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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 8, 2022**

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**G Squared Ascend I Inc.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Cayman Islands**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-39981**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**98-1578016**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**205 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 2770**  
**Chicago, IL**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**60601**  
(Zip Code)

**(312) 552-7160**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

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

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Units, each consisting of one Class A ordinary share and one-fifth of a Warrant to acquire one Class A ordinary share	GSQD.U	The New York Stock Exchange
Class A ordinary shares, par value \$0.0001 per share	GSQD	The New York Stock Exchange

<b>Redeemable Warrants, each whole warrant exercisable for one Class A ordinary share at an exercise price of \$11.50</b>	<b>GSQD.W</b>	<b>The New York Stock Exchange</b>
<b>Class A ordinary shares, par value \$0.0001 per share, issuable upon exercise of Redeemable Warrants</b>	<b>GSQD</b>	<b>The New York Stock Exchange</b>

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

Emerging growth company

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

## Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

### Amendment to Business Combination Agreement

On June 8, 2022, G Squared Ascend I Inc., a Cayman Islands exempted company (“SPAC”), entered into an amendment (the “BCA Amendment”) to the Business Combination Agreement, dated as of September 20, 2021 (the “Business Combination Agreement”), by and among SPAC, Horizon Merger Sub Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of SPAC (“Merger Sub”), Transfix, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), and Transfix Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (“Holdings”). Pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement, among other things: (a) on the Closing Date but prior to the Initial Merger, SPAC will change its jurisdiction of incorporation from the Cayman Islands to the State of Delaware (the “Domestication”); (b) on the Closing Date immediately following the Domestication, SPAC will merge with and into Holdings (the “Initial Merger”), with Holdings surviving the Initial Merger (Holdings, in its capacity as the surviving corporation of the Initial Merger, is sometimes referred to herein as the “Surviving Corporation”); and (c) on the Closing Date, following the Initial Merger, Merger Sub will merge with and into the Company (the “Acquisition Merger”, and together with the Initial Merger, the “Mergers”), with the Company surviving the Acquisition Merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Surviving Corporation. The Mergers, together with the other transactions related thereto, are referred to herein as the “Proposed Transactions.” References herein to “SPAC” shall refer to G Squared Ascend I Inc. for all periods prior to completion of the Initial Merger and to the Surviving Corporation for all periods after completion of the Initial Merger. Capitalized terms used in this Current Report on Form 8-K but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings given to them in the BCA Amendment or the Business Combination Agreement, as applicable.

The BCA Amendment amends the Business Combination Agreement to, among other things, (a) extend the Outside Date to November 3, 2022; (b) increase the dollar threshold in Section 8.02(f) of the Business Combination Agreement to \$200 million; (c) permit the Company to enter into preliminary discussions to issue Equity Securities of the Company to one or more third parties as consideration in an acquisition by the Company of one or more third parties that would otherwise be subject to Section 6.01(b)(vii) of the Business Combination Agreement; (d) provide that neither the Notes (as defined below) nor any Equity Securities of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries issued or issuable upon conversion or exchange of the Notes or any other Equity Securities that may be issued under the Note Purchase Agreement (as defined below) will be included in the calculation of the Exchange Ratio; and (e) amend specified defined terms included in the Business Combination Agreement.

A copy of the Business Combination Agreement was filed with the Securities Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on Form 8-K on September 21, 2021. A copy of the BCA Amendment is filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 2.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. The foregoing description of the BCA Amendment does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the BCA Amendment filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K.

### Amendment to Forward Purchase Agreement

Concurrent with the execution of the BCA Amendment, SPAC and G Squared Ascend Management I, LLC, a Cayman Island limited liability company who has been the Company’s investor since 2019 (the “Sponsor”) entered into a Second Amended and Restated Forward Purchase Agreement (the “Second A&R Forward Purchase Agreement”).

Pursuant to the Second A&R Forward Purchase Agreement and in connection with the acceleration of funding to the Company under the Amended and Restated Note Purchase Agreement (as described below), SPAC and the Sponsor have agreed to reduce the Committed Amount (as defined in the Second A&R Forward Purchase Agreement) by the aggregate principal amount of up to \$50 million under each Note (as defined below) that is converted in connection with the consummation of the Proposed Transactions into shares of Surviving Corporation Common Stock and Assumed SPAC Warrants in accordance with the Amended and Restated Note Purchase Agreement (as defined below). The obligation of the Sponsor under the Second A&R Forward Purchase Agreement is subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions therein, including the substantially concurrent consummation of the Mergers.

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A copy of the Second A&R Forward Purchase Agreement is attached as Exhibit 10.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference. The foregoing description of the Second A&R Forward Purchase Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Second A&R Forward Purchase Agreement filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K.

#### **Item 8.01. Other Events.**

Concurrent with the execution of the BCA Amendment and the Second A&R Forward Purchase Agreement, G Squared V, LP, an affiliate of the Sponsor (“G Squared Fund”) and the Company entered into an Amended and Restated Subordinated Convertible Promissory Note Purchase Agreement (the “Amended and Restated Note Purchase Agreement”).

Pursuant to the Amended and Restated Note Purchase Agreement, the Company and G Squared Fund have agreed, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Amended and Restated Note Purchase Agreement, that the Company shall issue and sell to G Squared Fund and its affiliates, and G Squared Fund and its affiliates shall purchase an aggregate of up to \$50 million in principal amount of subordinated convertible promissory notes of the Company (“Notes”), as follows: (a) at an initial closing that occurred on June 8, 2022 (the “Initial Note Closing”), the Company sold and issued to G Squared Fund a Note with a principal amount of \$15 million; (b) following the Initial Note Closing, but in no event later than June 30, 2022 (the “Second Note Closing”), the Company shall sell and issue to G Squared Fund and its affiliates, and G Squared Fund and its affiliates shall purchase, an aggregate of \$10 million in principal amount of Notes; (c) following the Second Note Closing, but in no event later than August 15, 2022 (the “Third Note Closing”), the Company shall sell and issue to G Squared Fund and its affiliates, and G Squared Fund and its affiliates shall purchase, an aggregate of \$12.5 million in principal amount of Notes; and (d) following the Third Note Closing, but in no event later than September 30, 2022, the Company shall sell and issue to G Squared Fund and its affiliates, and G Squared and its affiliates shall purchase, an aggregate of \$12.5 million in principal amount of Notes.

If the Proposed Transactions are consummated while any Notes are outstanding, then in connection with the consummation of the Proposed Transactions, the outstanding principal amount of each Note will automatically convert into: (a) shares of Surviving Corporation Common Stock at a conversion price equal to \$10.00 per share; and (b) one (1) Assumed SPAC Warrant for every five (5) shares of Surviving Corporation Common Stock into which the Note converts under clause (a) above, rounded down to the nearest whole share (with such conversion being in full satisfaction of all principal and accrued but unpaid interest on the Notes). If the Proposed Transactions are consummated, no interest will accrue or become payable under the Notes.

If the Business Combination Agreement is terminated before the consummation of the Proposed Transactions, the outstanding principal and accrued but unpaid interest under the Notes are convertible into: (a) shares of Common Stock of the Company upon the closing of a business combination transaction involving a special purpose acquisition company (other than SPAC); (b) the shares of preferred stock or other equity securities of the Company issued in connection with a qualified equity financing; (c) shares of Common Stock of the Company in connection with an initial public offering or direct listing of the Company's Common Stock; (d) shares of preferred stock of the Company in a change of control transaction; or (e) shares of preferred stock of the Company at maturity. The Amended and Restated Note Purchase Agreement provides for certain lender approvals and information rights for so long as any Notes are outstanding. The Amended and Restated Note Purchase Agreement also provides G Squared Fund with certain rights to sell the Notes in connection with any secondary sales of preferred stock of the Company.

