Roth Capital Partners, LLC, (1) offer, pledge, hypothecate, announce the intention to sell, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, grant any security interest in, or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of Class A Common Stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for shares of Class A Common Stock (including without limitation, (a) shares of the Class B Common Stock, (b) membership interests in GEN LLC, (c) shares of Class A Common Stock which may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the undersigned in accordance with the rules and regulations of SEC, and (d) any Issuer securities which may be issued upon exercise of any stock option or warrant, or upon conversion of any convertible note), (2) enter into any swap or other agreement that transfers, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the shares of Class A Common Stock, whether any such transaction described in clause (1) or (2) above is to be settled by delivery of shares of Class A Common Stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise, (3) make any demand for or exercise any right with respect to, the registration of any shares of Class A Common Stock or any security convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for shares of Class A Common Stock, or (4) publicly announce an intention to effect any transaction specified in any of clauses (1), (2) or (3) above.

The foregoing description of the Lock-Up Agreements is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Form of Lock-Up Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 99.5 to this Schedule 13D and incorporated by reference herein.

#### General

The Reporting Persons acquired the securities described in this Schedule 13D for investment purposes and intend to review such investment in the Issuer on a continuing basis. Any actions the Reporting Persons might undertake may be made at any time and from time to time without prior notice and will be dependent upon the Reporting Persons' review of numerous factors, including, but not limited to: an ongoing evaluation of the Issuer's business, financial condition, operations and prospects; price levels of the Issuer's securities; general market, industry and economic conditions; the relative attractiveness of alternative business and investment opportunities; and other future developments.

Subject to the terms of the Voting Agreement and applicable law, the Reporting Persons may acquire additional securities of the Issuer, or retain or sell all or a portion of the securities then held, in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. In addition, the Reporting Persons may engage in discussions with management, the Issuer's board of directors, and stockholders of the Issuer and other relevant parties or encourage, cause or seek to cause the Issuer or such persons to consider or explore extraordinary corporate transactions, such as: a merger, reorganization or take-private transaction that could result in the de-listing or de-registration of the Common Stock; sales or acquisitions of assets or businesses; changes to the capitalization or dividend policy of the Issuer; or other material changes to the Issuer's business or corporate structure, including changes in management or the composition of the Board.

Other than as described above, the Reporting Persons do not currently have any plans or proposals that relate to, or would result in, any of the matters listed in Items 4(a)–(j) of Schedule 13D, although, depending on the factors discussed herein, the Reporting Persons may change their purpose or formulate different plans or proposals with respect thereto at any time.

#### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

The responses to this Item 5 and the information on the cover pages hereto are based on 4,140,000 shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding after giving effect to the IPO, as described in the Issuer's prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b)(4) on June 29, 2023.

The information set forth in Items 2, 3 and 6 of this Schedule 13D and the cover pages of this Schedule 13D is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 5.

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As a result of the transactions described in Item 4 of this Schedule 13D, the Reporting Persons have shared beneficial ownership of 1,690,058 shares of Class B Common Stock, which represents 45.0% beneficial ownership of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock, if such shares of Class B Common Stock were exchanged for Class A Common Stock pursuant to the terms of the GEN LLC limited liability company agreement which the Reporting Persons are party to.

	Shared Beneficial	Percentage
	Ownership (Voting	of Class
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Jose Manzanarez	1,690,058	29.0%
Manzanarez Melendez Family Trust Dated December 1, 2020	1,690,058	29.0%

Shares beneficially owned by the other parties to the Voting Agreement are not the subject of this Schedule 13D and accordingly, none of none of such parties are included as reporting persons herein.

- (c) Except as described in Items 3 and 4, the Reporting Persons have not effected any transactions during the past 60 days.
- (d) None.
- (e) Not applicable.

#### Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Item 4 above summarizes certain provisions of the Voting Agreement, Registration Rights Agreement, TRA, and Lock-Up Agreements and is incorporated herein by reference. A copy of each agreement is attached as an exhibit hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Except as set forth herein, the Reporting Persons do not have any contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships (legal or otherwise) with any person with respect to any securities of the Issuer, including, but not limited to, any contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships concerning the transfer or voting of such securities, finder's fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or calls, guarantees of profits, division of profits or losses, or the giving or withholding of proxies.

Exhibit Number*	Description
99.1	Joint Filing Agreement, dated July 10, 2023.
99.2	Voting and Investment Agreement, by and among each of the stockholders of GEN Restaurant Group, Inc. set forth on Schedule 1 thereto and a party thereto, dated as of June 30, 2023.
99.3	Registration Rights Agreement, by and among GEN Restaurant Group, Inc. and the stockholders party thereto, dated as of June 30, 2023 (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Issuer's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 6, 2023 and incorporated herein by reference).
99.4	Tax Receivable Agreement, by and among GEN Restaurant Group, Inc., GEN Restaurant Companies, LLC, the TRA Holders party thereto, and David Kim, as TRA Representative, dated as of June 30, 2023 (filed as Exhibit 10.2 to the Issuer's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on July 6, 2023 and incorporated herein by reference).
99.5	Form of Lock-Up Agreement, dated as of June 27, 2023.

Item 7.

Materials to be Filed as Exhibits

# **SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this Schedule 13D is true, complete and correct.

**Date:** July 10, 2023

# /s/ JOSE MANZANAREZ

Jose Manzanarez

# Manzanarez Melendez Family Trust Dated December 1, 2020

By: /s/ JOSE MANZANAREZ

Name: Jose Manzanarez

Title: Trustee

#### Joint Filing Agreement

This will confirm the agreement by and among all the undersigned that the Statement on Schedule 13D filed on or about this date and any further amendments thereto with respect to beneficial ownership by the undersigned of the Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock") of GEN Restaurant Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"), and such other securities of the Issuer and its affiliates that the undersigned may acquire or dispose of from time to time. This agreement is being filed on behalf of each of the undersigned in accordance with Rule 13d-1(k)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

The undersigned further agree that each party hereto is responsible for timely filing of such Statement on Schedule 13D and any further amendments thereto, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning such party contained therein, provided that no party is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning the other party, unless such party knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate. The undersigned further agree that this Agreement shall be included as an Exhibit to such joint filing.

This agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

[Signatures on following pages]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Joint Filing Agreement to be duly executed as of the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

#### /s/ Jose Manzanarez

Jose Manzanarez

# Manzanarez Melendez Family Trust Dated December 1, 2020

By: /s/ Jose Manzanarez

Name: Jose Manzanarez

Title: Trustee

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO GEN RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. 13-D JOINT FILING AGREEMENT]

#### **VOTING AND INVESTMENT AGREEMENT**

This Voting and Investment Agreement (this "<u>Agreement</u>") is made and entered into as of June 30, 2023 (the "<u>Effective Date</u>"), by and among each of the stockholders of GEN Restaurant Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Corporation</u>"), set forth on Schedule 1 and a party hereto as of the Effective Date (together with any other Person who hereafter becomes a party to this Agreement pursuant to the provisions hereof as a holder of shares of capital stock of the Corporation, each, a "<u>Holder</u>" and, collectively, the "<u>Holders</u>"). The Holders are also referred to collectively herein as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, the Holders desire to set forth certain of the Holders' respective rights and obligations as holders of shares of capital stock of the Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein and for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by each Party, the Parties agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Definitions.</u> As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the respective meanings set forth in this <u>Section 1</u>:
- "Affiliate" means, with respect to any Person, any other Person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with, such Person as of the date on which, or at any time during the period for which, the determination of affiliation is being made (for clarity, an investment fund, vehicle or account shall be deemed to be an Affiliate of all other investment funds, vehicles and accounts under common management, directly or indirectly, with such Person); *provided*, that for purposes of this Agreement, no Holder shall be deemed an Affiliate of the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries.
  - "Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the preamble.
  - "Approved Transferee" has the meaning set forth in Section 3(a).
  - "Board" means the board of directors of the Corporation.
- "Business Day" means any day that is not a Saturday, a Sunday or other day on which banks are required or authorized by law to be closed in New York, New York.
- "By-Laws" means the Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Corporation, in the form in effect as of the Effective Date, as amended from time to time.
- "Certificate of Incorporation" means the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation, in the form in effect as of the Effective Date, as amended from time to time.
  - "Chang Holders" means each of the Holders designated as such on Schedule 1 hereto.
  - "Chosen Courts" has the meaning set forth in Section 5(e).
  - "Close of Business" means, with respect to any Business Day, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on such Business Day.

"Common Stock" means either the Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of the Corporation, or the Class B common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of the Corporation.

"Competitor" means with respect to any portion of the business of the Corporation, any Person that is determined in good faith by the Board to be (a) providing the same or similar product or service in one or more of the geographic markets as such portion of the business of the Corporation, or (b) an Affiliate of any Person specified in clause (a).

"control", including the terms "controlled by" and "under common control with", as used with respect to any Person, means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

"Corporation" has the meaning set forth in the preamble.

"Director" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(a)(ii).

"Drag-Along Holder" has the meaning set forth in Section 4(a)(i).

"Drag-Along Notice" has the meaning set forth in Section 4(a)(ii).

"Drag-Along Sale" has the meaning set forth in Section 4(a)(i).

"Dragging Holder" has the meaning set forth in Section 4(a)(i).

"Effective Date" has the meaning set forth in the preamble.

"First Offer" has the meaning set forth in Section 4(b)(i).

"First Offer Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 4(b)(i).

"Group" means a "group" within the meaning of the regulations promulgated by the SEC under Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act.

"Holder" has the meaning set forth in the preamble. A Person shall cease to be a Holder hereunder at such time as it ceases to hold any outstanding shares of capital stock of the Corporation.

"Joinder" has the meaning set forth in Section 3(a).

"Kim Holders" means each of the Holders designated as such on Schedule 1 hereto.

"Offer Notice" has the meaning set forth in Section 4(b)(i).

"Offered Securities" has the meaning set forth in Section 4(b)(i).

"Offering Holder" has the meaning set forth in Section 4(b)(i).

"Parties" has the meaning set forth in the preamble.

"<u>Permitted Transferee</u>" means, with respect to any Holder, any general or limited partner, member, stockholder or Affiliate of such Holder (other than any "portfolio company", as such term is customarily used among institutional investors).

"Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, company, association, trust, joint venture, limited liability company, unincorporated organization, entity or division, or any government, governmental department or agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Proposed Transferee" has the meaning set forth in Section 4(c)(i).

"Representatives" of a Person means, as applicable, such Person's partners, shareholders, members, directors, officers, employees, agents, counsel, accountants, consultants, investment advisers or other professionals or representatives, or its Affiliates or wholly-owned Subsidiaries.

"ROFO Acceptance Notice" has the meaning set forth in Section 4(b)(ii).

"Sale Notice" has the meaning set forth in Section 4(c)(ii).

"Sale of the Corporation" means (i) a single transaction or series of related transactions, whether by merger, consolidation, tender or exchange offer, or other business combination, pursuant to which, immediately following such transaction or transactions (as the case may be), (x) the shares of capital stock of the Corporation outstanding immediately prior to such transaction represent, or are converted into or exchanged for shares which represent, less than 50% by voting power of the shares of capital stock of (1) the surviving or resulting entity or (2) if the surviving or resulting entity is a wholly-owned Subsidiary of another entity immediately following such transaction or transactions (as the case may be), the parent entity of such surviving or resulting entity; or (y) the shareholders of the Corporation immediately prior to such transaction or transactions (as the case may be) cease to have the right or ability, by voting power, contract or otherwise, to elect or designate for election at least a majority of the Board, or the board of directors of any direct or indirect parent thereof; (ii) the sale, lease, transfer, or other disposition, in a single transaction or series of related transactions, by the shareholders of the Corporation of greater than 50% by voting power of the shares of capital stock of the Corporation; or (iii) the direct or indirect (including via a sale of the shares of capital stock of one or more Subsidiaries of the Corporation) sale, lease, transfer or other disposition, in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, by the Corporation or its Subsidiaries of all or substantially all the assets of the Corporation and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole (except where such disposition is to a wholly-owned Subsidiary of the Corporation).

"SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Selling Holder" has the meaning set forth in Section 4(c)(i).

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person, (i) a corporation a majority of whose outstanding shares of capital stock or other equity securities with voting power, under ordinary circumstances, to elect directors is at the time, directly or indirectly, owned by such Person, by one or more subsidiaries of such Person or by such Person and one or more subsidiaries of such Person (other than a corporation) in which such Person, one or more subsidiaries of such Person and one or more subsidiaries of such Person, directly or indirectly, at the date of determination thereof, has (x) at least a majority ownership interest or (y) the power to elect or direct the election of the directors or other governing body of such Person.

"Tag-Along Holder" has the meaning set forth in Section 4(c)(i).

"Tag-Along Notice" has the meaning set forth in Section 4(c)(iii).

"Tag-Along Period" has the meaning set forth in Section 4(c)(iii).

"Tag-Along Sale" has the meaning set forth in Section 4(c)(i).

"Tag-Along Seller" has the meaning set forth in Section 4(c)(iii).

"Transfer" has the meaning set forth in Section 3(a).

