#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 Schedule 14A

#### Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. )

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Preliminary Proxy Statement

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#### Xcel Brands, Inc.

Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter

(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement if other than the Registrant)

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X	No Fee Required
	Fee paid previously with preliminary materials.
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#### YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. PLEASE VOTE TODAY.

Vote by Internet –QUICK \*\*\* EASY IMMEDIATE - 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week or by Mail

## XCEL BRANDS, INC.

Your Internet vote authorizes the named proxies to vote your shares in the same manner as if you marked, signed and returned your proxy card. Votes submitted electronically over the Internet must be received by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on December 5, 2023.

INTERNET/MOBILE -

www.cstproxyvote.com Use the Internet to vote your proxy. Have your proxy card available when you access the above website. Follow the prompts to vote your shares.

MAIL - Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided.

### PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THE PROXY CARD IF YOU ARE VOTING ELECTRONICALLY.

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#### PROXY

THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BELOW. IF NO INSTRUCTIONS ARE GIVEN, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR THOSE NOMINEES AND THE PROPOSALS LISTED BELOW. DISCRETIONARY VOTING IS HEREBY CONFERRED AS TO CERTAIN MATTERS DESCRIBED IN THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY STATEMENT.

<ol> <li>Election of Directors NOMINEES         <ul> <li>(01) Robert W. D'Loren</li> <li>(02) Mark DiSanto</li> <li>(03) James D. Fielding</li> <li>(04) Howard Liebman</li> <li>(05) Deborah Weinswig</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	FOR all nominees listed at left except as indicated to the contrary below	WITHOUT AUTHORITY to vote for all nominees listed at left	<ol> <li>To Ratify the appointment of Marcum LLP FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.</li> <li>In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any postponement(s) or adjournments(s) thereof.</li> </ol>
(INSTRUCTION: To withho individual nominee, write t space below)			CONTROL NUMBER

2023

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 Signature
 Signature, if held jointly
 Date

 Note: Please sign exactly as name appears hereon. When shares are held by joint tenants, both should sign. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator,
 trustee or guardian, please give full title as such. If a corporation, please sign in full corporate name by President or other authorized officer. If a partnership, please sign in partnership name by authorized person.

### Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to Be Held on December 6, 2023.

### The Proxy Statement, the form of proxy and the Company's and Annual Report are available at https://www.cstproxy.com/xcelbrands/2023

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PROXY

# XCEL BRANDS, INC.

#### 1333 Broadway, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10018 PROXY FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD DECEMBER 6, 2023 THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The undersigned hereby appoints ROBERT W. D'LOREN and JAMES F. HARAN, and each of them, Proxies, with full power of substitution in each of them, in the name, place and stead of the undersigned, to vote at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Xcel Brands, Inc. on December 6, 2023, at 11:00 AM or at any postponements or adjournments thereof, according to the number of votes that the undersigned would be entitled to vote if personally present, upon the following matters on the reverse side.

(Continued and to be marked, dated and signed, on the other side)