Additionally, pursuant to the Amended and Restated Note Purchase Agreement, the Company and G Squared Fund have agreed, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Amended and Restated Note Purchase Agreement, if the Business Combination Agreement is terminated before the consummation of the Proposed Transactions, the Company shall issue to G Squared Fund, and G Squared Fund shall purchase from the Company, an aggregate of \$50 million in preferred stock of the Company. The obligations of G

Squared Fund to purchase such shares of preferred stock of the Company are subject to the fulfillment of certain terms and conditions, including the occurrence of the termination of the Business Combination Agreement.

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## **Important Information and Where to Find It**

In connection with the proposed business combination involving G Squared Ascend I and Transfix, Transfix Holdings, Inc. ("Transfix Holdings") has filed a registration statement on Form S-4, as amended (the "Registration Statement") with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). The Registration Statement includes a proxy statement of G Squared Ascend I and a prospectus of Transfix Holdings. Additionally, G Squared Ascend I and Transfix Holdings will file other relevant materials with the SEC in connection with the business combination. Copies may be obtained free of charge at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Security holders of G Squared Ascend I are urged to read the proxy statement/prospectus and the other relevant materials when they become available before making any voting decision with respect to the proposed business combination because they will contain important information about the business combination and the parties to the business combination and related matters. The information contained on, or that may be accessed through, the websites referenced in this communication is not incorporated by reference into, and is not a part of, this communication.

## **Participants in the Solicitation**

G Squared Ascend I and its directors and officers may be deemed participants in the solicitation of proxies of G Squared Ascend I's stockholders in connection with the proposed business combination. Transfix and its officers and directors may also be deemed participants in such solicitation. Security holders may obtain more detailed information regarding the names, affiliations and interests of certain of G Squared Ascend I's executive officers and directors in the solicitation by reading G Squared Ascend I's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 filed with the SEC on April 13, 2022, and the proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials filed with the SEC in connection with the business combination when they become available. Information concerning the interests of G Squared Ascend I's participants in the solicitation, which may, in some cases, be different than those of their stockholders generally, will be set forth in the proxy statement/prospectus relating to the business combination when it becomes available.

## **No Offer or Solicitation**

This communication is for informational purposes only and is not intended to and shall not constitute a proxy statement or the solicitation of a proxy, consent or authorization with respect to any securities in respect of the proposed business combination and shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or constitute a solicitation of any vote or approval, nor shall there be any sale, issuance or transfer of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction.

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## **Forward Looking Statements**

The information in this communication may contain statements that are not historical facts but are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and within the meaning of "safe harbor" provisions under the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements, other than statements of present or historical fact included in this communication, regarding G Squared Ascend I's proposed business combination with Transfix, G Squared Ascend I's ability to consummate the transaction, the benefits of the transaction and the combined company's future financial performance, as well as the combined company's strategy, future operations, estimated financial position, estimated revenues and losses, projected costs, prospects, plans and objectives of management are forward-looking statements. When used in this communication, the words "could," "should," "will," "may," "believe," "anticipate," "intend," "estimate," "expect," "project," the negative of such terms and other similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain such identifying words. These forward-looking statements are based on management's current

expectations and assumptions about future events and are based on currently available information as to the outcome and timing of future events. Except as otherwise required by applicable law, G Squared Ascend I and Transfix disclaim any duty to update any forward-looking statements, all of which are expressly qualified by the statements in this section, to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this communication. G Squared Ascend I and Transfix caution you that these forward-looking statements are subject to numerous risks and uncertainties, most of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond the control of either G Squared Ascend I or Transfix. In addition, G Squared Ascend I and Transfix caution you that the forward-looking statements contained in this communication are subject to the following factors: (i) the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could delay the business combination or give rise to the termination of the agreements related thereto; (ii) the outcome of any legal proceedings that may be instituted against G Squared Ascend I or Transfix following announcement of the transactions; (iii) the inability to complete the business combination due to the failure to obtain approval of the shareholders of G Squared Ascend I, or other conditions to closing in the transaction agreement; (iv) the risk that the proposed business combination disrupts G Squared Ascend I's or Transfix's current plans and operations as a result of the announcement of the transactions; (v) Transfix's ability to realize the anticipated benefits of the business combination, which may be affected by, among other things, competition and the ability of Transfix to grow and manage growth profitably following the business combination; (vi) costs related to the business combination; (vii) changes in applicable laws or regulations; (viii) rollout of Transfix's business and the timing of expected business milestones, (ix) the effects of competition on Transfix's business, (x) supply shortages in the materials necessary for the production of Transfix's products, (xi) risks related to original equipment manufacturers and other partners being unable or unwilling to initiate or continue business partnerships on favorable terms, (xii) the termination or reduction of government clean energy and electric vehicle incentives, (xiii) delays in the construction and operation of production facilities, (xiv) the amount of redemption requests made by G Squared Ascend I's public stockholders, (xv) changes in domestic and foreign business, market, financial, political and legal conditions, and (xvi) the possibility that Transfix may be adversely affected by other economic, business, and/or competitive factors. Should one or more of the risks or uncertainties described in this communication, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results and plans could differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. You should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties described in the "Risk Factors" section of G Squared Ascend I's final prospectus filed with the SEC on February 8, 2021 and its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 filed with the SEC on April 13, 2022, and other documents of G Squared Ascend I filed, or to be filed, including the proxy statement/prospectus, with the SEC. Additional information concerning these and other factors that may impact the operations and projections discussed herein can be found in G Squared Ascend I's filings with the SEC. G Squared Ascend I's SEC filings are available publicly on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>
<a href="#">2.1</a>	<a href="#">Amendment to Business Combination Agreement, dated as of June 8, 2022, by and among SPAC, Merger Sub, the Company and Holdings.</a>
<a href="#">10.1</a>	<a href="#">Second Amended and Restated Forward Purchase Agreement, dated as of June 8, 2022, by and between SPAC and Sponsor.</a>
104.1	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

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**SIGNATURES**

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

**G SQUARED ASCEND I INC.**

Date: June 13, 2022

By: /s/ Ward Davis  
Name: Ward Davis  
Title: Chief Executive Officer



**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE  
BUSINESS COMBINATION AGREEMENT**

This **AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE BUSINESS COMBINATION AGREEMENT** (this “**Amendment**”), is made and entered into as of June 8, 2022, by and among G Squared Ascend I Inc., a Cayman Islands exempted company (which shall domesticate as a Delaware corporation in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement (as defined below)) (together with its successor, “**SPAC**”), Horizon Merger Sub Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned direct subsidiary of SPAC (“**Merger Sub**”), Transfix, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “**Company**”), and Transfix Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned direct subsidiary of the Company (“**Holdings**”). SPAC, Merger Sub, the Company and Holdings are collectively referred to herein as the “**Parties**” and individually as a “**Party**”. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Amendment shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Business Combination Agreement (as defined below).

