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If you sell or have sold or otherwise transferred all of your Ordinary Shares, please send this document, together with the accompanying Form of Proxy, as soon as possible to the purchaser or transferee, or to the stockbroker, bank or other agent through whom the sale or transfer is or was effected, for delivery to the purchaser or transferee. If you have sold only part of your holding of Ordinary Shares, you should retain these documents and consult the stockbroker, bank or other agent through whom the sale was effected.

#### **EJF INVESTMENTS LTD**

(a company incorporated in Jersey under The Companies (Jersey) Law, 1991 (as amended) with registered number 122353)

PROPOSED CREATION AND ISSUE OF ZDP SHARES

AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

AMENDMENTS TO THE INVESTMENT POLICY

**DISAPPLICATION OF PRE-EMPTION RIGHTS** 

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Proposals described in this Circular are conditional on their approval by the holders of Ordinary Shares in the Company (the "Ordinary Shareholders") by ordinary resolution or special resolution. The purpose of this Circular is to convene an extraordinary general meeting of the Ordinary Shareholders. Notice of the extraordinary general meeting of EJF Investments Ltd to be held at the offices of the Administrator, Crestbridge Fund Administrators Limited, at 47 Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey, JE1 0BD at 1 pm (GMT) on 30 November 2017 (the "Extraordinary General Meeting" or "EGM"), is set out at Part VI of this Circular.

This Circular should be read as a whole. Your attention is drawn to the letter from the Chair of the Company which is set out in Part I (Letter from the Chair) of this Circular and which recommends that you vote in favour of the resolutions to be proposed at the EGM. Your attention is also drawn to paragraph 10 of Part I of this Circular entitled "Action to be Taken".

If you are unable to attend the EGM in person you are requested to return the Form of Proxy accompanying this Circular. To be valid, the Form of Proxy must be completed and signed in accordance with the instructions detailed in the Form of Proxy and returned so as to be received by the Registrar, Link Asset Services, PSX 1, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, BR3 4ZF, United Kingdom as soon as possible but in any event so as to be received not later than 1 pm (GMT) on 28 November 2017. The lodging of a Form of Proxy will not prevent a Shareholder from attending the EGM and voting in person if they so wish.

#### **KEY TIMES AND DATES**

Latest time and date for receipt of Forms of Proxy 1 pm (GMT) on 28 November 2017

Latest time and date for receipt of CREST Proxy 1 pm (GMT) on 28 November 2017

Instructions

Extraordinary General Meeting 1 pm (GMT) on 30 November 2017

The Company is a closed-ended collective investment fund incorporated as a public company limited by shares in Jersey on 20 October 2016 with an unlimited life and is established in Jersey as a listed fund pursuant to the Jersey Listed Fund Guide published by the Jersey Financial Services Commission (the "JFSC"), as amended from time to time, and the Collective Investment Funds (Jersey) Law 1988, as amended. The Company is regulated by the JFSC. The JFSC is protected by both the Collective Investment Funds (Jersey) Law 1988 and the Financial Services (Jersey) Law 1998, as amended, against liability arising from the discharge of its functions under such laws. The JFSC has not reviewed or approved this Circular.

This Circular is not a prospectus and does not constitute or form part of, and should not be construed as, any offer for sale or subscription of, or solicitation of any offer to buy or subscribe for, any securities of the Company in any jurisdiction, including (without limitation) the United States, nor should it or any part of it form the basis of, or be relied on in connection with, any contract or commitment whatsoever in any jurisdiction, including (without limitation) the United States. The ZDP Shares have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "U.S. Securities Act"), or with any securities regulatory authority of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States, and (if issued) may not be offered, sold, pledged, delivered or otherwise transferred, directly or indirectly, into or within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any "U.S. persons" as defined in Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act ("U.S. Persons"), except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act and in compliance with any applicable securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction in the United States. There will be no public offer of any such securities in the United States.

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## PART I LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

#### **EJF INVESTMENTS LTD**

(a company incorporated in Jersey under The Companies (Jersey) Law 1991 (as amended)
with registered number 122353)
Registered Office: 47 Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey, JE1 OBD

#### Directors (all non-executive):

Joanna Dentskevich (Chair) Alan Dunphy Nicholas Watkins Neal J. Wilson

10 November 2017

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AMENDMENTS TO THE INVESTMENT POLICY

**DISAPPLICATION OF PRE-EMPTION RIGHTS** 

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Dear Shareholder

EJF Investments Ltd (the "Company") announced on 11 October 2017 that it was considering raising additional capital, potentially through the issue of zero dividend preference shares, to take advantage of the attractive pipeline of potential investments which the Manager continues to see.

On 9 November 2017, the Company announced the publication of a Prospectus in connection with the issue of 15 million 2022 ZDP Shares (up to a maximum of 20 million 2022 ZDP Shares) (the "First ZDP Placing"), which also permits a placing programme of up to 100 million new Ordinary Shares and/or C Shares and up to 50 million 2022 ZDP Shares (including the 2022 ZDP Shares issued pursuant to the First ZDP Placing) (subject to certain conditions) (the "Placing Programme"). The Company is pleased to have announced that it has conditionally raised £15 million (gross) pursuant to the conditional placing of 15 million 2022 ZDP Shares pursuant to the First ZDP Placing.

The 2022 ZDP Shares issued pursuant to the First ZDP Placing will have a gross redemption yield of 5.75% and a term of five years. The net proceeds of the First ZDP Placing are expected to be used to pursue additional investment opportunities which the Manager is currently evaluating.

The Directors believe that the creation of the ZDP Shares will be beneficial for the Company by providing greater diversity to the Company's sources of capital and operational flexibility which in turn will enable the Company to grow its portfolio of investments and seek to generate attractive returns for holders of Ordinary Shares.

The Company currently has one class of shares in issue, Ordinary Shares, and has the power under its Articles of Association (the "Articles") to issue C Shares. The proposed creation of ZDP Shares is subject to

the approval of the Ordinary Shareholders, and will also require the following related approvals from Ordinary Shareholders:

- (a) Amendments to the Articles the Articles will need to be amended to include details of the rights attaching to the ZDP Shares, together with certain consequential changes to other provisions of the existing Articles to reflect the creation of the ZDP Shares and other immaterial changes. Further details are set out in paragraph 2 of Part I and Part II of this Circular, and a blackline showing the proposed changes to the Articles is set out at Part IV of this Circular;
- (b) Amendments to the Investment Policy As the ZDP Shares will constitute borrowings for long-term investment purposes, if the creation of the ZDP Shares is approved, the Company will need to amend its borrowing and gearing policy to increase its borrowing and gearing limits. The Company also proposes to amend the restriction concerning non-Target Investments to state that such investments shall be limited to investments that are permitted investments for UCITS. Certain other immaterial changes are also proposed. Further details are set out in paragraph 3 of Part I of this Circular and a blackline showing all the changes which are proposed is set out at Part III of this Circular; and
- (c) **Disapplication of Pre-emption Rights** subject to the creation of the ZDP Shares being approved, it is proposed that the Company will extend its existing placing programme to permit the issue of new ZDP Shares in addition to the issue of new Ordinary Shares and/or C Shares. This means that existing shareholder authorities relating to the disapplication of pre-emption rights contained in the Articles will also need to be extended. Further details of the proposed authorities are set out in paragraph 4 of this Part I.

The creation of the ZDP Shares and the changes listed at (a), (b) and (c) above are referred to in this Circular as the "**Proposals**". The purpose of this Circular is to: (i) explain the Proposals; and (ii) give Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting to seek Shareholder approval of the Proposals in accordance with the Articles.