Unless the context requires otherwise: (a) any pronoun used in this Agreement shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine or neutral forms; (b) references to Sections, Schedules, Exhibits, paragraphs and clauses refer to Sections, Schedules, Exhibits paragraphs and clauses of this Agreement; (c) the terms "include", "includes", "including" or words of like import shall be deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation"; (d) the terms "hereof", "herein" or "hereunder" refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement; (e) the term "or" is not exclusive and shall have the inclusive meaning of "and/or"; (f) defined terms herein will apply equally to both the singular and plural forms and derivative forms of defined terms will have correlative meanings; (g) references to any law or statute shall be deemed to refer to such law or statute as amended or supplemented from time to time and shall include all rules and regulations and forms promulgated thereunder, and references to any law, rule, form or statute shall be construed as including any legal and statutory provisions, rules or forms consolidating, amending, succeeding or replacing the applicable law, rule, form or statute; (h) references to any Person include such Person and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors, legal representatives and permitted assigns; (i) references to "days" are to calendar days unless otherwise indicated; (j) when calculating the period of time before which, within which or following which any act is to be done or step taken pursuant to this Agreement, the date that is the reference date in calculating such period shall be excluded; (k) references to "writing" or "written" shall include electronic mail; (l) all references to \$, currency, monetary values and dollars set forth herein shall mean United States dollars; and (m) all references to "outstanding shares" shall include only those shares issued and outstanding as of the particular date of reference and, for the avoidance of doubt, shall not be calculated on a fully-diluted basis unless expressly required to be so calculated. Each Party acknowledges that it was actively involved in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement and that no law or rule of construction shall be raised or used in which the provisions of this Agreement shall be construed in favor or against any Party because one is deemed to be the author thereof.

2. <u>Board of Directors; Chief Executive Officer.</u> On the date hereof, the number of seats on the Board is four (4) and each of David Kim ("<u>Kim</u>"), Jae Chang ("<u>Chang</u>"), Michael B. Cowan and Jonathan Gregory (collectively, the "<u>Initial Directors</u>") have been appointed to serve as directors of the Board (each, a "<u>Director</u>" and collectively, the "<u>Directors</u>"). To the extent that the size of the Board is increased to five (5) Directors, Kim will designate one (1) additional individual to be nominated for election to serve as a Director, provided that such individual is independent under the applicable standards of the SEC and the exchange upon which the Corporation is then listed. In the event that the size of the Board is increased to seven (7) Directors,

Kim will designate two (2) additional individuals and Chang will designate one (1) additional individual, each to be nominated for election to serve as Directors, provided that such individuals are independent under the applicable standards of the SEC and the exchange upon which the Corporation is then listed. In the event that Kim and Chang determine that they will both resign as Co-Chief Executive Officers of the Corporation, Kim will propose a candidate for Chief Executive Officer to the Board. In the event of the death of Kim, Jose Manzanarez will be nominated to fill the vacancy on the Board, and will act as Kim with respect to the designation rights in this Section 2.

3. Transfer Restrictions. Each Holder agrees that it shall not, directly or indirectly, whether by merger, consolidation, division or otherwise, and whether by or through one or more Affiliates, transfer, sell, assign, pledge, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of (any such transaction, a "Transfer"), any of its shares of capital stock of the Corporation except (A) in compliance with the Securities Act, (B) in compliance with any other applicable securities or "blue sky" laws, (C) in accordance with the terms and conditions of the By-Laws, the Certificate of Incorporation and this Agreement, (D) to an Affiliate of such Holder or to an unaffiliated, third-party transferee which, unless otherwise approved by the Board, as of the expected date of such Transfer, is not a Competitor and (E) with a Joinder Agreement in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A (a "Joinder") executed and delivered by the transferee to the extent such transferee is not already a Holder (the transferee of any such Transfer being an "Approved Transferee"); provided, however, that (1) Transfers pursuant to a Drag-Along Sale in accordance with Section 4(a) hereof shall not be subject to the foregoing restrictions, (ii) with respect to a Transfer to an unaffiliated, third party transferee, the transferring Holder shall have complied with Section 4(b) and Section 4(c) and (iii) Transfers consisting only of a pledge of shares of capital stock shall not be subject to the foregoing restrictions so long as the Holder provides prior written notice of such pledge to the Corporation, Kim and Chang, with details of the securities pledged. The transfer agent of the Corporation shall update the books and records of the Corporation from time to time to reflect (1) any additional Holders that are Approved Transferees or new Holders that become party hereto in accordance with this Agreement's terms, (2) the removal of any Persons who are no longer Holders and (3) any changes in any Holder's address. Any attempt to Transfer any shares of capital stock of the Corporation not in compliance with this Agreement, the By-Laws and the Certificate of Incorporation shall be null and void ab initio, and the Holders agree that the Corporation shall not give any effect in the Corporation's stock records to such attempted Transfer. Nothing in this Section 3 shall limit any restrictions on Transfer contained in any other contract by and among the Corporation and any of the Holders, or by and among any of the Holders.

#### 4. Drag-Along Rights; Right of First Offer; Tag-Along Rights.

#### (a) Drag-Along Rights.

(i) If at any time one or more Holders who together own more than fifty percent (50%) of the outstanding voting power of capital stock of the Corporation (excluding any shares of capital stock of the Corporation issued or issuable to any director, officer or other member of management of the Corporation or any of its Subsidiaries pursuant to an equity incentive plan) (a "<u>Dragging Holder</u>"), receives a bona fide offer from an unaffiliated third party purchaser to consummate a Sale of the Corporation (a "<u>Drag-Along Sale</u>"), the Dragging Holder shall have the right to require that each other Holder (each, a "<u>Drag-Along Holder</u>") participate in such transfer in the manner set forth in this <u>Section 4(a)</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, each Drag-Along Holder shall vote (or cause to be voted or provide consent with respect to) in favor of the transaction and take all actions to waive any dissenters, appraisal or other similar rights.

(ii) The Dragging Holder shall exercise its rights pursuant to this <u>Section 4(a)</u> by delivering a written notice (the "<u>Drag-Along Notice</u>") to each Drag-Along Holder no later than twenty (20) days prior to the closing date of such Drag-Along Sale. The Drag-Along Notice shall make reference to the Dragging Holder's rights and obligations hereunder and shall describe in reasonable detail: (A) the number of outstanding shares of capital stock of the Corporation to be sold by the Dragging Holder, if the Drag-Along Sale is structured as a Transfer of capital stock of the Corporation; (B) the identity of the third party purchaser; (C) the proposed date, time and location of the closing of the Drag-Along Sale; (D) the per share purchase price and the other material terms and conditions of the Transfer, including a description of any non-cash consideration in sufficient detail to permit the valuation thereof; and (E) a copy of any form of agreement proposed to be executed in connection therewith to the extent available.

(iii) All Holders shall receive the same form and amount of consideration per share, whether cash, securities or otherwise, in connection with a Drag-Along Sale (or, if any Holder is given an option as to the form and amount of consideration to be received, the same option shall be given to all other Holders), and the terms and conditions of such Transfer shall, except as otherwise provided in the immediately succeeding sentence, be the same as those upon which the Dragging Holder Transfers its shares. Any (A) representations and warranties to be made or provided by a Drag-Along Holder in connection with such Drag-Along Sale shall be limited to representations and warranties related to such Drag-Along Holder's authority, ownership and the ability to convey title to its shares and, with respect thereto, shall be the same representations and warranties that the Dragging Holder makes or provides with respect to its shares, (B) Drag-Along Holder will not be required to agree to any non-competition, non-solicitation or similar restrictions in connection with such Drag-Along Sale, and (C) covenants, indemnities and agreements made by the Drag-Along Holders shall be the same covenants, indemnities and agreements as the Dragging Holder makes or provides in connection with the Drag-Along Sale, except that with respect to covenants, indemnities and agreements pertaining specifically to the Dragging Holder, the Drag-Along Holder shall make the comparable covenants, indemnities and agreements pertaining specifically to itself, provided, that all representations, warranties, covenants and indemnities shall be made by each Dragging Holder and each Drag-Along Holder severally and not jointly and any indemnification obligation in respect of breaches of representations and warranties shall be borne (A) in the case of representations and warranties made with respect to the Dragging Holders and the Drag-Along Holders, exclusively by the Dragging Holder(s) and the Drag-Along Holder(s) responsible for such breach(es), and (B) in the case of representations and warranties relating to the Corporation, by all of the Dragging Holders and the Drag-Along Holders pro rata based on the consideration received by each Dragging Holder and each Drag-Along Holder, in each case, in an amount not to exceed the aggregate proceeds actually received by each such Dragging Holder and Drag-Along Holder in connection with any Drag-Along Sale.