**WHEREAS**, the Parties are party to that certain Business Combination Agreement, dated as of September 20, 2021 (the “**Business Combination Agreement**”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties desire to amend the Business Combination Agreement as set forth herein and in accordance with Section 9.04 of the Business Combination Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree to amend the Business Combination Agreement in the following respects:

1. Amendments to the Business Combination Agreement. The Business Combination Agreement is hereby amended as set forth below in this Section 1. Revisions to the existing provisions of the Business Combination Agreement are set forth for ease of reference in this Amendment, with deleted text shown in ~~boldface~~ new text shown in underline boldface.

a. The definition of “Aggregate Fully Diluted Company Common Shares” in Section 1.01 of the Business Combination Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

“**Aggregate Fully Diluted Company Common Shares**” means, without duplication, (a) the aggregate number of shares of Company Common Stock that are (i) issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Acquisition Merger Effective Time after giving effect to the Conversion or (ii) issuable upon, or subject to, the settlement of any Equity Securities of the Company issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Acquisition Merger Effective Time, including Company Options (whether or not then vested or exercisable), Company RSU Awards and Company Warrants, in each case, that are issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Acquisition Merger Effective Time, *minus* (b) the Treasury Shares outstanding immediately prior to the Acquisition Merger Effective Time, *minus* (c) a number of shares equal to the aggregate exercise price of the Company Options and Company Warrants described in clause (ii) above *divided by* the Per Share Merger Ratio. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, neither the Notes (as defined in the Note Purchase Agreement) nor any Equity Securities of the Company or any Company Subsidiaries issued or issuable upon conversion or exchange of the Notes (as defined in the Note Purchase Agreement) or any other Equity Securities that may issued under the Note Purchase Agreement shall be included in this definition of “Aggregate Fully Diluted Company Common Shares”.”

b. The definition of “Note Purchase Agreement” in Section 1.01 of the Business Combination Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

“**Note Purchase Agreement**” means that certain Amended and Restated Subordinated Convertible Promissory Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of June 7, 2022~~June 15, 2021~~, as amended, amended and restated, supplemented or



otherwise modified from time to time, by and among the Company, Holdings and the persons and entities listed on the schedule of lenders attached thereto as Exhibit A.”

c. Item 6 of Section 4.03(b) of the Company Disclosure Schedule is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

“6. Amended and Restated Subordinated Convertible Promissory Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of June 7, 2022, June 15, 2024 (as amended, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Note Purchase Agreement”), by and among the Company, Holdings and the entities listed on the schedule of lenders attached thereto, including the Form of Subordinated Convertible Promissory Note, Form of Subordination Agreement, and Form of Investor Agreement, Form of Series F Preferred Stock Purchase Agreement, Form of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, Form of Amended and Restated Investors’ Rights Agreement, Form of Amended and Restated Voting Agreement, and Form of Amended and Restated Right of First Refusal and Co-Sale Agreement contemplated thereby.”

d. Section 7.01(a) of the Business Combination Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

“(a) From the date of this Agreement and ending on the earlier of the Acquisition Closing and the valid termination of this Agreement in accordance with Section 9.01, the Company shall not, and shall cause the Company Subsidiaries not to and shall direct its and their respective Representatives acting on its or their behalf not to, directly or indirectly, (i) enter into, solicit, initiate, knowingly facilitate, knowingly encourage or continue any discussions or negotiations with, or knowingly encourage any inquiries or proposals by, or participate in any negotiations with, or provide any information to, or otherwise cooperate in any way with, any person or other entity or “group” within the meaning of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act, concerning any (w) sale of any material assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, except for transactions permitted pursuant to Section 6.01(b)(iii)(B), (x) sale of any Equity Securities of the Company or any Company Subsidiary, except for those sales permitted pursuant to Section 6.01(b)(iii)(A), or (y) merger, joint venture, consolidation, liquidation, dissolution or similar transaction involving the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole (each, an “Alternative Transaction”); provided, that notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, none of the transactions contemplated by the Note Purchase Agreement shall be an “Alternative Transaction”; provided, further, that notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Company may enter into preliminary discussions to issue Equity Securities of the Company to one or more persons as consideration in connection with an acquisition transaction that is subject to Section 6.01(b)(vii), (ii) amend or grant any waiver or release under any standstill or similar agreement with respect to any class of Equity Securities of the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries in connection with any proposal or offer that could reasonably be expected to lead to an Alternative Transaction, (iii) approve, endorse or recommend, or propose publicly to approve, endorse or recommend, any Alternative Transaction, (iv) approve, endorse, recommend, execute or enter into any agreement in principle, confidentiality agreement, letter of intent, memorandum of understanding, term sheet, acquisition agreement, merger agreement, option agreement, joint venture agreement, partnership agreement or other arrangement relating to any Alternative Transaction or any proposal or offer that could reasonably be expected to lead to an Alternative Transaction, (v) commence, continue, permit or renew any due diligence investigation regarding any Alternative Transaction, or (vi) resolve or agree to do any of the foregoing or otherwise authorize or permit any of its controlled affiliates or Representatives to take any such action. The Company shall, and shall cause the Company Subsidiaries to and shall direct its and their respective controlled affiliates and Representatives acting on its behalf to, immediately cease any and all existing discussions or negotiations with any person conducted heretofore with respect to any Alternative Transaction. The Company also agrees that it will promptly request each special purpose acquisition corporation that has prior to the date hereof executed a confidentiality agreement in connection with its consideration of an Alternative Transaction to return or destroy all confidential information furnished to such person by or on behalf of the Company prior to the date hereof.”

e. Section 8.02(f) of the Business Combination Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

“(f) **Minimum Cash.** As of the Acquisition Closing, after consummation of the NEA Private Placement, consummation of the Sponsor Private Placement and after distribution of the Trust Fund pursuant to Section 7.13 and deducting all amounts to be paid pursuant to the exercise of Redemption Rights, SPAC shall have cash on hand equal to or in excess of ~~\$200,000,000~~\$150,000,000 (without, for the avoidance of doubt, taking into account any transaction fees, costs and expenses paid or required to be paid in connection with (i) the Transactions, (ii) the NEA Private Placement or (iii) the Sponsor Private Placement).”

f. Section 9.01(b) of the Business Combination Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

“(b) by either SPAC or the Company if the Acquisition Merger Effective Time shall not have occurred prior to ~~November 3~~May 3, 2022 (the “**Outside Date**”); *provided, however*, that this Agreement may not be terminated under this Section 9.01(b) by or on behalf of any party that either directly or indirectly through its affiliates is in breach or violation of any representation, warranty, covenant, agreement or obligation contained herein and such breach or violation is the proximate cause of the failure of a condition set forth in Article VIII on or prior to the Outside Date;”

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g. The definition of “Amended and Restated Forward Purchase Agreement” in the recital of the Business Combination Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

“the Amended and Restated Forward Purchase Agreement, dated as of the date hereof (as amended, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “**Amended and Restated Forward Purchase Agreement**”),”

2. Consent. For all purposes under the Business Combination Agreement, as amended, SPAC hereby consents to the Company and Holdings entering into and performing all of its obligations contemplated under that certain Amended and Restated Subordinated Convertible Promissory Note Purchase Agreement, dated on or about the date hereof, by and among the Company, Holdings, and the persons and entities listed on the schedule of lenders attached thereto.

3. Remaining Effect. Except as amended hereby, the Business Combination Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and is ratified and affirmed by the Parties. All references to the Business Combination Agreement set forth therein shall hereafter be deemed to refer to the Business Combination Agreement as amended by this Amendment.

4. Miscellaneous. Section 9.04 (*Amendment*), Section 9.05 (*Waiver*), and Article X (*General Provisions*) of the Business Combination Agreement are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

[*Signature Pages Follow*]

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have caused this Amendment to be executed as of the date first set forth above by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized.