#### 1. DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED ZDP SHARE ISSUANCE AND THE PLACING PROGRAMME

## 1.1 General

To provide for the future needs of the Company, the ZDP Shares will be divided into different classes of ZDP Shares, with each class being denoted according to the year in which these ZDP Shares will be redeemed. This Circular contains details of the first Class of ZDP Shares. In the event that an issue of an additional Class(es) of ZDP Shares is proposed, the Company will seek approval at a future extraordinary general meeting of the Ordinary Shareholders (and, if C Shares have been issued at that time, C Shareholders).

It is proposed that, contingent on the approval of the Proposals by the Ordinary Shareholders being obtained in the manner described further in paragraph 9, "Shareholder Approval", the Company will extend its existing placing programme to permit the issue of ZDP Shares in addition to the issue of new Ordinary Shares and/or C Shares. The Company has published the Prospectus relating to the proposed admission of the first Class of ZDP Shares to trading on the Specialist Fund Segment of the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange, the First ZDP Placing and the Placing Programme.

Pursuant to the Prospectus the Company has conditionally placed 15 million 2022 ZDP Shares which will be redeemed on 30 November 2022.

The maximum number of 2022 ZDP Shares available as part of the First ZDP Placing should not be taken as an indication of the maximum number of ZDP Shares finally to be issued by the Company. Additional 2022 ZDP Shares may be issued, subject to certain conditions, pursuant to subsequent placings of 2022 ZDP Shares under the Placing Programme and additional Classes of ZDP Shares may be issued with a different redemption date under a similar placing programme at some point in the future (subject to the approval of the Ordinary Shareholders and, if C Shares have been issued at that time, C Shareholders).

It is proposed that all 2022 ZDP Shares arising or issued (as the case may be) pursuant to the 2022 ZDP Issue will rank *pari passu* with one another.

An application will be made to the London Stock Exchange for the 2022 ZDP Shares to be issued pursuant to the First ZDP Placing to be admitted to trading on the Specialist Fund Segment of the London Stock Exchange.

#### 1.2 Summary of the proposed rights attaching to the 2022 ZDP Shares

All 2022 ZDP Shares issued pursuant to the First ZDP Placing will be issued at a price of 100 pence per 2022 ZDP Share (the "First ZDP Placing Price"). The placing price for Subsequent ZDP Placings may be different to the First ZDP Placing Price.

The 2022 ZDP Shares (and any other ZDP Shares issued) will have no entitlement to any dividends. Instead, the holders of 2022 ZDP Shares ("2022 ZDP Shareholders") will be entitled to receive a capital sum on the 2022 ZDP Repayment Date of 132.25 pence per 2022 ZDP Share (the "2022 ZDP Final Capital Entitlement").

This 2022 ZDP Final Capital Entitlement is calculated based on the First ZDP Placing Price of 100 pence per 2022 ZDP Share increased at an annual rate equal to 5.75% (the gross redemption yield per 2022 ZDP Share, or the "2022 ZDP Gross Redemption Yield") from and including the date of issue until (and including) the 2022 ZDP Repayment Date. The 2022 ZDP Gross Redemption Yield is not and should not be taken as a forecast of profits.

Following completion of the First ZDP Placing and on the basis of certain assumptions set out in the Prospectus, it is proposed that the 2022 ZDP Shares will have an Initial Cover of 6.2 times and a Final Cover of 4.7 times assuming 15 million 2022 ZDP Shares are issued and a Hurdle Rate of -26.8 per cent. The Minimum Cover Amount for the 2022 ZDP Shares is 3.5 times.

On a return of capital, on a winding up or otherwise, subject to the Companies Law, 2022 ZDP Shareholders will be entitled to receive an amount equal to the First ZDP Placing Price of 100 pence per share as increased at such rate as accrues daily and compounds annually to give a 2022 ZDP Final Capital Entitlement amount of 132.25 pence per 2022 ZDP Share at 30 November 2022, the 2022 ZDP Repayment Date, the first such increase to be deemed to have occurred on 1 December 2017 and the last to occur on the 2022 ZDP Repayment Date.

The 2022 ZDP Final Capital Entitlement will rank behind any creditors of the Company but in priority to the capital entitlements of the Ordinary Shares and C Shares. The 2022 ZDP Shares carry no entitlement to income and the whole of their return, therefore, takes the form of capital.

The 2022 ZDP Shares do not normally carry the right to vote at general meetings of the Company. 2022 ZDP Shareholders will, however, have a right to vote in certain limited circumstances and their separate approval as a class will be required for certain proposals which would be likely to affect their position materially. In particular, in the event that the payment of a dividend would, immediately following such payment, result in the Cover falling below 2.0 times, the prior approval of the 2022 ZDP Shareholders would be required (unless the dividend is paid out of the capital reserves of the Company, in which case the prior approval of 2022 ZDP Shareholders would be required if, immediately following such payment, the Cover would fall below 3.5 times).

Further 2022 ZDP Shares (or any shares or securities which rank *pari passu* with the 2022 ZDP Shares) may only be issued provided that the Directors determine that Cover Test is satisfied and such issue is in accordance with the Company's borrowing limit.

Further information on the rights attaching to the 2022 ZDP Shares is set out at Part II of this Circular.

#### 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES

The rights attached to the 2022 ZDP Shares will, if the Proposals are approved at the Extraordinary General Meeting, be contained in the Articles. This will require amendment of the existing Articles.

The amended articles (the "**New Articles**") will allow for more than one Class of ZDP Shares to be in issue at any one time. Part II of this Circular details the provisions of the Articles in the context of the 2022 ZDP Shares.

In addition to the rights described at Part II of this Circular, certain consequential changes and other immaterial changes will be made to the Articles.

A blackline showing all of the changes which are proposed to be made to the Articles is set out at Part IV of this Circular.

#### 3. CHANGES TO INVESTMENT POLICY

#### 3.1 **Proposed changes**

In connection with the issue of 2022 ZDP Shares (which will constitute borrowings for such purposes), the Company proposes to make a material change to its Investment Policy to increase its borrowing and gearing limit, as described in paragraph 3.4 below.

The Company also proposes to make a material change to its Investment Policy to amend the restriction relating to non-Target Investments, as described in paragraph 3.3(b) below.

In addition, certain immaterial changes will be made:

- (a) in order to better reflect the existing Portfolio, the Company proposes to restate its Investment Policy by re-categorising its Target Investments into two subsets, as described in paragraph 3.2 below; and
- (b) in order to reflect the re-categorisation of its Target Investments, certain other immaterial changes will be made to its Investment Limits and Restrictions, as described at paragraph 3.3(a) below.

A blackline showing all of the changes which are proposed to be made to the Investment Policy (subject to the approval of Ordinary Shareholders by Ordinary Resolution) is set out at Part IIII of this Circular.

## 3.2 Re-statement of Investment policy by re-categorising Target Investments

As set out in its prospectus dated 4 April 2017 (the "4 April Prospectus"), the Company currently seeks to achieve its Investment Objective primarily by investing the majority of its assets in three investment subsets (each a "Target Investment") that have each been created by regulatory and structural changes impacting the financial services sector:

- (a) Risk Retention Investments
- (b) Capital Solutions and ABS Investments; and
- (c) Specialty Finance Investments.

In order to better reflect the existing portfolio, the Company proposes to restate its Investment Policy by re-categorising its Target Investments into two subsets, being:

(a) Securitization and Related Investments which will comprise: (i) Risk Retention and Related Investments (being Risk Retention Investments, together with investments in non-risk

retention securities of EJF Securitizations and other non-EJF sponsored securitizations), (ii) the CDO Manager ("Securitization Investments") and (iii) Capital Solutions and ABS Investments); and

(b) Speciality Finance Investments.