(iv) Each Holder shall take all actions as may be reasonably necessary to consummate the Drag-Along Sale, including entering into customary agreements and delivering certificates and instruments, in each case consistent with the agreements being entered into and the certificates being delivered by the Dragging Holder and subject to the terms of this <u>Section 4(a)</u>.

- (v) The fees and expenses of the Dragging Holder incurred in connection with a Drag-Along Sale and for the benefit of all Holders (it being understood that costs incurred by or on behalf of a Dragging Holder for its sole benefit will not be considered to be for the benefit of all Holders), to the extent not paid or reimbursed by the Corporation or the third party purchaser, shall be shared by all the Holders on a *pro rata* basis, based on the aggregate consideration received by each Holder; *provided*, that no Holder shall be obligated to make or reimburse any out-of-pocket expenditure prior to the consummation of the Drag-Along Sale.
- (vi) The Dragging Holder shall have one hundred and twenty (120) days following the date of the Drag-Along Notice in which to consummate the Drag-Along Sale, on the terms set forth in the Drag-Along Notice (which such period may be extended for a reasonable time not to exceed an additional one hundred and eighty (180) days to the extent reasonably necessary to obtain any required government approvals). If, at the end of such period, the Dragging Holder has not completed the Drag-Along Sale, the Dragging Holder may not then effect a transaction subject to this Section 4(a) without again fully complying with the provisions of this Section 4(a).

#### (b) Right of First Offer.

- (i) Subject to <u>Sections 3</u> and <u>4(a)</u>, if at any time a Holder or Group of Holders proposes to Transfer any outstanding shares of capital stock of the Corporation to any Person other than a Permitted Transferee, such Holder (the "<u>Offering Holder</u>") shall deliver to Kim and Chang written notice (the "<u>Offer Notice</u>"), setting forth such Offering Holder's intention to effect such a Transfer, the number of shares of capital stock proposed to be Transferred (the "<u>Offered Securities</u>"), the proposed purchase price therefor (the "<u>First Offer Price</u>"), and the other material terms and conditions of the proposed Transfer, and (A) in the case of a Chang Holder, offering Kim the right to purchase the Offered Securities, and (B) in the case of a Kim Holder, offering Chang the right to purchase the Offered Securities, in each case in accordance with the terms set forth in this <u>Section 4(b)</u>.
- (ii) Kim or Chang, as applicable, shall have the option to purchase, at the First Offer Price and otherwise on the terms and conditions described in the Offer Notice, all of the Offered Securities, and shall, within five (5) Business Days from receipt of the Offer Notice, send irrevocable written notice (a "ROFO Acceptance Notice") to the Offering Holder indicating whether it has accepted the offer in the Offer Notice. For the avoidance of doubt, Kim or Chang, as applicable, shall be deemed to have waived its right to purchase the Offered Securities if he fails to deliver a ROFO Acceptance Notice within the time period prescribed in this Section 4(b)(ii).
- (iii) If Kim or Chang, as applicable, do not elect to purchase all of the Offered Securities, then, subject to Section 4(c), the Offering Holder shall be free for a period of six (6) months from the date the ROFO Acceptance Notice was due to be sent to the Offering Holder to Transfer the Offered Securities to any other Person so long as such transfer is in compliance with Section 4(c) for a price not less than the First Offer Price and on terms and conditions not less favorable to the Offering Holder in the aggregate than those set forth in the Offer Notice. Any shares of capital stock of the Corporation not so Transferred shall continue to be subject to the provisions of this Section 4(b).

#### (c) Tag-Along Rights.

- (i) If at any time a Holder or Group of Holders (the "Selling Holder(s)"), in one transaction, or a series of related transactions, proposes to Transfer more than twenty percent (20%) of the outstanding voting power of shares of capital stock of the Corporation (calculated on a fully-diluted basis, excluding any shares issuable pursuant to an equity incentive plan) to any Person other than a Permitted Transferee (the "Proposed Transferee") and the Selling Holder(s) cannot or has not elected to exercise its drag-along rights set forth in Section 4(a), each other Holder (each, a "Tag-Along Holder") shall be permitted to participate in such Transfer (a "Tag-Along Sale") on the terms and conditions set forth in this Section 4(c).
- (ii) Prior to the consummation of any Tag-Along Sale, the Selling Holder(s) shall deliver to each other Holder a written notice (a "Sale Notice") of the proposed Tag-Along Sale subject to this Section 4(c) no later than twenty (20) days prior to the closing date of the Tag-Along Sale. The Sale Notice shall make reference to the Tag-Along Holders' rights hereunder and shall describe in reasonable detail: (A) the aggregate number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation the Proposed Transferee has offered to purchase; (B) the identity of the Proposed Transferee; (C) the proposed date, time and location of the closing of the Tag-Along Sale; (D) the per share purchase price and the other material terms and conditions of the Transfer, including a description of any non-cash consideration in sufficient detail to permit the valuation thereof; and (E) a copy of any form of agreement proposed to be executed in connection therewith.
- (iii) Each Tag-Along Holder may exercise its right to participate in a Transfer of outstanding shares of capital stock of the Corporation by the Selling Holder(s) subject to this Section 4(c) by delivering to the Selling Holder(s) a written notice (a "Tag-Along Notice") stating its election to do so and specifying the class of and number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation to be Transferred by it no later than ten (10) days after receipt of the Sale Notice (the "Tag-Along Period"). The offer of each Tag-Along Holder set forth in a Tag-Along Notice shall be irrevocable, and, to the extent such offer is accepted, such Tag-Along Holder shall be bound and obligated to Transfer in the proposed Transfer on the terms and conditions set forth in this Section 4(c). Each Tag-Along Holder that timely delivers a Tag-Along Notice (a "Tag-Along Seller") shall have the right to Transfer in a Transfer subject to this Section 4(c) up to the number of outstanding shares of capital stock of the Corporation equal to the product of (x) the aggregate number of outstanding shares of capital stock of the Corporation Seller and (y) a fraction (A) the numerator of which is equal to the number of outstanding shares of capital stock of the Corporation proposed to be sold by the Selling Holder(s) in the Tag-Along Sale, and (B) the denominator of which is equal to the number of outstanding shares of capital stock of the Corporation owned by the Selling Holder(s).
- (iv) Each Tag-Along Holder who does not deliver a Tag-Along Notice in compliance with Section 4(c)(iii) above shall be deemed to have waived all of such Tag-Along Holder's rights to participate in such Transfer, and the Selling Holder(s) shall (subject to the rights of any other Tag-Along Seller) thereafter be free to Transfer to the Proposed Transferee its shares at a per share price that is no greater than the per share price set forth in the Sale Notice and on other terms and conditions which are not materially more favorable to the Selling Holder(s) than those set forth in the Sale Notice without any further obligation to the non-accepting Tag-Along Holders. The Proposed Transferee shall not be obligated to purchase a number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation exceeding that set forth in the Sale Notice and, in the event such Proposed Transferee elects to purchase less than all of the additional shares of capital stock of the Corporation sought to be Transferred by all Tag-Along Sellers, the aggregate number of shares of capital stock to be Transferred by the Selling Holder(s) and the Tag-Along Sellers shall be reduced on a *pro rata* basis (based on the number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation sought to be Transferred by each such Selling Holder and Tag-Along Seller).