**G SQUARED ASCEND I INC.**

By: /s/ Ward Davis

Name: Ward Davis

Title: Chief Executive Officer

[Signature Page to Amendment No. 1 to the Business Combination Agreement]

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have caused this Amendment to be executed as of the date first set forth above by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized.

**HORIZON MERGER SUB INC.**

By: /s/ Tom Hoban

Name: Tom Hoban

Title: President

[Signature Page to Amendment No. 1 to the Business Combination Agreement]

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have caused this Amendment to be executed as of the date first set forth above by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized.

**TRANSFIX, INC.**

By: /s/ Lily Shen

Name: Lily Shen

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

[Signature Page to Amendment No. 1 to Business Combination Agreement]

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have caused this Amendment to be executed as of the date first set forth above by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized.

**TRANSFIX HOLDINGS, INC.**

By: /s/ Lily Shen

Name: Lily Shen

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

[Signature Page to Amendment No. 1 to the Business Combination Agreement]

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## SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED FORWARD PURCHASE AGREEMENT

This Second Amended and Restated Forward Purchase Agreement (this “Agreement”) is entered into as of June 8, 2022, by and between G Squared Ascend I Inc., a Cayman Islands exempted company (the “Company”), and G Squared Ascend Management I, LLC, a Cayman Islands limited liability company (the “Purchaser”). Capitalized terms not defined in this Agreement shall have the meaning giving such terms in the Business Combination Agreement (as defined below).

WHEREAS, the parties hereto previously entered into that certain Forward Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 4, 2021 (the “Original FPA”) and that certain Amended and Restated Forward Purchase Agreement, dated as of September 20, 2021 (the “A&R FPA”), and now desire to amend and restate the A&R FPA in its entirety in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein;

WHEREAS, the Company was incorporated for the purpose of effecting a merger, stock exchange, asset acquisition, stock purchase, reorganization or similar business combination with one or more businesses (a “Business Combination”);

WHEREAS, the Company filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) a draft registration statement on Form S-1 (the “Registration Statement”) for its initial public offering (“IPO”) of units (the “Public Units”) at a price of \$10.00 per Public Unit, each comprised of one Class A ordinary share of the Company, par value \$0.0001 per share (the “Class A Share(s)”), and one-fifth of one redeemable warrant, where each whole redeemable warrant is exercisable to purchase one Class A Share at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share (the “Warrant(s)”). Only whole Warrants are exercisable. A holder of Warrants will not be able to exercise any fraction of a Warrant. The Company did not issue fractional Warrants other than as part of the Public Units. If, upon the detachment of the Warrants from the Public Units or otherwise, a holder of Warrants would be entitled to receive a fractional Warrant, the Company shall round down to the nearest whole number the number of Warrants to be issued to such holder;

WHEREAS, the Registration Statement was declared effective on February 4, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Company intends to consummate the Company’s initial Business Combination (the “Business Combination”), pursuant to that certain Business Combination Agreement, dated as of September 20, 2021 (as may be amended or restated or supplemented from time to time, the “Business Combination Agreement”), by and among the Company, Horizon Merger Sub Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned direct subsidiary of the Company, Transfix, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Transfix”), and Transfix Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned direct subsidiary of Transfix; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to enter into this Agreement, pursuant to which immediately prior to the closing of the Business Combination (the “Business Combination Closing”), the Company shall issue and sell, and the Purchaser shall purchase, on a private placement basis, the aggregate (i) number of forward purchase securities (the “Forward Purchase Securities”), with each Forward Purchase Security consisting of one Class A Share (the “Forward Purchase Share(s)”) and one-fifth of one Warrant (the “Forward Purchase Warrant(s)”), and (ii) the aggregate number of Forward Purchase Warrants, in each case, determined pursuant to Section 1(a)(i) hereof on the terms and conditions set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, representations, warranties and the mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt, sufficiency and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

### 1. Sale and Purchase.

#### (a) Forward Purchase Securities and Forward Purchase Warrants.

(i) The aggregate number of Forward Purchase Securities and Forward Purchase Warrants that the Company shall be required to issue and sell, and the Purchaser shall be required to purchase, hereunder, and the aggregate purchase price to be paid for such Forward Purchase Securities and Forward Purchase Warrants, shall be determined as follows:

A. After the Company’s final determination of the aggregate number of SPAC Class A Ordinary Shares redeemed pursuant to the Redemption Rights (the “Redeemed Shares”) and the aggregate amount payable by the Company with respect to all Redeemed Shares (the “Redemption Amount”), but in no event later than two (2) Business Days after the redemption date (as set forth in the Registration Statement), the Company shall deliver a written notice to the Purchaser (such notice, the “Purchase Notice”) specifying: (I) the Redeemed Shares and the Redemption Amount; (II) the aggregate number of public Class A Shares purchased

by Purchaser or any of its affiliates in transactions after the redemption date (as set forth in the Registration Statement) and prior to the delivery of the Purchase Notice (the “Acquired Public Shares”) and the aggregate amount paid by Purchaser and its affiliates with respect to all Acquired Public Shares (the “Acquired Public Share Purchase Price”); (III) the anticipated date of the Business Combination Closing; (IV) the aggregate number of Forward Purchase Securities and Forward Purchase Warrants and the aggregate Forward Purchase Price and Warrant Purchase Price, together with evidence of the calculations of such aggregate amounts reasonably satisfactory to Transfix; and (V) instructions for wiring the Forward Purchase Price and the Warrant Purchase Price.

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B. Subject to Section 1(a)(i)(D), the aggregate number of Forward Purchase Securities that the Company shall issue and sell, and the Purchaser or its assigns in accordance with Section 6(f) shall purchase, in each case, pursuant to this Agreement (the “Final Number of Forward Purchase Securities”), shall equal: (I) the Committed Amount plus the Additional Amount; *multiplied by* (II) 0.1. The purchase price for each Forward Purchase Security purchased and sold pursuant to this Section 1(a)(i)(B) shall equal \$10.00.

C. In addition to the Final Number of Forward Purchase Securities, and subject to Section 1(a)(i)(D), the aggregate number of Forward Purchase Warrants that the Company shall issue and sell, and the Purchaser shall purchase, in each case, pursuant to this Agreement, shall equal a number of Forward Purchase Warrants equal to one-fifth of the Acquired Public Shares rounded down to the nearest whole Forward Purchase Warrant (the “Final Number of Forward Purchase Warrants”). The purchase price for each Forward Purchase Warrant purchased and sold pursuant to this Section 1(a)(i)(C) shall equal \$0.0001 per whole Forward Purchase Warrant (the aggregate amount paid by Purchaser with respect to all Forward Purchase Warrants purchased and sold pursuant to this Section 1(a)(i)(C), the “Forward Purchase Warrant Price”).

D. As used in this Agreement, (I) “Committed Amount” means an amount, which shall in no event be less than zero dollars (\$0.00) or greater than fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000), equal to fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) *less* (i) the Acquired Public Share Purchase Price and *less* (ii) the aggregate amount of principal under each Note (as defined in the Note Purchase Agreement) that is converted in connection with the consummation of the Business Combination into shares of Surviving Corporation Common Stock and Assumed SPAC Warrants in accordance with the Note Purchase Agreement; (II) “Additional Amount” means an amount, which shall in no event be less than zero dollars (\$0.00) or greater than fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000), equal to the Redemption Amount *less* the amount, if any, by which the Acquired Public Share Purchase Price exceeds fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000); and (III) “Forward Purchase Price” means the sum of the Committed Amount plus the Additional Amount. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, in no event will the sum of the Forward Purchase Price *plus* the Acquired Public Share Purchase Price equal an amount greater than one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000).