#### 3.3 Amendments to Investment Limits and Restrictions

The Company will make the following changes to its Investment Limits and Restrictions:

- (a) immaterial changes will be made to reflect that Securitization Investments which currently fall under the definition of Capital Solutions and ABS Investments, will, under the new Investment Policy (if approved), fall under the definition of Risk Retention and Related Investments (noting that such investments will still be subject to the same restriction that no more than 20 per cent. of the Company's gross assets shall be invested in any single Securitization Investment); and
- (b) a material change will be made by adding additional wording to the restriction concerning investments that are not Target Investments to state that such investments will be limited to permitted investments for UCITS (noting that the upper limit will remain unchanged at an aggregate total of 20 per cent. of gross assets).

## 3.4 Increase in Borrowing and Gearing Limit

It is proposed that the borrowing and gearing policy will be amended such that the Company will have the availability to borrow up to 35 per cent. of its Net Asset Value (calculated at the time of drawdown), provided that:

- (a) the maximum amount for borrowings for long-term investment purposes within such limit will be 30 per cent. of the Net Asset Value; and
- (b) borrowings for long-term investment purposes may only be incurred when the Minimum Cover Amount is met (calculated at the time of drawdown).

The 2022 ZDP Shares and any other ZDP Shares issued from time to time will constitute borrowings for long-term investment purposes and accordingly count towards such limit.

The Company will be able to utilize any borrowings not used for long-term investment purposes for short-term liquidity purposes and efficient portfolio management purposes, including foreign exchange hedging arrangements and the ability to smooth the receipt of cashflows and payment of dividends.

For the avoidance of doubt, should the Minimum Cover Amount be breached due to, *inter alia*, a fall in Net Asset Value from time to time, there shall be no requirement on the Company to reduce any borrowings for investment purposes which are already in place at the relevant time.

## 4. DISAPPLICATION OF PRE-EMPTION RIGHTS AND BUY-BACK AUTHORITIES

## 4.1 Existing authorities

As the date of this Circular, pursuant to resolutions of the Company's then-Shareholders passed on 9 February 2017 and at the Company's last annual general meeting on 26 June 2017:

4.1.1 the Directors are authorised to allot and issue an aggregate of up to 60 million Ordinary Shares and/or C Shares in connection with the Company's existing placing programme as if pre-emption rights did not apply, such authority to expire on 3 April 2018, save that the Company may, at any time prior to the expiry of such authority, make an offer or enter into an agreement which would

or might require the allotment of Ordinary Shares and/or C Shares in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if such authority had not expired;

- 4.1.2 the Directors are authorised to allot and issue an aggregate of up to 1,248,000 Ordinary Shares pursuant to the exercise of the Warrants as if pre-emption rights did not apply, such authority to expire at 11:59 pm (Central Time) on 3 December 2017, save that where the holder(s) of a Warrant has, at any time prior to the expiry of such authority, validly exercised their Warrant, the Company may issue Ordinary Shares on the terms of that Warrant as if such authority had not expired;
- 4.1.3 the Directors are authorised to allot and issue (or sell from treasury) new Ordinary Shares and/or C Shares for cash in an aggregate amount of up to 2,419,760 Ordinary Shares and/or C Shares, equivalent to approximately 5 per cent. of the total issued share capital of the Company as at 25 May 2017 (being the latest practicable date before publication of the notice of the last annual general meeting) as if pre-emption rights did not apply. This authority is limited to any such allotment and issuance (or sale from treasury):
  - (a) after the final closing date of the existing placing programme (or, if earlier, the date on which no further Ordinary Shares or C Shares may be allotted and issued pursuant to authority referred to in paragraph 4.1.1 of this Part I); and
  - (b) at any time in favour of the Manager in satisfaction of any incentive fees due to it under and in accordance with the terms of the Management Agreement.

Such authority will each expire at the end of the Company's next annual general meeting or, if earlier, 31 July 2018;

- 4.1.4 the Directors are authorised to allot and issue (or sell from treasury) an additional aggregate amount of up to 2,419,760 Ordinary Shares and/or C Shares for cash as if pre-emption rights did not apply, in connection with the financing (or refinancing, if the authority is to be used within six months after the original transaction) of an acquisition or specified capital investment which is announced contemporaneously with the allotment and issuance (or sale from treasury) or which has taken place in the preceding six month period and is disclosed in the announcement of the allotment and issuance (or sale from treasury), such authority to expire at the end of the Company's next annual general meeting or, if earlier, 31 July 2018; and
- 4.1.5 the Company is authorised to make market purchases of Ordinary Shares, in an amount of up to 7,254,443 Ordinary Shares, representing approximately 14.99 per cent. of the Company's issued share capital (excluding those held in treasury) as at 25 May 2017, such authority to expire at the end of the Company's next annual general meeting or, if earlier, on 31 July 2018.

## 4.2 **Proposed authorities**

It is proposed that the authorities at 4.1.1 and 4.1.3 above be replaced by the authorities set out in Resolutions 3 and 4, as set out in the Notice at Part V of this Circular. The authorities at 4.1.2, 4.1.4 and 4.1.5 will continue in force.

#### 5. U.S. SECURITIES LAWS

The 2022 ZDP Shares have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act, or under the securities laws or with any securities regulatory authority of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States', or under the securities laws or with any securities regulatory authority of South Africa, Canada, Australia or Japan and (if issued) may not be offered, sold, exercised, resold, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, within the United States or to or for the account or benefit of, U.S. Persons. The 2022 ZDP Shares may not be offered or sold into or within South Africa, Canada, Australia or Japan.

In connection with the First ZDP Placing and any subsequent placing of 2022 ZDP Shares under the Placing Programme, the 2022 ZDP Shares will be offered and sold only outside the United States in "offshore transactions" to persons who are not U.S. Persons in reliance on Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act. There will be no public offer of the 2022 ZDP Shares in the United States, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the US Securities Act and in compliance with any applicable securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction in the United States. The Prospectus may not be distributed, forwarded, transferred or otherwise transmitted into or within the United States or to any U.S. Persons, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the US Securities Act and in compliance with any applicable securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction in the United States.

In the absence of any amendment to the U.S. Securities Act which changes the above position, any subsequent class(es) of ZDP Shares which are issued will also be issued on the basis set out above.

#### 6. RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSALS

Ordinary Shareholders should have regard to the following risk factors when considering the Proposals:

6.1 The underlying value of assets attributable to the Ordinary Shares and C Shares will be geared by the rising capital entitlements of the 2022 ZDP Shares and therefore should be regarded as carrying above average risk

The Company's capital structure is such that the underlying value of assets attributable to the Ordinary Shares and C Shares will be geared by the rising capital entitlements of the 2022 ZDP Shares. The Ordinary Shares and C Shares are therefore geared by the 2022 ZDP Shares and should be regarded as carrying above average risk since a positive Net Asset Value for the Ordinary Shareholders and C Shareholders will be dependent upon the Company's assets being sufficient to meet those prior entitlements of the holders of 2022 ZDP Shares. Whilst the use of gearing should enhance the total return on the Ordinary Shares where the return on the Company's underlying assets is rising and exceeds the cost of gearing, it will have the opposite effect where the underlying return is falling, further reducing the total return on the Ordinary Shares.

## 6.2 The Ordinary Shares and C Shares rank for repayment of capital after the 2022 ZDP Shares and any creditors of the Company from time to time

The Ordinary Shares and C Shares rank for repayment of capital after the 2022 ZDP Shares and any creditors of the Company from time to time. On a return of assets, including the winding-up of the Company, Ordinary Shareholders and C Shareholders will only receive payment if there are sufficient assets after the payment of creditors and 2022 ZDP Shareholders.