- (v) Each Tag-Along Seller shall receive the same consideration per share as the Selling Holder(s) after deduction of such Tag-Along Seller's proportionate share of the related expenses in accordance with <u>Section 4(c)(vii)</u> below.
- (vi) Each Tag-Along Seller shall make or provide the same representations, warranties, covenants, indemnities and agreements as the Selling Holder(s) makes or provides in connection with the Tag-Along Sale (except that in the case of representations, warranties, covenants, indemnities and agreements pertaining specifically to the Selling Holder(s), the Tag-Along Seller shall make the comparable representations, warranties, covenants, indemnities and agreements pertaining specifically to itself); *provided*, that all representations, warranties, covenants and indemnities shall be made by each Selling Holder and each Tag-Along Seller severally and not jointly and any indemnification obligation in respect of breaches of representations and warranties shall be borne (A) in the case of representations and warranties made with respect to the Selling Holders and the Tag-Along Holders, exclusively by the Selling Holder(s) and the Tag-Along Holder(s) responsible for such breach(es), and (B) in the case of representations and warranties relating to the Corporation, by all of the Selling Holders and the Tag-Along Sellers *pro rata* based on the consideration received by each Selling Holder and each Tag-Along Seller, in each case, in an amount not to exceed the aggregate proceeds actually received by each such Selling Holder and Tag-Along Seller in connection with any Tag-Along Sale.
- (vii) The fees and expenses of the Selling Holder(s) incurred in connection with a Tag-Along Sale and for the benefit of all Tag-Along Sellers (it being understood that costs incurred by or on behalf of the Selling Holder(s) for its sole benefit will not be considered to be for the benefit of all Tag-Along Sellers), to the extent not paid or reimbursed by the Corporation or the Proposed Transferee, shall be shared by all of the Tag-Along Sellers on a *pro rata* basis, based on the aggregate consideration received by each such Tag-Along Seller; *provided*, that no Tag-Along Seller shall be obligated to make or reimburse any out-of-pocket expenditure prior to the consummation of the Tag-Along Sale.
- (viii) Each Tag-Along Seller shall take all actions as may be reasonably necessary to consummate the Tag-Along Sale, including entering into customary agreements and delivering certificates and instruments, in each case consistent with the agreements being entered into and the certificates being delivered by the Selling Holder(s).
- (ix) The Selling Holder(s) shall have one hundred and twenty (120) days following the expiration of the Tag-Along Period in which to Transfer the shares of capital stock of the Corporation described in the Sale Notice and the shares to be sold by the Tag-Along Sellers, on the terms set forth in the Sale Notice (which such one hundred and twenty (120) day period may be extended for a reasonable time not to exceed an additional one hundred and fifty (150) days to the extent reasonably necessary to obtain any required government approvals). If, at the end of such period, the Selling Holder(s) has not completed such Transfer, the Selling Holder(s) may not then effect a Transfer of the shares subject to this Section 4(c) without again fully complying with the provisions of this Section 4(c).

(x) If the Selling Holder Transfers to the Proposed Transferee any of its shares in breach of this Section 4(c), then each Tag-Along Holder shall have the right to Transfer to the Selling Holder(s), and the Selling Holder(s) undertakes to purchase from each Tag-Along Holder, the number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation that such Tag-Along Holder would have had the right to Transfer to the Proposed Transferee pursuant to this Section 4(c), for a per share amount and form of consideration and upon the terms and conditions on which the Proposed Transferee bought such shares from the Selling Holder(s), but without indemnity being granted by any Tag-Along Holder to the Selling Holder(s); provided, that nothing contained in this Section 4(c)(x) shall preclude any Tag-Along Holder from seeking alternative remedies against such Selling Holder(s) as a result of its breach of this Section 4(c). The Selling Holder(s) shall also reimburse each Tag-Along Holder for any and all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees and expenses, including reasonable legal fees and expenses, incurred pursuant to the exercise or the attempted exercise of the Tag-Along Holder's rights hereunder.

#### 5. Miscellaneous.

- (a) <u>Termination</u>. This Agreement (other this <u>Section 5</u> and its defined terms) shall terminate automatically and be of no further force and effect upon such time as there is only one Holder.
- (b) <u>Remedies</u>. In the event of a breach by a Holder of any of its obligations under this Agreement, the other Holders, in addition to being entitled to exercise all rights granted by law and under this Agreement, including recovery of damages, will be entitled to specific performance of its rights under this Agreement. The Parties agree that monetary damages would not provide adequate compensation for any losses incurred by reason of a breach by it of any of the provisions of this Agreement, to the maximum extent permitted by any applicable law, and further agrees that, in the event of any action for specific performance in respect of such breach, it shall waive the defense that a remedy at law would be adequate and shall waive any requirement for the posting of a bond, in each case to the maximum extent permitted by any applicable law. No failure or delay by any Person in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof nor shall any single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege. The rights and remedies herein provided shall be cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies provided by law.
- (c) <u>Amendment; Modification; Waivers</u>. This Agreement may be amended or waived if, and only if, such amendment or waiver is in writing and signed by Holders owning at least a majority of the outstanding shares of the voting power of the Corporation's capital stock held by Holders party hereto; *provided* that, in addition to and without limiting the foregoing, (i) no amendment to this Agreement may adversely affect a Holder relative to other Holders without such Holder's prior written consent.
- (d) Notices. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given (i) upon delivery, if served by personal delivery upon the Person for whom it is intended, (ii) on the third (3rd) Business Day after the date mailed if delivered by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, (iii) on the following Business Day if delivered by a nationally-recognized, overnight, air courier or (iv) when delivered or, if sent after the Close of Business, on the following Business Day if sent by email, in each case, to the address set forth on such Person's signature page hereto or to such other address as may be designated in writing, in the same manner, by such Person.