(ii) Each Forward Purchase Warrant will have the same terms as each Warrant sold as part of the Public Units in the IPO, and will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Warrant Agreement, dated as of February 4, 2021, between the Company and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as Warrant Agent (the “Warrant Agreement”). Each Forward Purchase Warrant will entitle the holder thereof to purchase one Class A Share at a price of \$11.50 per share, subject to adjustment as described in the Warrant Agreement, and only whole Forward Purchase Warrants will be exercisable. The Forward Purchase Warrants will become exercisable thirty (30) days after the Business Combination Closing, and will expire five years after the Business Combination Closing or earlier upon redemption or the liquidation of the Company, as described in the Warrant Agreement.

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(iii) The closing of the sale of the Final Number of Forward Purchase Securities and Final Number of Forward Purchase Warrants, if any (the “FPS Closing”), shall be held on the same date and concurrently with the Business Combination Closing (such date being referred to as the “Closing Date”). At least one (1) Business Day prior to the Closing Date, the Purchaser shall deliver to the Company the Forward Purchase Price for the Final Number of Forward Purchase Securities and the Forward Purchase Warrant Price for the Final Number of Forward Purchase Warrants, in each case, by wire transfer of U.S. dollars in immediately available funds to the account specified by the Company in such notice to be held in escrow until the FPS Closing. Immediately prior to the FPS Closing on the Closing Date, (i) the Forward Purchase Price and the Forward Purchase Warrant Price shall each be released to the Company from escrow automatically and without further action by the Company or the Purchaser, and (ii) upon such release, the Company shall issue the

Final Number of Forward Purchase Securities and Final Number of Forward Purchase Warrants to the Purchaser in book-entry form, free and clear of any liens or other restrictions whatsoever (other than those arising under state or federal securities laws, this Agreement, the Registration Rights Agreement (as defined below), the Sponsor Support agreement or the Surviving Corporation Bylaws, as applicable), registered in the name of the Purchaser (or its nominee(s)), or to a custodian designated by Purchaser (or its nominee(s)). In the event the Business Combination Closing does not occur within five (5) Business Days of the scheduled Closing Date, the FPS Closing shall not occur and the Company shall promptly (but not later than one (1) Business Day thereafter) return the Forward Purchase Price and the Forward Purchase Warrant Price to the Purchaser. For purposes of this Agreement, “Business Day” means any day, other than a Saturday or a Sunday, that is neither a legal holiday nor a day on which banking institutions are generally authorized or required by law or regulation to close in the City of New York, New York.

(b) Delivery of Forward Purchase Securities.

(i) The Company shall register the Purchaser as the owner of the Final Number of Forward Purchase Securities and Final Number of Forward Purchase Warrants purchased by the Purchaser hereunder (individually or collectively, the “Securities”) with the Company’s transfer agent by book entry on or promptly after (but in no event more than two (2) Business Days after) the date of the FPS Closing.

(ii) Each register and book entry for the Securities shall contain a notation, and each certificate (if any) evidencing the Securities shall be stamped or otherwise imprinted with a legend, in substantially the following form:

“THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED HEREBY HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED, OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION, AND MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED IN VIOLATION OF SUCH ACT AND LAWS. THE SALE, PLEDGE, HYPOTHECATION OR TRANSFER OF THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED HEREBY ARE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A CERTAIN FORWARD PURCHASE AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE HOLDER AND THE COMPANY, COPIES OF SUCH AGREEMENT MAY BE OBTAINED UPON WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE SECRETARY OF THE COMPANY.”

(c) Legend Removal. If the Securities are eligible to be sold without restriction under, and without the Company being in compliance with the current public information requirements of, Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), then at the Purchaser’s request, the Company will, at its sole expense, cause the Company’s transfer agent to remove the legend set forth in Section 1(b)(ii). In connection therewith, if required by the Company’s transfer agent, the Company will promptly cause an opinion of counsel to be delivered to and maintained with its transfer agent, together with any other authorizations, certificates and directions required by the transfer agent that authorize and direct the transfer agent to transfer such Securities without any such legend; provided, however, that the Company will not be required to deliver any such opinion, authorization or certificate or direction if it reasonably believes that removal of the legend could result in or facilitate transfers of Securities in violation of applicable law.

(d) Registration Rights. The Purchaser shall have registration rights with respect to the Securities pursuant to that certain Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “Registration Rights Agreement”) to be entered into by the Company, Purchaser and certain other parties at the Business Combination Closing.

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(e) Antitrust Laws. To the extent required under any Laws that are designed to prohibit, restrict or regulate actions having the purpose or effect of monopolization or restraint of trade, including the HSR Act (“Antitrust Laws”), each of the Company and Purchaser agrees to promptly make any required filing or application under Antitrust Laws, as applicable, and with respect to the HSR Act make any required filings no later than fifteen (15) Business Days after the date of this Agreement. The Company and Purchaser hereto agree to supply as promptly as reasonably practicable any additional information and documentary material that may be requested pursuant to Antitrust Laws and to take all other actions necessary, proper or advisable to cause the expiration or termination of the applicable waiting periods or obtain required approvals, as applicable, under Antitrust Laws as soon as practicable, including by requesting early termination of the waiting period provided for under the HSR Act.

**2. Representations and Warranties of the Purchaser.** The Purchaser represents and warrants to the Company as follows, as of the date hereof:

(a) Organization and Power. The Purchaser is duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of incorporation or organization and has all requisite power and authority to carry on its business as presently conducted and as proposed to be conducted.

(b) Authorization. The Purchaser has full power and authority to enter into this Agreement. This Agreement, when executed and delivered by the Purchaser, will constitute the valid and legally binding obligation of the Purchaser, enforceable against the Purchaser in accordance with its terms, except (a) as limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance and any other laws of general application affecting enforcement of creditors' rights generally, (b) as limited by laws relating to the availability of specific performance, injunctive relief or other equitable remedies, or (c) to the extent the indemnification provisions contained in the Registration Rights Agreement may be limited by applicable federal or state securities laws.

(c) Governmental Consents and Filings. No consent, approval, order or authorization of, or registration, qualification, designation, declaration or filing with, any federal, state or local governmental authority is required on the part of the Purchaser in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(d) Compliance with Other Instruments. The execution, delivery and performance by the Purchaser of this Agreement and the consummation by the Purchaser of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement will not result in any violation or default (i) of any provisions of its organizational documents, (ii) of any instrument, judgment, order, writ or decree to which it is a party or by which it is bound, (iii) under any note, indenture or mortgage to which it is a party or by which it is bound, (iv) under any lease, agreement, contract or purchase order to which it is a party or by which it is bound or (v) of any provision of federal or state statute, rule or regulation applicable to the Purchaser, in each case (other than clause (i)), which would have a material adverse effect on the Purchaser or its ability to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(e) Purchase Entirely for Own Account. This Agreement is made with the Purchaser in reliance upon the Purchaser's representation to the Company, which by the Purchaser's execution of this Agreement, the Purchaser hereby confirms, that the Securities to be acquired by the Purchaser will be acquired for investment for the Purchaser's own account, not as a nominee or agent, and not with a view to the resale or distribution of any part thereof, and that the Purchaser has no present intention of selling, granting any participation in, or otherwise distributing the same in violation of law. By executing this Agreement, the Purchaser further represents that the Purchaser does not presently have any contract, undertaking, agreement or arrangement with any Person to sell, transfer or grant participations to such Person or to any third Person, with respect to any of the Securities. For purposes of this Agreement, "Person" means an individual, a limited liability company, a partnership, a joint venture, a corporation, a trust, an unincorporated organization, any other entity or any government or any department or agency thereof.