## 6.3 There are structural conflicts of interest between the Ordinary Shareholders, the C Shareholders and the 2022 ZDP Shareholders

The different rights and expectations of the Ordinary Shareholders, the C Shareholders and the 2022 ZDP Shareholders may give rise to conflicts of interest between them. Holders of 2022 ZDP Shares can be expected to have little or no interest in the revenue produced by the Portfolio, save to the extent that the Company's operating costs exceed that revenue. 2022 ZDP Shareholders can be expected to want the capital value of the Portfolio to be sufficient to repay the 2022 ZDP Final Capital Entitlement of the 2022 ZDP Shares on the 2022 ZDP Repayment Date, but can be expected to have little or no interest in any growth in capital in excess of that amount. Conversely, holders of Ordinary Shares and/or C Shares can be expected to be interested in both the revenue that the Portfolio produces (and hence the level of dividends which will be capable of being paid on Ordinary Shares) and increases in the capital value of the Portfolio in the period to the 2022 ZDP Repayment Date, in excess of the 2022 ZDP Final Capital Entitlement of the 2022 ZDP Shares.

In certain circumstances, such as a major fall in the capital value of the Portfolio such that the 2022 ZDP Final Capital Entitlement of the 2022 ZDP Shares is uncovered but where the Portfolio is still generating revenue, the interests of 2022 ZDP Shareholders on the one hand and the Ordinary Shareholders and C Shareholders on the other hand may conflict. The 2022 ZDP Shareholders may wish the Portfolio to be rebalanced towards capital preservation in order to meet their 2022 ZDP Final Capital Entitlement while the holders of Ordinary Shares and/or C Shares may recognise that they then have little prospect of a capital return and so may be more concerned with maximising dividends in the period to the 2022 ZDP Repayment Date. In such circumstances, the Directors may find it impossible to meet fully both sets of expectations and so will need to act in a manner which they consider to be fair and equitable to both Ordinary Shareholders, C Shareholders and 2022 ZDP Shareholders but having regard to the entitlements of each class of Shares.

If the Company is unable or fails to redeem all of the 2022 ZDP Shares on the 2022 ZDP Repayment Date and/or fails to make payment of the 2022 ZDP Final Capital Entitlement within the applicable time (except by reason of an administrative error which is rectified), the Directors will convene an extraordinary general meeting at which a special resolution will be proposed (and recommended) requiring the Company to be summarily wound up and all votes cast in respect of such resolution will be deemed to be votes in favour. Accordingly the Ordinary Shareholders and/or C Shareholders will not be able to prevent any resolution being passed.

#### 7. THE COSTS OF THE PROPOSALS

The Company will bear costs or expenses in relation to First ZDP Admission of £525,000 and the Manager will pay in excess above £525,000. These expenses include, without limitation, registration and admission fees, the cost of settlement and escrow arrangements, advising fees, printing, advertising and distribution costs and other applicable expenses.

The variable costs of any Subsequent ZDP Placing are expected to be covered, where possible, by any premium generated on the issue of any 2022 ZDP Shares.

#### 8. **DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION**

A copy of the New Articles (incorporating those amendments to the Articles necessary to implement the Proposals as described in Part II of this Circular, and as shown in blackline at Part IV of this Circular) will be available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at the offices of the Administrator, Crestbridge Fund Administrators Limited, at 47 Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey, JE1 OBD and at the offices of Clifford Chance LLP at 10 Upper Bank Street, London E14 5JJ, United Kingdom during normal business hours on any Business Day from the date of this Circular until the conclusion of the Extraordinary General Meeting and at the place of the Extraordinary General Meeting at least 15 minutes prior to, and during, the Extraordinary General Meeting.

Ordinary Shareholders are advised to read the full text of the New Articles that are proposed to be adopted.

#### 9. SHAREHOLDER APPROVAL

## 9.1 Extraordinary General Meeting

The Proposals will require approval of the Ordinary Shareholders, either by ordinary resolution or, depending on the nature of the resolution, by special resolution. Shareholder approval will be sought at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company to be held at 1 pm (GMT) on 30 November 2017, at the offices of the Administrator, Crestbridge Fund Administrators Limited, at 47 Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey, JE1 OBD.

The resolutions to be proposed at the Extraordinary General Meeting will be passed if:

- 9.1.1 in the case of an ordinary resolution, by a simple majority of votes cast at the EGM; or
- 9.1.2 in the case of a special resolution, if two thirds of the votes cast at the EGM are in favour of the resolution.

A notice convening the Extraordinary General Meeting and setting out details of the resolutions to be passed is set out at Part VI of this Circular.

#### 9.2 Voting and Eligibility

All Ordinary Shareholders holding Ordinary Shares as at 1 pm (GMT) on 28 November 2017 or, if the Extraordinary General Meeting is adjourned, on the register of Shareholders 48 hours before the time of any adjourned Extraordinary General Meeting, shall be entitled to attend and vote at the Extraordinary General Meeting (either in person or by proxy) and shall be entitled to one vote per Ordinary Share held.

#### 10. ACTION TO BE TAKEN

The action to be taken in respect of the EGM depends on whether you hold your Ordinary Shares in certificated form or in uncertificated form (that is, in CREST).

## 10.1 Certificated Shareholders

Please check that you have received a Form of Proxy for use in respect of the EGM with this Circular.

Whether or not you propose to attend the EGM in person, you are strongly encouraged to complete, sign and return your Form of Proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon as soon as possible, but in any event so as to be received by the Registrar at Link Asset Services, PSX 1, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, BR3 4ZF, United Kingdom no later than 1 pm (GMT) on 28 November 2017.

Submission of the Form of Proxy will enable your vote to be counted at the EGM in the event of your absence. The completion and return of the Form of Proxy will not prevent you from attending and voting at the EGM or any adjournment thereof, in person should you wish to do so.

If you have any queries relating to the completion of the Form of Proxy, Link Asset Services on 0371 664 0321. Calls are charged at the standard geographic rate and will vary by provider. Calls outside the United Kingdom will be charged at the applicable international rate. The helpline is open between 9 am – 5.30 pm, Monday to Friday excluding public holidays in England and Wales. Please note that Link Asset Services cannot provide any financial, legal or tax advice and calls may be recorded and monitored for security and training purposes.

Link Asset Services can only provide information regarding the completion of the Form of Proxy and cannot provide you with investment or tax advice.

## 10.2 Uncertificated Shareholders

CREST members can appoint proxies using the CREST electronic proxy appointment service and transmit a CREST Proxy Instruction in accordance with the procedures set out in the CREST Manual (available via www.euroclear.com/CREST).

Whether or not you propose to attend the EGM in person, you are strongly encouraged to complete your CREST Proxy Instruction in accordance with the procedures set out in the CREST Manual as soon as possible, but in any event so as to be received by the Registrar, RA10, no later than 1pm (GMT) on 28 November 2017.

This will enable your vote to be counted at the EGM in the event of your absence. The completion and return of the CREST Proxy Instruction will not prevent you from attending and voting at the EGM, or any adjournment thereof, in person should you wish to do so.

#### 11. **RECOMMENDATION**

The Directors consider all of the Resolutions to be in the best interests of Shareholders as a whole and recommend that you vote in favour of the Resolutions, as the Directors intend to do in respect of their own beneficial holdings (if any).

Yours faithfully

Joanna Dentskevich

Chair

For and on behalf of EJF INVESTMENTS LTD

#### **PART II**

#### RIGHTS ATTACHING TO THE ZDP SHARES

#### 1. **INCOME**

Without prejudice to 2022 ZDP Shareholders' rights described in paragraphs 2.1 and 4 and 5 of this Part II, the 2022 ZDP Shares have no right to receive income from the Company, whether by dividend or otherwise.