- (e) Governing Law; Forum. This Agreement and all disputes or controversies arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the internal laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws. Each Holder agrees that it shall bring any litigation with respect to any claim arising out of or related to this Agreement, exclusively in the Delaware Court of Chancery (and if jurisdiction in the Delaware Court of Chancery shall be unavailable, the state and federal courts in the State of Delaware) (together with the appellate courts thereof, the "Chosen Courts"). In connection with any claim arising out of or related to this Agreement, each Holder hereby irrevocably and unconditionally (i) submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Chosen Courts, (ii) waives any objection that such Person may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement in the Chosen Courts, (iii) waives any objection that the Chosen Courts are an inconvenient forum or as not having jurisdiction over either the Corporation or the Holder, (iv) agrees that service of process in any such action or proceeding shall be effective if notice is given in accordance with Section 5(d), although nothing contained in this Agreement shall affect the right to serve process in any other manner permitted by law and (v) agrees not to seek a transfer of venue on the basis that another forum is more convenient. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (A) nothing in this Section 5(e) shall prohibit any party from seeking or obtaining orders for conservatory or interim relief from any court of competent jurisdiction and (B) each Holder agrees that any judgment issued by a Chosen Court may be recognized, recorded, registered or enforced in any jurisdiction in the world and waives any and all objections or defenses to the recognition, recording, registration or enforcement of such judgment in any such jurisdiction.
- (f) <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors, legal representatives, permitted assigns and Approved Transferees.
- (g) Waiver of Trial by Jury. EACH HOLDER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT ANY CONTROVERSY WHICH MAY ARISE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT IS LIKELY TO INVOLVE COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT ISSUES, AND THEREFORE EACH SUCH PERSON HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT SUCH PERSON MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY WITH RESPECT TO ANY LITIGATION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT. EACH HOLDER CERTIFIES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT (I) NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF THE OTHER PERSON HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PERSON WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER, (II) SUCH PERSON UNDERSTANDS AND HAS CONSIDERED THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS WAIVER, (III) SUCH PERSON MAKES THIS WAIVER VOLUNTARILY, AND (IV) SUCH PERSON HAS BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION.
- (h) <u>Severability</u>. The provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed severable. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision hereof shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision. Whenever possible, each provision or portion of any provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any Person or any circumstance, is invalid or unenforceable, (i) a suitable and equitable provision shall be substituted therefor to carry out, so far as may be valid and enforceable, the intent and purpose of such invalid or

unenforceable provision and (ii) the remainder of this Agreement and the application of such provision to other Persons or circumstances shall not be affected by such invalidity or unenforceability, nor shall such invalidity or unenforceability affect the validity or enforceability of such provision, or the application thereof, in any other jurisdiction; *provided*, *however*, that if any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall be determined to be excessively broad as to activity, subject, duration or geographic scope, it shall be reformed by limiting and reducing it to the minimum extent necessary, so as to be enforceable under applicable law.

- (i) <u>Business Days</u>. If the last or appointed day for the taking of any action or the expiration of any right required or granted herein shall be a day other than a Business Day, then such action may be taken or such right may be exercised on the next succeeding Business Day.
- (j) <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior contracts or agreements with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous discussions, agreements and understandings, whether oral or written, that may have been made or entered into by or among any of the Parties or any of their respective Affiliates relating to the transactions contemplated hereby.
- (k) Execution of Agreement; Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed and delivered (by facsimile, by electronic mail in portable document format (.pdf) or otherwise) in any number of counterparts, each of which, when executed and delivered, shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall constitute the same agreement.
- (l) <u>Recapitalizations, Exchanges, etc.</u> The provisions of this Agreement shall apply to the full extent set forth herein with respect to (i) the shares of capital stock of the Corporation, (ii) any and all securities into which shares of capital stock of the Corporation are converted, exchanged or substituted in any recapitalization or other capital reorganization by the Corporation and (iii) any and all equity securities of the Corporation or any successor or assign of the Corporation (whether by merger, consolidation, sale of assets or otherwise) which may be issued in respect of, in conversion of, in exchange for or in substitution of, the shares of capital stock of the Corporation and shall be appropriately adjusted for any stock dividends, splits, reverse splits, combinations, recapitalizations and the like occurring after the date hereof.
- (m) <u>Headings; Section References</u>. All heading references contained in this Agreement are for convenience purposes only and shall not be deemed to limit or affect any of the provisions of this Agreement.
- (n) No Other Relationships. Nothing contained herein or in any other agreement delivered pursuant hereto or thereto shall be construed to create any agency relationship among the Holders. No Holder shall owe any fiduciary duties to any other Holder by virtue of this Agreement. To the extent that at law or in equity, a Holder has duties (including fiduciary duties) and liabilities relating thereto to the Corporation or any other Holder, a Holder acting under this Agreement shall not be liable to any Holder for its good faith reliance on the provisions of this Agreement (including this Section 5(o)). The provisions of this Agreement, to the extent that they restrict the duties and liabilities of a Holder otherwise existing at law or in equity, are agreed by the parties hereto to replace such other duties and liabilities of such Holder.

- (o) <u>Waiver of Certain Damages</u>. To the extent permitted by applicable law, each party hereto agrees not to assert, and hereby waives, any claim against any other party, on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of, this Agreement or any of the transactions contemplated hereby.
- (p) <u>Governing Documents</u>. It is the intention of the Parties that in the event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of this Agreement and those contained in the Certificate of Incorporation, the By-Laws or other similar governing documents of the Corporation, the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall govern and control to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law. In the event of any such conflict, each Holder shall vote (or cause to be voted or provide consent with respect to) all of such Holder's Common Stock and any other voting securities of the Corporation over which such Holder has voting control and shall take all other necessary or desirable actions within such Holder's control (including attendance at meetings in person or by proxy for purposes of obtaining a quorum and execution of written consents in lieu of meetings) to cause the Certificate of Incorporation, the By-Laws or other similar governing documents of the Corporation, as applicable, to be amended to conform the terms and provisions thereof with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