(f) Disclosure of Information. The Purchaser has had an opportunity to discuss the Company's business, management, financial affairs and the terms and conditions of the offering of the Securities, as well as the terms of the Company's IPO and the proposed Business Combination, with the Company's management.

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(g) Restricted Securities. The Purchaser understands that the offer and sale of the Securities to the Purchaser has not been, and will not be, registered under the Securities Act, by reason of a specific exemption from the registration provisions of the Securities Act which depends upon, among other things, the bona fide nature of the investment intent and the accuracy of the Purchaser's representations as expressed herein. The Purchaser understands that the Securities are "restricted securities" under applicable U.S. federal and state securities laws and that, pursuant to these laws, the Purchaser must hold the Securities indefinitely unless they are registered with the SEC and qualified by state authorities, or an exemption from such registration and qualification requirements is available. The Purchaser acknowledges that the Company has no obligation to register or qualify the Securities, or any Class A Shares into which the Securities may be converted into or exercised for, for resale, except pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement. The Purchaser further acknowledges that if an exemption from registration or qualification is available, it may be conditioned on various requirements including, but not limited to, the time and manner of sale, the holding period for the Securities, and on requirements relating to the Company which are outside of the Purchaser's control, and which the Company is under no obligation and may not be able to satisfy. The Purchaser acknowledges that the Registration Statement was declared effective on February 4, 2021. The Purchaser understands that the offering of the Securities is not, and is not intended to be, part of the IPO, and that the Purchaser will not be able to rely on the protection of Section 11 of the Securities Act with respect to such Securities.

(h) No Public Market. The Purchaser understands that no public market now exists for the Securities, and that the Company has made no assurances that a public market will ever exist for the Securities.

(i) High Degree of Risk. The Purchaser understands that its agreement to purchase the Securities involves a high degree of risk which could cause the Purchaser to lose all or part of its investment.

(j) Accredited Investor. The Purchaser is an “accredited investor” as defined in Rule 501(a) of Regulation D promulgated under the Securities Act.

(k) No General Solicitation. Neither the Purchaser, nor any of its officers, directors, employees, agents, stockholders or partners has either directly or indirectly, including, through a broker or finder (i) to its knowledge, engaged in any general solicitation, or (ii) published any advertisement in connection with the offer and sale of the Securities.

(l) Non-Public Information. The Purchaser acknowledges its obligations under applicable securities laws with respect to the treatment of material non-public information relating to the Company.

(m) Adequacy of Financing. The Purchaser has available to it sufficient funds to satisfy its obligations under this Agreement.

(n) Affiliation of Certain FINRA Members. The Purchaser is neither a person associated nor affiliated with UBS Investment Bank or, to its actual knowledge, any other member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority that participated as an underwriter in the IPO.

(o) No Other Representations and Warranties; Non-Reliance. Except for the specific representations and warranties contained in this Section 2 and in any certificate or agreement delivered pursuant hereto, none of the Purchaser nor any person acting on behalf of the Purchaser nor any of the Purchaser’s affiliates (the “Purchaser Parties”) has made, makes or shall be deemed to make any other express or implied representation or warranty with respect to the Purchaser and this offering, and the Purchaser Parties disclaim any such representation or warranty. Except for the specific representations and warranties expressly made by the Company in Section 3 of this Agreement and in any certificate or agreement delivered pursuant hereto, the Purchaser Parties specifically disclaim that they are relying upon any other representations or warranties that may have been made by the Company, any person on behalf of the Company or any of the Company’s affiliates (collectively, the “Company Parties”).

**3. Representations and Warranties of the Company.** The Company represents and warrants to the Purchaser as follows:

(a) Incorporation and Corporate Power. The Company is duly incorporated and validly existing and in good standing as an exempted company under the laws of the Cayman Islands and has all requisite corporate power and authority to carry on its business as presently conducted and as proposed to be conducted. The Company has no subsidiaries.

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(b) Authorization. All corporate action required to be taken by the Company’s Board of Directors and shareholders in order to authorize the Company to enter into this Agreement, and to issue the Securities at the FPS Closing, and the securities issuable upon conversion or exercise of the Securities, has been taken or will be taken prior to the FPS Closing, as applicable. All action on the part of the shareholders, directors and officers of the Company necessary for the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the performance of all obligations of the Company under this Agreement to be performed as of the FPS Closing, and the issuance and delivery of the Securities and the securities issuable upon conversion or exercise of the Securities has been taken or will be taken prior to the FPS Closing. This Agreement, when executed and delivered by the Company, shall constitute the valid and legally binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms except (i) as limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance, or other laws of general application relating to or affecting the enforcement of creditors’ rights generally, (ii) as limited by laws relating to the availability of specific performance, injunctive relief, or other equitable remedies, or (iii) to the extent the indemnification provisions contained in the Registration Rights Agreement may be limited by applicable federal or state securities laws.

(c) Valid Issuance of Securities.



(i) The Securities, when issued, sold and delivered in accordance with the terms and for the consideration set forth in this Agreement, and the Company's amended and restated memorandum and articles of association (the "Articles"), and the securities issuable upon conversion of exercise of the Securities, when issued in accordance with the terms of the Securities and this Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and free of all preemptive or similar rights, taxes, liens, encumbrances and charges with respect to the issue thereof and restrictions on transfer other than restrictions on transfer specified under this Agreement, the Registration Rights Agreement, the Sponsor Support Agreement, the Surviving Corporation Bylaws, applicable securities laws and liens or encumbrances created by or imposed by the Purchaser. Assuming the accuracy of the representations of the Purchaser in this Agreement and subject to the filings described in Section 3(d) below, the Securities and the securities issuable upon conversion of the Securities will be issued in compliance with all applicable federal and state securities laws. (ii) No "bad actor" disqualifying event described in Rule 506(d)(1)(i)-(viii) of the Securities Act (a "Disqualification Event") is applicable to the Company or, to the Company's knowledge, any Company Covered Person (as defined below), except for a Disqualification Event as to which Rule 506(d)(2)(ii-iv) or (d)(3), is applicable. "Company Covered Person" means, with respect to the Company as an "issuer" for purposes of Rule 506 promulgated under the Securities Act, any Person listed in the first paragraph of Rule 506(d)(1).

(d) Governmental Consents and Filings. Assuming the accuracy of the representations and warranties made by the Purchaser in this Agreement, no consent, approval, order or authorization of, or registration, qualification, designation, declaration or filing with, any federal, state or local governmental authority is required on the part of the Company in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except for filings pursuant to Regulation D of the Securities Act, and applicable state securities laws and pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement.

(e) Compliance with Other Instruments. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement will not result in any violation or default (i) of any provisions of the Company's Articles or its other governing documents, (ii) of any instrument, judgment, order, writ or decree to which it is a party or by which it is bound, (iii) under any note, indenture or mortgage to which it is a party or by which it is bound, (iv) under any lease, agreement, contract or purchase order to which it is a party or by which it is bound or (v) of any provision of federal or state statute, rule or regulation applicable to the Company, in each case (other than clause (i)) which would have a material adverse effect on the Company or its ability to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(f) Operations. As of the date hereof, the Company has not conducted, and prior to the Business Combination Closing the Company will not conduct, any operations other than organizational activities and activities in connection with offerings of the Securities or the Public Units in the IPO.