#### 2. CAPITAL

In relation to capital on a winding up of the Company or other return of capital (other than by way of a repurchase or redemption of Ordinary Shares or C Shares or ZDP Shares in accordance with the Articles and the Statutes), the surplus assets of the Company remaining after payment of all creditors shall be distributed as follows:

- 2.1 *first*, there shall be paid to the 2022 ZDP Shareholders in respect of each 2022 ZDP Share held by them (regardless of the date on which such winding up or return of capital occurs), the 2022 ZDP Final Capital Entitlement; and
- 2.2 *second*, there shall be paid to:
  - 2.2.1 Ordinary Shareholders (subject to the rights of any Ordinary Shares that may be issued with any special rights and privileges) the surplus capital and assets of the Company attributable to the Ordinary Shares, to be divided amongst the holders of Ordinary Shares in proportion to the number of Ordinary Shares held by them; and
  - 2.2.2 C Shareholders (subject to the rights of any C Shares that may be issued with any special rights and privileges), the surplus capital and assets of the Company attributable to the relevant class of C Shares to be divided amongst the holders of C Shares of each class pro rata to the relative Net Asset Values of each of the classes of C Share, and within each such class, such assets shall be distributed pari passu amongst the holders of C Shares of that class in proportion to the number of C Shares of such class held by them.

#### 3. VOTING RIGHTS

- 3.1 Save as described in paragraph 5 of this Part II (or as otherwise required by the Statutes), 2022 ZDP Shareholders shall not have the right to receive notice of, nor to attend or vote at, any general meeting of the Company.
- 3.2 Subject to the provisions described in paragraphs 4 and 5 of this Part II, the Company shall not without the prior approval of the 2022 ZDP Shareholders by Special Resolution passed at a class meeting of the 2022 ZDP Shareholders:
  - 3.2.1 pass a resolution (other than a ZDP Exempted Resolution) for the voluntary liquidation or winding-up of the Company, such winding-up to take effect prior to the 2022 ZDP Repayment Date;
  - 3.2.2 change the rights conferred upon the 2022 ZDP Shareholders in a manner adverse to 2022 ZDP Shareholders;
  - 3.2.3 issue further Shares or securities, or rights to subscribe for or to convert or exchange any securities into Shares or securities or reclassify any Shares or securities unless the Cover Test is satisfied;
  - 3.2.4 pass a resolution (other than a ZDP Exempted Resolution) either:
    - (a) amending the provisions described in paragraphs 4.1 or 5 of this Part II; or

- (b) releasing the Board from its obligation: (i) to convene a general meeting of the Company at which a ZDP Liquidation Resolution is to be proposed; or (ii) to redeem compulsorily the 2022 ZDP Shares on the 2022 ZDP Repayment Date;
- 3.2.5 (other than pursuant to a ZDP Exempted Resolution) reduce the share capital of the Company in any manner, unless the Cover Test is satisfied;
- 3.2.6 redeem or repurchase any Ordinary Shares in the Company, unless:
  - (a) the Cover Test is satisfied; or
  - (b) at the same time as the redemption or repurchase of the Ordinary Shares, the Company also offers to redeem or repurchase the 2022 ZDP Shares *pro rata* with the Ordinary Shares that have been redeemed or repurchased, such that the Cover for any remaining 2022 ZDP Shares after such redemption or repurchase of 2022 ZDP Shares would be equal to or greater than the Cover excluding adjustments made to take account of the redemption or repurchase of the Ordinary Shares;
- 3.2.7 make any material change to the Company's investment policy (as set out in Part III of this Circular) which, at the time of making such change, appears likely, in the reasonable opinion of the Directors, to be materially prejudicial to the 2022 ZDP Shareholders;
- 3.2.8 pay any dividend or other distribution (save for (a) any dividend or other distribution or payment in cash or kind out of the capital reserves of the Company; or (b) a redemption or repurchase of Shares pursuant to the rights described in paragraph 3.2.6 of this Part II) unless the Dividends Cover Test is satisfied;
- 3.2.9 pay any dividend or other distribution or otherwise make a payment in cash or kind out of the capital reserves of the Company, save for a redemption or repurchase of Shares pursuant to the rights described in paragraph 3.2.6 of this Part II, unless the Cover Test is satisfied;
- 3.2.10 incur any new borrowings for long term investment purposes after the date of the general meeting of the Company approving the creation and issue of the 2022 ZDP Shares unless the Cover Test would continue to be satisfied (where, for the purposes of the provisions described in this paragraph 3.2.10, the Net Asset Value to be used to calculate the Cover will be calculated in accordance with the Articles and published by the Company in the month immediately preceding the month in which such new borrowings are to be incurred); or
- 3.2.11 alter any objects set out in the Memorandum of the Company.

## 4. **REDEMPTION**

- 4.1 Subject to the provisions of the Companies Law, the Company will redeem all of the outstanding 2022 ZDP Shares on the 2022 ZDP Repayment Date, with payment of the 2022 ZDP Final Capital Entitlement being made by the 2022 ZDP Payment Date. The price per ZDP Share at which the 2022 ZDP Shares will be redeemed will be that which results in the 2022 ZDP Final Capital Entitlement being paid to the 2022 ZDP Shareholders.
- 4.2 The Company will serve a redemption notice on each 2022 ZDP Shareholder in respect of those 2022 ZDP Shares to be redeemed in accordance with the provisions described in paragraph 4.1 of this Part II, which notice shall specify in respect of the holding of each 2022 ZDP Shareholder:
  - 4.2.1 the number of 2022 ZDP Shares to be redeemed in accordance with the provisions described in paragraph 4.1 of this Part II;

- 4.2.2 the aggregate redemption amount in respect of such 2022 ZDP Shares; and
- 4.2.3 in respect of 2022 ZDP Shares held in certificated form, the address at which certificates for the 2022 ZDP Shares are to be surrendered for redemption.

A redemption notice may not be withdrawn without the prior consent of all the holders of the 2022 ZDP Shares. No defect in the redemption notice or in the giving thereof shall affect the validity of the redemption proceedings.

Unless otherwise determined by the Board, payments in respect of the amount due on redemption of 2022 ZDP Shares shall be made, in respect of ZDP Shares held in certificated form, by Sterling cheque drawn on a bank in the UK or, upon the request of the holder or joint holders, by transfer to a Sterling account maintained by the payee with a bank in the UK and, in respect of 2022 ZDP Shares held in uncertificated form, by crediting the holder's CREST account. Such payment will be made against surrender of the relevant certificate in the case of certificated ZDP Shares or, if the relevant certificate has been lost or destroyed, the giving of an appropriate indemnity in a form satisfactory to the Board, provided that the Board may determine that surrender of certificates shall not be required, in which event each certificate shall be void and of no effect as from the 2022 ZDP Repayment Date for the 2022 ZDP Shares to which the certificate relates.