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#### **HOLDERS:**

By: /s/ David Kim

Name: David Kim

Kim Family Living Trust, Surviving Spouse's Trust,

Trust for Andrea

By: /s/ David Kim
Name: David Kim
Title: Trustee

Kim Family Living Trust, Surviving Spouse's Trust,

Trust for Solomon

By: /s/ David Kim

Name: David Kim
Title: Trustee

Kim Family Living Trust, Surviving Spouse's Trust,

Trust for Joy

By: /s/ David Kim
Name: David Kim
Title: Trustee

# **HOLDERS:**

DKAN Family Trust, dated February 25, 2021

By: /s/ Don Wook Kim

Name: Don Wook Kim Title: Trustee

# **HOLDERS:**

Lauren Wang Family Trust, dated March 1, 2021

By: /s/ Lauren Sun Wang Name: Lauren Sun Wang

Title: Trustee

# **HOLDERS:**

Manzanarez Melendez Family Trust Dated December 1, 2020

By: /s/ Jose Manzanarez Gallardo

Name: Jose Manzanarez Gallardo Title: Trustee

# **HOLDERS:**

ICHIBON TRADING, LLC

By: /s/ Jim H. Wang
Name: Jim H. Wang

Title: President

# **HOLDERS:**

By: /s/ Jae Chang Name: Jae Chang

By: <u>/s/ Ju Han</u> Name: Ju Han

# **HOLDERS:**

By: /s/ Jason Jang Kim Name: Jason Jang Kim

# **HOLDERS:**

By: /s/ Suzanne Kim

Name: Suzanne Kim

# **HOLDERS:**

By: /s/ Jay W. Chang Name: Jay W. Chang

# **HOLDERS:**

By: <u>/s/ Hwe Lee</u> Name: Hwe Lee

# **HOLDERS:**

By: /s/ Rachel Kim

Name: Rachel Kim

# **HOLDERS:**

By: <u>/s/ Jay Lee</u> Name: Jay Lee

# **HOLDERS:**

By: /s/ Steve Hwang

Name: Steve Hwang

# **HOLDERS:**

By: /s/ Mi Young Connie Ju

Name: Mi Young Connie Ju

# **HOLDERS:**

Intelon Gen Investment LLC

By: /s/ Jong Kim
Name: Jong Kim
Title: Member

# SCHEDULE 1

#### Names of Holders

# **Chang Holders**

Jae Chang
Ju Han
Jason Jang Kim
Suzanne Kim
Jay W. Chang
Hwe Lee
Rachel Kim
Jay Lee
Steve Hwang
Mi Young Connie Ju
Intelon Gen Investment LLC

#### Kim Holders

David Kim

The Kim Family Living Trust, Surviving Spouse's Trust, Trust for Andrea The Kim Family Living Trust, Surviving Spouse's Trust, Trust for Solomon The Kim Family Living Trust, Surviving Spouse's Trust, Trust for Joy DKAN Family Trust, dated February 25, 2021
Lauren Wang Family Trust, dated March 1, 2021
Manzanarez Melendez Family Trust Dated December 1, 2020
Ichibon Trading, LLC

#### **EXHIBIT A**

# Form of Joinder

The undersigned hereby agrees, effective as of the date set forth below, to become a party to that certain Voting and Investment Agreement (as amended, restated and modified from time to time, the "Agreement"), dated as of June 30, 2023, by and among the stockholders of GEN Restaurant Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation, named therein. The undersigned hereby pursuant to this joinder (this "Joinder") agrees to be bound by all of the terms of the Agreement and shall hereafter be deemed to be, for all purposes of the Agreement, a party to the Agreement and a "Holder" (as defined in the Agreement). This Joinder and all disputes or controversies arising out of or relating to this Joinder shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the internal laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws.

Ву:	
Name:	
Title:	
Date:	
Address:	
Attention:	
Email:	
with a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:	
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Attention:	
Email:	

June 27, 2023

Roth Capital Partners, LLC 888 San Clemente Drive Newport Beach, CA 92660

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned understands that you, as the representative (the "Representative") of the several underwriters named therein (the "Underwriters"), propose to enter into an Underwriting Agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") with GEN Restaurant Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), relating to a proposed offering (the "Offering") of shares of the Company's Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Common Stock"). The undersigned acknowledges that the Underwriters are relying on the representations and agreements of the undersigned contained in this letter agreement (this "Lock-Up Agreement") in conducting the Offering and entering into the Underwriting Agreement and underwriting arrangements contemplated thereby with the Company and GEN Restaurant Companies, LLC ("GEN LLC") with respect to the Offering. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings set forth in the Underwriting Agreement.

In consideration of the foregoing, and in order to induce you to participate in the Offering, and for other good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby agrees that, without the prior written consent of the Representative (which consent may be withheld in its sole discretion), the undersigned will not, subject to the provisions contained herein, during the period (the "Lock-Up Period") beginning on the date hereof and continuing through the close of trading on the date that is 180 days after the date of the final prospectus relating to the Offering (the "Final Prospectus"), (1) offer, pledge, hypothecate, announce the intention to sell, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, grant any security interest in, or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any shares of Common Stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for shares of Common Stock (including without limitation, (a) shares of the Company's Class B common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, (b) membership interests in GEN LLC, (c) shares of Common Stock which may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the undersigned in accordance with the rules and engulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), and (d) any Company securities which may be issued upon exercise of any stock option or warrant, or upon conversion of any convertible note), (2) enter into any swap or other agreement that transfers, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the shares of Common Stock, whether any such transaction described in clause (1) or (2) above is to be settled by delivery of shares of Common Stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise, (3) make any demand for or exercise any right with respect to, the registration of any shares of Common Stock or any security convertible into or exercisable

The foregoing paragraph shall not be deemed to restrict or prohibit the undersigned from establishing a trading plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "*Exchange Act*"), for the sale or transfer of Common Stock, provided that such plan does not provide for any sales, transfers or other dispositions of Common Stock during the Lock-Up Period, and provided, further, that no filing by any party under the Exchange Act or other public announcement shall be required or shall be made voluntarily in connection therewith during the Lock-Up Period.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the restrictions set forth above shall not apply to (a) transfers (i) as a bona fide gift or gifts or charitable contribution, or for bona fide estate planning purposes, (ii) to any immediate family member or other dependent of the undersigned, or (iii) to any trust for the direct or indirect benefit of the undersigned or one or more members of the immediate family of the undersigned, (b) dispositions by will, other testamentary document or intestate succession to the legal representative, heir, beneficiary or one or more members of the immediate family of the undersigned, (c) distributions to partners, members, or direct or indirect shareholders or any other direct or indirect equity owner of the undersigned (including, without limitation, to any entity or entities that directly or indirectly control, or are under common control with, the undersigned), (d) dispositions to any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, trust or other entity in which the undersigned and/or any member of the immediate family of the undersigned directly or indirectly owns a beneficial ownership interest, or dispositions to any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, trust or other entity which manages, or that is controlled or managed by or is under common control or management with, the undersigned (including, without limitation, to any investment company or entity that manages, or that is controlled or managed by or is under common control or management with, the undersigned), (e) transfers or dispositions by operation of law, including pursuant to an order of a court or government agency (including a qualified domestic order) or regulatory agency, (f) the exercise of any option or warrant, or conversion of any convertible note (but not the sale of any Common Stock received on the exercise or conversion thereof) and transfers of Common Stock or other Company securities subject to this Lock-Up Agreement to the Company in full or partial payment of the exercise price for options or warrants to purchase shares of the Common Stock, or to the Company for full or partial payment of taxes required to be paid upon the exercise of options or warrants to purchase shares of the Common Stock, or upon the vesting of restricted shares or restricted stock units, (g) transfers of Common Stock or other Company securities subject to this Lock-Up Agreement pursuant to a bona fide third party tender offer, merger, consolidation or other similar transaction made to all holders of Common Stock involving a "change of control" (as defined below) of the Company occurring after the consummation of the Offering; provided that in the event that the tender offer, merger, consolidation or other such transaction is not completed, the undersigned's shares of the Common Stock shall remain subject to the terms of this Lock-Up Agreement, (h) to the Company or any of its subsidiaries in connection with any purchase of membership interests of GEN LLC from the undersigned, by the Company or any of its subsidiaries with the net proceeds of the Offering, (i) pursuant to any sale, transfer or exchange of membership interests in GEN LLC to the Company in connection with, and as contemplated by, the Reorganization (as such term is defined in the preliminary prospectus included in the Registration Statement under the section "Organizational Structure"), including, without limitation, any purchase by the Company of shares of Common Stock or membership interests of GEN LLC, as the case may be, or (j) pursuant to any exchange of membership interests of GEN LLC for a corresponding number of shares of Common Stock in accordance with the GEN LLC Agreement (as defined in the Registration Statement), which will become effective on or prior to the consummation of the Offering, in connection with the Reorganization; provided, however, that in the case of a transfer pursuant to clauses (a), (c), or (d) above it shall be a condition to the transfer that the transfer not involve a disposition for value; provided, further, that in the case of a transfer pursuant to clauses (a), (c) or (d) above, it shall be a condition to the transfer that the transferee execute an agreement stating that the transferee is receiving and holding the securities subject to the provisions of this Lock-Up Agreement (and in the case of a transfer pursuant to clause (e), the undersigned shall use its reasonable efforts to have the transferee execute an agreement stating that the