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(g) Foreign Corrupt Practices. Neither the Company, nor any director, officer, agent, employee or other Person acting on behalf of the Company has, in the course of its actions for, or on behalf of, the Company (i) used any corporate funds for any unlawful contribution, gift, entertainment or other unlawful expenses relating to political activity; (ii) made any direct or indirect unlawful payment to any foreign or domestic government official or employee from corporate funds; (iii) violated or is in violation of any provision of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended; or (iv) made any unlawful bribe, rebate, payoff, influence payment, kickback or other unlawful payment to any foreign or domestic government official or employee.

(h) Compliance with Anti-Money Laundering Laws. The operations of the Company are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements and all other applicable U.S. and non-U.S. anti-money laundering laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, those of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the USA Patriot Act of 2001 and the applicable money laundering statutes of all applicable jurisdictions, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the "Anti-Money Laundering Laws"), and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company with respect to the Anti-Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened.

(i) Absence of Litigation. There is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation before or by any court, public board, government agency, self-regulatory organization or body pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened against or affecting the Company or any of the Company's officers or directors, whether of a civil or criminal nature or otherwise, in their capacities as such.

(j) No General Solicitation. Neither the Company, nor any of its officers, directors, employees, agents or shareholders, has either directly or indirectly, including, through a broker or finder (i) engaged in any general solicitation or (ii) published any advertisement in connection with the offer and sale of the Securities.

(k) No Other Representations and Warranties; Non-Reliance. Except for the specific representations and warranties contained in this Section 3 and in any certificate or agreement delivered pursuant hereto, none of the Company Parties has made, makes or shall be deemed to make any other express or implied representation or warranty with respect to the Company, this offering, the IPO or the Business Combination, and the Company Parties disclaim any such representation or warranty. Except for the specific representations and warranties expressly made by the Purchaser in Section 2 of this Agreement and in any certificate or agreement delivered pursuant hereto, the Company Parties specifically disclaim that they are relying upon any other representations or warranties that may have been made by the Purchaser Parties.

#### 4. FPS Closing Conditions.

(a) The obligation of the Purchaser to purchase the Securities at the FPS Closing under this Agreement shall be subject to the fulfillment, at or prior to the FPS Closing, of each of the following conditions, any of which, to the extent permitted by applicable laws, may be waived by the Purchaser:

(i) The Business Combination shall be consummated substantially concurrent with, and immediately following, the purchase of Securities;

(ii) The representations and warranties of the Company set forth in Section 3 of this Agreement shall have been true and correct as of the date hereof and shall be true and correct as of the FPS Closing, as applicable, with the same effect as though such representations and warranties had been made on and as of such date (other than any such representation or warranty that is made by its terms as of a specified date, which shall be true and correct as of such specified date), except where the failure to be so true and correct would not have a material adverse effect on the Company or its ability to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement;

(iii) The Company shall have performed, satisfied and complied in all material respects with the covenants, agreements and conditions required by this Agreement to be performed, satisfied or complied with by the Company at or prior to the FPS Closing; *provided*, that, for purposes of this Section 4(a)(iii), a covenant, agreement or condition of the Company shall only be deemed to have not been performed if the Company has materially breached such covenant, agreement or condition and failed to cure within five (5) days after written notice of such breach has been delivered to the Company;

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(iv) No order shall have been entered by or with any governmental, regulatory, or administrative authority or any court, tribunal, or judicial, or arbitral body, and no other legal restraint or prohibition shall be in effect, preventing the purchase by the Purchaser from the Company of the Securities; and

(b) The obligation of the Company to sell the Securities at the FPS Closing under this Agreement shall be subject to the fulfillment, at or prior to the FPS Closing, of each of the following conditions, any of which, to the extent permitted by applicable laws, may be waived by the Company:

(i) The Business Combination shall be consummated substantially concurrent with, and immediately following, the purchase of Securities;

(ii) The representations and warranties of the Purchaser set forth in Section 2 of this Agreement shall have been true and correct as of the date hereof and shall be true and correct as of the FPS Closing, as applicable, with the same effect as though such representations and warranties had been made on and as of such date (other than any such representation or warranty that is made by its terms as of a specified date, which shall be true and correct as of such specified date), except where the failure to be so true and correct would not have a material adverse effect on the Purchaser or its ability to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement;

(iii) The Purchaser shall have performed, satisfied and complied in all material respects with the covenants, agreements and conditions required by this Agreement to be performed, satisfied or complied with by the Purchaser at or prior to the FPS Closing; *provided*, that, for purposes of this Section 4(b)(iii), a covenant, agreement or condition of the Purchaser shall only be deemed to have not been performed if the Purchaser has materially breached such covenant, agreement or condition and failed to cure within five (5) days after written notice of such breach has been delivered to the Purchaser; and

(iv) No order shall have been entered by or with any governmental, regulatory, or administrative authority or any court, tribunal, or judicial, or arbitral body, and no other legal restraint or prohibition shall be in effect, preventing the purchase by the Purchaser from the Company of the Securities.

**5. Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the FPS Closing:

(a) by mutual written consent of Transfix, the Company and the Purchaser; or

(b) automatically:

(i) upon the valid termination of the Business Combination Agreement in accordance with its terms; or

(ii) if the Company becomes subject to any voluntary or involuntary petition under the United States federal bankruptcy laws or any state insolvency law, in each case which is not withdrawn within sixty (60) days after being filed, or a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer is appointed by a court for business or property of the Company, in each case which is not removed, withdrawn or terminated within sixty (60) days after such appointment.

In the event of any termination of this Agreement pursuant to this Section 5, the Purchase Price (and interest thereon, if any), if previously paid, and all the Purchaser's funds paid in connection herewith shall be promptly returned to the Purchaser, and thereafter this Agreement shall forthwith become null and void and have no effect, without any liability on the part of the Purchaser or the Company and their respective directors, officers, employees, partners, managers, members, or stockholders and all rights and obligations of each party shall cease; provided, however, that nothing contained in this Section 5 shall relieve either party from liabilities or damages arising out of any fraud or willful breach by such party of any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements contained in this Agreement.

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## 6. General Provisions.

(a) Notices. All notices and other communications given or made pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed effectively given upon the earlier of actual receipt, or (a) personal delivery to the party to be notified, (b) when sent, if sent by electronic mail or facsimile (if any) during normal business hours of the recipient, and if not sent during normal business hours, then on the recipient's next Business Day, (c) five (5) Business Days after having been sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or (d) one (1) Business Day after deposit with a nationally recognized overnight courier, freight prepaid, specifying next Business Day delivery, with written verification of receipt. All communications sent to the Company shall be sent to:

G Squared Ascend I Inc.  
205 N Michigan Ave  
Suite 3770  
Chicago, IL 60601  
Attn: Tom Hoban, Chief Financial Officer

with a copy to the Company's counsel at:

Goodwin Procter LLP  
100 Northern Avenue  
Boston, Massachusetts 02210  
Attn: Jocelyn M. Arel, Esq.

All communications to the Purchaser shall be sent to the Purchaser's address as set forth on the signature page hereof, or to such e-mail address, facsimile number (if any) or address as subsequently modified by written notice given in accordance with this Section 6(a).