## 5. VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION AND EARLY REDEMPTION OF ZDP SHARES IN OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES

- 5.1 If the Company is unable or fails to redeem all of the 2022 ZDP Shares on the 2022 ZDP Repayment Date and/or fails to make payment of the aggregate 2022 ZDP Final Capital Entitlement by the 2022 ZDP Payment Date in the manner described in paragraph 4 of this Part II (except by reason of administrative error rectified within 7 business days of the 2022 ZDP Payment Date and disregarding any 2022 ZDP Shares which are not redeemed as a result of a failure by a 2022 ZDP Shareholder to comply with a requirement relating to the redemption imposed in accordance with the Articles) then, subject to the provisions described in paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 of this Part II:
  - 5.1.1 the Directors shall convene an extraordinary general meeting of the Company to be held as soon as reasonably practicable following the 2022 ZDP Repayment Date at which a Special Resolution (a "ZDP Liquidation Resolution") will be proposed (and recommended by the Directors) requiring the Company to be wound up summarily pursuant to the Companies Law, and in the manner described in paragraph 2 of this Part II; and
  - the provisions described in paragraph 5.4 of this Part II shall apply in relation to such ZDP Liquidation Resolution.
- 5.2 If any offer is made (whether by the Company or any other person) to all the 2022 ZDP Shareholders (other than the offeror and/or persons controlled by or acting in concert with the offeror) which becomes or is declared unconditional in all respects prior to the 2022 ZDP Repayment Date, and which enables the 2022 ZDP Shareholders to receive no later than the 2022 ZDP Payment Date an amount in cash not less than that which the Directors estimate (so far as practicable at the time) would be equal to or greater than the 2022 ZDP Final Capital Entitlement (whether or not such offer is accepted in any particular case and ignoring any option to receive alternative consideration) and such offer is recommended by the Directors and stated to be, in the opinion of a financial adviser appointed by the Directors, fair and reasonable, then unless the Board considers that the aforementioned offer is unlikely to be honoured or the offeror breaches a material term of the offer or otherwise manifests an intention not to implement the offer:
  - 5.2.1 the provisions described in paragraphs 4.1 and 5.1 of this Part II shall not apply; and
  - 5.2.2 the provisions described in paragraph 5.4 of this Part II shall apply to the 2022 ZDP Shareholders in relation to any resolution or resolutions proposed at any separate class meeting of the 2022 ZDP Shareholders relating to such offer (a "ZDP Recommended Resolution").

- If at any time on or before the 2022 ZDP Repayment Date, a resolution or resolutions (a "ZDP Reconstruction Resolution") is proposed at any general meeting of the Company or at any separate general meeting of the 2022 ZDP Shareholders (including any meeting to be convened to consider the winding up of the Company) to approve any form of arrangement which enables the 2022 ZDP Shareholders to receive, no later than the 2022 ZDP Payment Date, an amount in cash not less than that to which the Directors estimate (so far as practicable at the time) would be equal to or greater than the 2022 ZDP Final Capital Entitlement (ignoring any option to receive their entitlements otherwise than in cash) and such arrangement is recommended by the Directors and stated to be, in the opinion of a financial adviser appointed by the Directors, fair and reasonable then, unless the arrangement is not implemented in accordance with its terms:
  - 5.3.1 the provisions described in paragraphs 4.1 and 5.1 of this Part II shall not apply; and
  - 5.3.2 the provisions described in paragraph 5.4 of this Part II shall apply to the 2022 ZDP Shareholders in relation to such ZDP Reconstruction Resolution.
- 5.4 There is provision under the Articles that, in respect of any ZDP Exempted Resolution proposed at either a general meeting of the Company or a class meeting of 2022 ZDP Shareholders, each Shareholder present in person, by a duly authorised representative (if a corporation) or by proxy and entitled to vote shall (in respect of the votes attached to all such Shares) vote in favour of any resolution or resolutions so recommended by the Directors and, where any vote is not cast or is cast against any such resolution or resolutions, it shall be deemed to have been cast in favour. The vote on any ZDP Exempted Resolution shall be taken on a poll.
- 5.5 There is provision under the Articles that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Articles, the passing and implementation of any ZDP Exempted Resolution shall be deemed to be in accordance with the rights attached to the Ordinary Shares and the C Shares (in each case of whatever class), with the result that neither the passing nor the implementation of any such resolution shall be treated as varying, modifying or abrogating such rights and so that the consent or sanction of any such class of Ordinary Shares or C Shares, each as a separate class shall not be required.

#### 6. **CONVERSION OF ZDP SHARES**

- 6.1 Subject to the Companies Law and the Articles, the Directors may, at their absolute discretion, permit a 2022 ZDP Shareholder of one class to convert (by way of re-designation) some or all of the 2022 ZDP Shares into ZDP Shares of another class upon such 2022 ZDP Shareholder giving notice to the Company in the form and manner requested by the Directors in their absolute discretion. The conversion (by way of re-designation) shall take effect at such time and on such terms as the Directors may determine in their absolute discretion.
- 6.2 The Directors may amend the process, notice requirements and form of notification for effecting conversions (including the timing and frequency of such conversions and the procedure for giving notice of conversion) in such manner as they, in their absolute discretion, see fit. Any instruction or conversion notice once given by a 2022 ZDP Shareholder shall be irrevocable without the consent of the Directors.
- 6.3 The number of ZDP Shares of the other class which the 2022 ZDP Shareholder shall receive by way of conversion will be rounded down to the nearest whole number and any fractional entitlements may, subject to the Companies Law and the Articles, be dealt with by the Directors in such manner as they think fit including, without limitation, selling or redeeming any ZDP Shares of the other class representing such fractional entitlements and retaining the proceeds for the benefit of the Company.
- The Directors may, in their absolute discretion, determine not to allow the conversion of some or all 2022 ZDP Shares into ZDP Shares of another class pursuant to the Articles.

#### **PART III**

#### **INVESTMENT POLICY**

#### 1. **OVERVIEW**

The Company intends to seek seeks to achieve its Investment Objective by pursuing a policy of investing in a diversified portfolio of investments that are derived from the changing financial services landscape (the "Investment Policy"). The Company will rely relies to a material extent on the Manager and the employees of EJF for the sourcing and origination of investments, but the investment process may involve working with third parties to design an investment. Debt investments, whether or not listed on a recognised market, may also be purchased on an opportunistic basis.

The Company seeks to achieve its Investment Objective primarily by investing the majority of its assets in three in two investment subsets (each a "Target Investment") that have each been created by regulatory and structural changes impacting the financial services sector:

#### 1.1 SECURITIZATION AND RELATED INVESTMENTS

#### (a) Risk Retention and Related Investments

The Company believes that the increased regulation of the financial system, specifically the Dodd-Frank reforms in the US, has generated unique opportunities within the securitization market. One of the principal provisions of Dodd-Frank is the requirement for securitization sponsors to retain at least five per cent. of the credit risk relating to the securitization that they are involved in issuing. The Company believes that securitization sponsors who do not have the capital resources for risk retention will increasingly look for capital partners to help them meet these requirements, and that the Company, through the Partnership, is well-positioned to act as a capital partner.

As a result of the Manager's relationship with EJF, the Company, through the Partnership, will, for so long as EJF Investments Manager LLC is the Manager, have the benefit of a right of first refusal to purchase or subscribe for securities to be issued in connection with all future securitization transactions in respect of which EJF or one of its affiliates proposes to act as Sponsor (as that term is used in the relevant Risk Retention Regulations) (each, an "EJF Securitization"), in an amount equivalent to the minimum interest that a Sponsor (as that term is used in the relevant Risk Retention Regulations) is required to retain ("EJF Risk Retention Securities"). The Company, through the Partnership, may also be the risk retention partner for non-EJF sponsored securitizations (together with EJF Securitizations, "Risk Retention Investments"). It is anticipated that the initial Risk Retention Investment opportunities will be in the have included bank and insurance trust preferred securities and bank subordinated debt securitisation securitization markets but may expand into other sectors. As a complement to targeting Risk Retention Investment opportunities, the Company intends to target investments in non-risk retention securities of EJF Securitizations and other non- EJF sponsored securitizations ("Securitization Investments").

Whilst under no obligation to do so, the Partnership also intends to qualify as an "originator", as such term is defined under the relevant European Risk Retention Regulations, being either: (i) an entity that itself or through related entities, directly or indirectly, is involved in the original agreement which creates the obligations or potential obligations of the debtor or potential debtor giving rise to the exposure being securitized or (ii) an entity that purchases a third party's exposures for its own account and then securitizes them. The Partnership will determine, in the context of each relevant transaction, under which limb of the foregoing definition of "originator" it will fall, depending in each case upon the facts and circumstances of the relevant transaction. In addition, the Partnership would retain a material net economic interest of not less than 5 per cent. of the credit risk of such transaction, which may overlap with the requirements of the US Risk Retention Regulations.