transferee is receiving and holding the securities pursuant to the provisions of this Lock-Up Agreement); *provided, further*, that in the case of a transfer pursuant to clauses (c) and (d) above, no filing under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act, reporting such transfer shall be required or shall be voluntarily made during the Lock-Up Period (other than any required Form 5 filing after the end of the calendar year in which such transaction occurs); *provided*, *further*, that (i) if the undersigned is required to file a report under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act reporting a reduction in the beneficial ownership of shares of Common Stock (or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock) by the undersigned during the Lock-Up Period (and which transfer is otherwise permitted pursuant to this paragraph), the undersigned shall clearly indicate in the footnotes thereto that the filing relates to the circumstances described above and that such shares of Common Stock remain subject to the restrictions set forth herein, and (ii) in the case of the exchange of membership interests as set forth in clause (j), no filing under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act will be required to be made during the Lock-Up Period reporting a reduction in beneficial ownership of the undersigned. For purposes of this Lock-Up Agreement, "immediate family" shall mean any relationship by blood, marriage, domestic partnership or adoption, not more remote than first cousin. For purposes of this Lock-Up Agreement, "change of control" shall mean any bona fide third party tender offer, merger, consolidation or other similar transaction the result of which is that any "person" (as defined in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), or group of persons, other than the Company, would become the beneficial owner (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 of the Exchange Act) of 50% of total voting power of the voting stock of the Company (or the surviving entity).

The foregoing restrictions are expressly agreed to preclude the undersigned from engaging in any hedging or other transaction which is designed to, or reasonably expected to, lead to or result in a sale, transfer or other disposition of shares of Common Stock even if such securities would be disposed of by someone other than the undersigned. Such prohibited hedging or other transactions would include, without limitation, any short sale or any purchase, sale or grant of any right (including without limitation any put option or put equivalent position or call option or call equivalent position) with respect to any of the shares of Common Stock or with respect to any security that includes, relates to, or derives any significant part of its value from such shares (but excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, any broad-based market basket or index).

The undersigned hereby represents and warrants that the undersigned has full power and authority to enter into this Lock-Up Agreement. All authority herein conferred or agreed to be conferred and any obligations of the undersigned shall be binding upon the successors, assigns, heirs or personal representatives of the undersigned.

The undersigned also agrees and consents to the entry of stop transfer instructions with the Company's transfer agent and registrar or depositary against the transfer of the undersigned's shares of Common Stock except in compliance with the foregoing restrictions.

If the undersigned is an officer or director of the Company, (i) the Representative agrees that, at least three business days before the effective date of any release or waiver of the foregoing restrictions in connection with a transfer of shares of Common Stock, the Representative will notify the Company of the impending release or waiver, and (ii) the Company will agree in the Underwriting Agreement to announce the impending release or waiver by press release through a major news service at least two business days before the effective date of the release or waiver. Any release or waiver granted by the Representative hereunder to any such officer or director shall only be effective two business days after the publication date of such press release. The provisions of this paragraph will not apply if (a) the release or waiver is effected solely to permit a transfer not for consideration and (b) the transferee has agreed in writing to be bound by the same terms described in this letter to the extent and for the duration that such terms remain in effect at the time of the transfer.

In the event that, during the Lock-Up Period, the Representative releases or waives any prohibition set forth in this Lock-Up Agreement (or in any similar lock-up agreement) on the transfer of Common Stock or other Company securities held by any securityholder of the Company owning, directly or indirectly, more than 1% of the shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Offering, an amount of Common Stock and other Company securities subject to this agreement representing the same percentage of the total number of outstanding Common Stock and other Company securities subject to this agreement and held by the undersigned as the percentage of the total number of outstanding Common Stock and other Company securities held by such other person or entity that are the subject of such release or waiver shall be immediately and fully released on the same terms from the applicable prohibitions set forth herein. The Representative shall promptly notify the Company and the undersigned of any such release.

The undersigned acknowledges and agrees that the underwriters have not provided any recommendation or investment advice nor have the underwriters solicited any action from the undersigned with respect to the Offering, except as set forth herein, and the undersigned has consulted their own legal, accounting, financial, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent deemed appropriate.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, this Lock-Up Agreement will automatically, and without any action on the part of any other party, terminate and the undersigned shall be released from all obligations under this Lock-Up Agreement upon the earliest to occur of (i) July 31, 2023 if the Underwriting Agreement has not been executed by such date (provided that the Company may by written notice to the undersigned prior to July 31, 2023, extend such date for a period of up to an additional three months), (ii) the Underwriting Agreement being terminated following execution thereof (other than the provisions which survive termination) prior to payment for and delivery of the securities to be sold thereunder, (iii) prior to the execution of the Underwriting Agreement, if the Company, on the one hand, or the Representative, on the other hand, notifies the other party in writing that it does not intend to proceed with the Offering, or (iv) the Registration Statement filed with the SEC in connection with the Offering is withdrawn.

Any signature to this Lock-Up Agreement may be delivered by facsimile, electronic mail (including pdf) or any electronic signature complying with the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000 or the New York Electronic Signature and Records Act or other transmission method and any counterpart so delivered shall be deemed to have been duly and validly delivered and be valid and effective for all purposes to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.

This Lock-Up Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without regard to the conflict of laws principles thereof. The undersigned irrevocably (i) submits to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Borough of Manhattan and the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, for the purpose of any suit, action, or other proceeding arising out of this Lock-Up Agreement (each a "*Proceeding*"), (ii) agrees that all claims in respect of any Proceeding may be heard and determined in any such court, (iii) waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any immunity from jurisdiction of any such court or from any legal process therein, (iv) agrees not to commence any Proceeding other than in such courts, and (v) waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claim that such Proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum.

Very truly yours,
(Name of Stockholder - Please Print)
(Signature)
(Name of Signatory if Stockholder is an entity - Please Print)
(Title of Signatory if Stockholder is an entity - Please Print)  Address:

[Signature Page to Lock-Up Agreement]