(b) No Finder's Fees. Other than fees (whether deferred or otherwise) payable to UBS Investment Bank, which shall be the responsibility of the Company, each party represents that it neither is nor will be obligated for any finder's fee or commission in connection with this transaction. The Purchaser agrees to indemnify and to hold harmless the Company from any liability for any commission or compensation in the nature of a finder's or broker's fee arising out of this transaction (and the costs and expenses of defending against such liability or asserted liability) for which the Purchaser or any of its officers, employees or representatives is responsible. The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Purchaser from any liability for any commission or compensation in the nature of a finder's or broker's fee arising out of this transaction (and the costs and expenses of defending against such liability or asserted liability) for which the Company or any of its officers, employees or representatives is responsible.

(c) Survival of Representations and Warranties. All of the representations and warranties contained herein shall survive the FPS Closing.

(d) Entire Agreement. This Agreement, together with any documents, instruments and writings that are delivered pursuant hereto or referenced herein, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties hereto in respect of its subject matter and supersedes all prior understandings, agreements, or representations by or among the parties hereto, written or oral, to the extent they relate in any way to the subject matter hereof or the transactions contemplated hereby. The A&R FPA is hereby amended and restated in its entirety; provided, that if this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 5(b)(i), this Agreement shall be null and void and the terms of the Original FPA will be reinstated.

(e) Successors. All of the terms, agreements, covenants, representations, warranties, and conditions of this Agreement are binding upon, and inure to the benefit of and are enforceable by, the parties hereto and their respective successors. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any party other than the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement, except as expressly provided in this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, the Company and the Purchaser hereby acknowledge and agree that Transfix is an express third party beneficiary of this Agreement. Each of the parties hereto acknowledge and agree that Transfix shall be entitled to seek and obtain equitable relief, without proof of actual damages, including an injunction or injunctions or order for specific performance to prevent breaches of this Agreement and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions of this Agreement to cause the Company to cause, or directly cause, the Purchaser to fund the aggregate Forward Purchase Price and the Forward Purchase Warrant Price and cause the FPS Closing to occur if the conditions in Section 4 have been satisfied or, to the extent permitted by applicable law, waived.

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(f) Assignments. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, no party hereto may assign either this Agreement or any of its rights, interests, or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the other party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Purchaser may assign and delegate all or a portion of its rights and, obligations to purchase the Securities to one or more other persons or entities upon the consent of the Company (which consent shall not be unreasonably conditioned, withheld or delayed); provided, however, that no consent of the Company shall be required if such assignment or delegation is to an affiliate of Purchaser; provided, further, that no such assignment or delegation shall relieve Purchaser of its obligations hereunder.

(g) Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

(h) Headings. The section headings contained in this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and will not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

(i) Governing Law. This Agreement, the entire relationship of the parties hereto, and any dispute between the parties (whether grounded in contract, tort, statute, law or equity) shall be governed by, construed in accordance with, and interpreted pursuant to the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to its choice of laws principles.

(j) Jurisdiction. The parties (i) hereby irrevocably and unconditionally submit to the jurisdiction of the state courts of New York and to the jurisdiction of 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 or based upon this Agreement, (b) agree not to commence any suit, action or other proceeding arising out of or based upon this Agreement except in state courts of New York or the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and (c) hereby waive, and agree not to assert, by way of motion, as a defense, or otherwise, in any such suit, action or proceeding, any claim that it is not subject personally to the jurisdiction of the above-named courts, that its property is exempt or immune from attachment or execution, that the suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum, that the venue of the suit, action or proceeding is improper or that this Agreement or the subject matter hereof may not be enforced in or by such court.

(k) Waiver of Jury Trial. The parties hereto hereby waive any right to a jury trial in connection with any litigation pursuant to this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby.

(l) Amendments. This Agreement may not be amended, modified or waived as to any particular provision, except with the prior written consent of Transfix, the Company and the Purchaser.

(m) Severability. The provisions of this Agreement will be deemed severable and the invalidity or unenforceability of any provision will not affect the validity or enforceability of the other provisions hereof; provided that if any provision of this Agreement, as applied to any party hereto or to any circumstance, is adjudged by a governmental authority, arbitrator, or mediator not to be enforceable in accordance with its terms, the parties hereto agree that the governmental authority, arbitrator, or mediator making such determination will have the power to modify the provision in a manner consistent with its objectives such that it is enforceable, and/or to delete specific words or phrases, and in its reduced form, such provision will then be enforceable and will be enforced.

(n) Expenses. The Company will bear its own and the Purchaser's costs and expenses incurred in connection with the preparation, execution and performance of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, including all fees and expenses of agents, representatives, financial advisors, legal counsel and accountants; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to pay any costs or expenses of the Purchaser unless and until the Business Combination is consummated. The Company shall be responsible for the fees of its transfer agent; stamp taxes and all of The Depository Trust Company's fees associated with the issuance and resale of the Securities and the securities issuable upon conversion or exercise of the Securities.

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(o) Construction. The parties hereto have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement. If an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement will be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties hereto and no presumption or burden of proof will arise favoring or disfavoring any party hereto because of the authorship of any provision of this Agreement. Any reference to any federal, state, local, or foreign law will be deemed also to refer to law as amended and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, unless the context requires otherwise. The words "*include*," "*includes*," and "*including*" will be deemed to be followed by "*without limitation*." Pronouns in masculine, feminine, and neuter genders will be construed to include any other gender, and words in the singular form will be construed to include the plural and vice versa, unless the context otherwise requires. The words "*this Agreement*," "*herein*," "*hereof*," "*hereby*," "*hereunder*," and words of similar import refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular subdivision unless expressly so limited. The parties hereto intend that each representation, warranty, and covenant contained herein will have independent significance. If any party hereto has breached any representation, warranty, or covenant contained herein in any respect, the fact that there exists another representation, warranty or covenant relating to the same subject matter (regardless of the relative levels of specificity) which such party hereto has not breached will not detract from or mitigate the fact that such party hereto is in breach of the first representation, warranty, or covenant.

(p) Waiver. No waiver by any party hereto of any default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder, whether intentional or not, may be deemed to extend to any prior or subsequent default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder or affect in any way any rights arising because of any prior or subsequent occurrence.

(q) Confidentiality. Except as may be required by law, regulation or applicable stock exchange listing requirements, unless and until the transactions contemplated hereby and the terms hereof are publicly announced or otherwise publicly disclosed by the Company, the parties hereto shall keep confidential and shall not publicly disclose the existence or terms of this Agreement.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Agreement to be effective as of the date first set forth above.

**PURCHASER:**  
**G SQUARED ASCEND MANAGEMENT I, LLC**

By: /s/ Larry Aschebrook

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Name: Larry Aschebrook

Title: Manager

**COMPANY:**  
**G SQUARED ASCEND I INC.**

By: /s/ Ward Davis

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Name: Ward Davis

Title: Chief Executive Officer

[Signature Page to Second Amended and Restated Forward Purchase Agreement]

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<u>Entity Address, Address Line Two</u>	Suite 2770
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<u>Entity Address, State or Province</u>	IL
<u>Entity Address, Postal Zip Code</u>	60601
<u>City Area Code</u>	312
<u>Local Phone Number</u>	552-7160
<u>Written Communications</u>	true
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<u>Pre-commencement Issuer Tender Offer</u>	false
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<u>Security Exchange Name</u>	NYSE
<u>Common Class A [Member]</u>	

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Trading Symbol

GSQD.W

Security Exchange Name

NYSE

Class A ordinary shares, par value \$0.0001 per share,  
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Title of 12(b) Security

Class A ordinary shares, par value \$0.0001 per share,  
issuable upon exercise of Redeemable Warrants

Trading Symbol

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Security Exchange Name

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