## (b) CDO Manager

The Company, through its holding of 49 per cent. of the issued and outstanding units in the CDO Manager, may also benefit from the receipt of a portion of ongoing collateral management fees in connection with such Risk Retention and Related Investments as (i) the CDO Manager will, for so long as EJF Investments Manager LLC is the Manager, benefit from a right to be appointed as the provider of collateral administration, monitoring and management services in respect of each EJF Securitization and (ii) the CDO Manager may be granted the right to manage the underlying collateral in respect of other Risk Retention Investments.

## (c) Capital Solutions and ABS Investments

New, stricter regulations and increased capital requirements in response to the global financial crisis require certain banks and other regulated financial institutions to efficiently and actively manage their capital resources. Banks are actively seeking solutions to improve the capital treatment of key asset classes and business lines, such as non-agency residential mortgages, high yield corporate term loans, and small and medium enterprise loans. The Company intends to target investments in UK, European and US bank capital relief securitizations, private label securitizations and illiquid secondary securitizations, which it believes will generate attractive credit risk and illiquidity premiums (respectively, "Capital Solutions" and "ABS Investments" opportunities). The Company intends to invest in such structures primarily via the new issue market, but will also evaluate secondary market opportunities, with the goal to hold to maturity unless the Company determines better value in selling prior to the maturity date.

When the Partnership was formed in 2005, part of its original investment mandate was to structure, invest in, and manage REIT TruPS CDOs. The Company has a long history of opportunistically investing in securitizations and currently holds a portfolio of legacy REIT TruPS CDO securities that were issued prior to the financial crisis. The Company has demonstrated its ability to opportunistically buy and sell these securities and expects to continue to be active in this segment of its portfolio.

The Capital Solutions and ABS Investments opportunities detailed above, together with Risk Retention and Related Investments and the collateral management fees received by the CDO Manager under (b) above are together the "Securitization and Related Investments".

## 1.2 **SPECIALTY FINANCE INVESTMENTS**

As a result of significant regulatory and structural changes in the financial services sector, the Company believes there exist attractive opportunities to invest in areas that were previously dominated by global moneymoney-centre banks. The Company may invest in less liquid UK, European and US specialty finance investments such as (but not limited to): (i) growth equity capital to newly formed companies with scalable specialty finance platforms; (ii) secured and unsecured lending; (iii) investments collateralized by real estate and real estate related assets; and (iv) other illiquid, specialty finance investment opportunities (together, "Specialty Finance Investments").

#### 2. INVESTMENT LIMITS AND RESTRICTIONS

The following investment limits and restrictions (the "Investment Limits and Restrictions") will apply to the Company's investments which, where appropriate, shall be measured at the time of investment:

- 2.1 no more than 25 per cent. of the Company's gross assets shall be invested in any single EJF-sponsored Risk Retention Investment;
- 2.2 no more than 20 per cent. of the Company's gross assets shall be invested in any single non-EJF sponsored Risk Retention Investment;
- 2.3 no more than 20 per cent. of the Company's gross assets shall be invested in any single Securitization Investment, Capital Solutions or ABS Investment;

- 2.4 no more than 20 per cent. of the Company's gross assets shall be invested in any single Specialty Finance Investment;
- 2.5 investment in publicly listed equity is not permitted. For the avoidance of doubt, if an existing debt or private equity investment is exchanged for equity listed on the public markets, such investment may be held at the Manager's discretion if the resultant investment otherwise remains in compliance with the Investment Policy;
- investments will be made where the underlying issuer is domiciled in the US, UK or other current members of the EEA or the European Free Trade Association or has the majority of its underlying assets exposed to the US, UK and/or other current members of the EEA or the European Free Trade Association; and
- any investments that are not Target Investments will be limited to an aggregate total of 20 per cent. of gross assets (and for the avoidance of doubt, shall be limited to investments that are permitted investments for UCITS under the UCITS Eligible Assets Directive (Commission Directive 2007/16/EC) as at 30 November 2017).

The Investment Limits and Restrictions set out above are intended to ensure that the Company is not able make a significant investment in a single asset. In the event of a breach of the Company's Investment Limits and Restrictions, the Manager shall inform the Board. The Manager will attempt to resolve any breach to the satisfaction of the Board and a notification will be made via a RIS.

#### 3. **INVESTMENTS IN OTHER FUNDS**

The Company is permitted to invest in funds that comply with the Investment Objective and, where an investment in a fund is made, the Investment Limits and Restrictions set out above shall apply on a look through basis to that fund's underlying assets. Such funds are limited to co-mingled or single-investor funds managed by an EJF Affiliate. In no event shall investments in a fund result in double-fees in respect of the Company's indirect investment in the underlying investments.

## 4. HEDGING AND DERIVATIVES

The Company may utilize derivatives for efficient portfolio management purposes. Non-Sterling investments will-may be hedged so as to limit currency exchange risk.

## 5. **BORROWING AND GEARING**

The Company may utilize borrowings for share buybacks and short-term liquidity purposes. The Company may also from time to time use borrowing for investments via short- or longer- term financing. The Company may seek leverage via bank financing, term loans, or debt instruments. The Company is permitted to issue private or public debt, and, subject to the restrictions set out below, may encumber its assets to collateralize secured borrowings.

Gearing will not exceed 20 per cent. of Net Asset Value calculated at the time of drawdown. Risk Retention Investments will not be leveraged or used as collateral for the Company's borrowings.

The Company shall be permitted to borrow up to 35 per cent. of its Net Asset Value (calculated at the time of drawdown), provided that:

- 5.1 <u>the maximum amount for borrowings for long-term investment purposes within such limit will be</u> 30 per cent. of the Net Asset Value; and
- 5.2 <u>borrowings for long-term investment purposes may only be incurred when the Minimum Cover</u>
  Amount is met (calculated at the time of drawdown).

For the avoidance of doubt, should the Minimum Cover Amount be breached due to, inter alia, a fall in Net Asset Value from time to time, there shall be no requirement on the Company to reduce any borrowings for investment purposes which are already in place at the relevant time. The 2022 ZDP Shares and any

other ZDP Shares issued from time to time will constitute borrowings for long-term investment purposes and accordingly count towards such limit. The Company will be able to utilize any borrowings not used for long-term investment purposes for short-term liquidity purposes and efficient portfolio management purposes, including foreign exchange hedging arrangements and the ability to smooth the receipt of cashflows and payment of dividends.

## 6. PROCEDURE TO AMEND THE INVESTMENT POLICY

No material change may be made to the Investment Policy without approval of the Shareholders by way of an ordinary resolution.

# PART IV THE NEW ARTICLES

## THE COMPANIES (JERSEY) LAW 1991 A PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

## **ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

of

## **EJF INVESTMENTS LIMITED**

(Adopted by Special Resolution passed on \_\_\_\_\_\_<del>9 February 2017</del>)

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## THE COMPANIES (JERSEY) LAW 1991

#### A PUBLIC COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES

#### **ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

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#### **EJF INVESTMENTS LIMITED**

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#### **PRELIMINARY**

#### 1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

The Standard Table shall be excluded from application in its entirety to the Company and the following provisions shall constitute the articles of the Company in place of the Standard Table.

1.1 In these Articles unless the context or law otherwise requires, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them below:

"Accrued Capital
Entitlement"

<u>towards the ZDP Final Capital Entitlement of all ZDP Shares in that class on any particular date which shall be calculated on a straight line basis using the ZDP Issue Price and the ZDP Final Capital Entitlement applicable to such Class of ZDP Shares.</u>

"address"

means in relation to a notice or other communication in writing, a postal address and, in relation to a notice or another communication in electronic form, a number or address used for the purposes of sending or receiving documents or information by electronic means (including in the case of an uncertificated proxy instruction permitted pursuant to Article 67.469.4, an identification number of a participant in the relevant system concerned).

"AIFMD"

means Directive 2011/61/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on Alternative Investment Fund Managers and amending Directive 2003/41/EC and 2009/65/EC and Regulations (EC) No 1060/2009 and (EU) No 1095/2010, in each case of the European Union (as may be amended further from time to time).

"AML Legislation"

means the Proceeds of Crime (Jersey) Law 1999, the Money Laundering (Jersey) Order 2008 or any other applicable anti-money laundering

legislation or regulation.

"Articles"

means these articles of association, as amended from time to time.

# "Associated Company"

means a company or other body corporate which is (or, where the context admits, was at any relevant time) associated with the Company. For the purposes of this definition:

- (a) bodies corporate are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate; and
- (b) companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate.

# "benefit investor"

plan

has the meaning ascribed to it in in section 3(42) of ERISA and any regulations promulgated thereunder), including without limitation:

- (a) any "employee benefit plan" as defined in section 3(3) of ERISA that is subject to the provisions of Part 4 of Title I of ERISA;
- (b) a "plan" as defined in and subject to section 4975 of the US Code, including an individual retirement account or other arrangement that is subject to section 4975 of the US Code; and
- (c) any entity which is deemed to hold the assets of any of the foregoing types of plans, accounts or arrangements by reason of any such plans' investment in the entity, a "plan" that is subject to the prohibited transaction provisions of section 4975 of the Code, and entities the assets of which are treated as "plan assets" under section 3(42) of ERISA by reason of investment therein by benefit plan investors.

"board"

means the board of directors for the time being of the Company.

"business day"

means a day (except Saturday or Sunday) on which banks in the City of London and Jersey are normally open for business or such other day as the directors may determine.

# "C Share Calculation Date"

 $\underline{\text{means, in relation to a class of C Shares, the earliest of the:}}$ 

(a) close of business on the date to be determined by the directors after the day on which the Manager shall have given notice to the directors that at least 90 per cent. of the net proceeds attributable to such C Shares (or such other percentage as the directors and Manager shall agree) shall have been invested; or

- (b) close of business on the date falling nine calendar months after the allotment of such C Shares or if such a date is not a business day the next following business day; or
- (c) close of business on the last business day prior to the day on which the directors resolve that force majeure circumstances have arisen or are imminent; or
- (d) close of business on such date as the directors may determine.

#### "C Shareholder"

means the holder of one or more C Shares.

"C Shares"

means <u>the non-redeemable</u> "C" shares of no par value in the capital of the Company <u>of such-which</u>, for the avoidance of doubt includes all classes <u>of C Shares</u> (denominated in such <u>currencies</u>) <u>currency</u> as the directors may determine in accordance with these Articles-) having the rights <u>and subject to the restrictions</u> set out in these Articles and which will convert into Ordinary Shares <u>of the relevant class-in accordance</u> with the terms of these Articles.

"certificated"

means in relation to a <u>shareShare</u>, that title to the <u>share Share</u> is recorded on the register as being held in certificated form.

"CIF Law"

means the Collective Investment Funds (Jersey) Law 1998.

"Class of ZDP Shareholders"

<u>**ZDP**</u> means, in respect of each Class of ZDP Shares, the ZDP Shareholders of such ZDP Shares.

"Class of ZDP Shares"

means each issue of ZDP Shares by the Company pursuant to the Articles with different ZDP Repayment Dates and ZDP Gross Redemption Yields, in each case with each ZDP Share with the same ZDP Repayment Date being in the same class (and "Classes of ZDP Shares" shall be construed accordingly).

"clear days"

means in relation to the period of a notice or other communication, that period excluding the day when the notice or other communication is given or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect.

"committee"

means a committee of the board.

"Companies Law"

means the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991, as amended, and any subsidiary legislation from time to time made thereunder, including any statutory modifications or re-enactments for the time being in force.

"Company"

means EJF Investments Limited, a <u>closed-ended investment</u> company incorporated <u>with limited liability</u> in Jersey <u>and a under the Companies Law on 20 October 2016 with registered number 122353 and regulated as a collective investment fund pursuant to the CIF Law and the JFSC Codes.</u>

"Continuance Resolution" has the meaning given to it in Article 6.

"Conversion"

means, in relation to any class of C Shares, the conversion of those C Shares into Ordinary Shares in accordance with Article 16.7.

"Conversion Date"

means a date which falls after the C Share Calculation Date and is the date on which the admission of the New Ordinary Shares arising on Conversion to trading on any stock exchange, on which the Shares are admitted to trading, becomes effective and which is the earlier of:

- (a) the opening of business on such business day as may be selected by the directors provided that such day shall not be more than twenty business days after the Calculation Date; and
- (b) such earlier date as the directors may resolve should a force majeure circumstance have arisen or the directors resolve that such a circumstance has arisen or is imminent.

"Conversion Ratio"

for the C Shares of the relevant class is A divided by B calculated to four decimal places (with 0.00005 being rounded upwards) where:

where:

"C" is the aggregate value of all assets and investments of the Company attributable to the relevant class of C Shares (as determined by the directors) at the relevant C Share Calculation Date calculated in accordance with the valuation policy adopted by the directors from time to time;

"D" is the amount which (to the extent not otherwise deducted in the calculation of C) in the directors' opinion fairly reflects at the relevant C Share Calculation Date the amount of the liabilities and expenses of the Company attributable to the C Shares of the relevant class) (as determined

## by the directors);

<u>"E"</u> is the number of C Shares of the relevant class in issue as at the relevant C Share Calculation Date;

"F" is the aggregate value of all assets and investments attributable to the Ordinary Shares (as determined by the directors) at the relevant C Share Calculation Date calculated in accordance with the valuation policy adopted by the directors from time to time;

"G" is the amount which (to the extent not otherwise deducted in the calculation of F) in the directors' opinion, fairly reflects at the relevant C Share Calculation Date the amount of the liabilities and expenses of the Company attributable to the Ordinary Shares; and

"H" is the number of Ordinary Shares in issue as at the relevant C Share Calculation Date (excluding any Ordinary Shares held in treasury);

#### provided that:

- (a) the directors shall make such adjustments to the value or amount of A and B as (i) the auditors may (having been requested by the directors) report to be appropriate having regard among other things, to the assets of the Company immediately prior to the date on which the Company first receives the net proceeds relating to the C Shares of the relevant class and/or to the reasons for the issue of the C Shares of the relevant class or (ii) the directors deem appropriate;
- (b) in relation to any class of C Shares, the directors may, as part of the terms of issue of such class, amend the definition of Conversion Ratio in relation to that class; and
- where valuations are to be made as at the Calculation Date and the C Share Calculation Date is not a business day, the directors shall apply the provisions of this definition as if the C Share Calculation Date were the preceding business day.

"Cover" means, in respect of each Class of ZDP Shares, a fraction calculated as at the applicable ZDP Calculation Date, where:

- (a) the denominator is equal to the sum of:
  - (i) the aggregate applicable ZDP Final Capital Entitlement in respect of such Class of ZDP Shares;

- (ii) the aggregate applicable ZDP Final Capital Entitlement in respect of all other ZDP Shares ranking in priority to or pari passu with such Class of ZDP Shares; and
- (iii) the aggregate amount of other borrowings; and
- (b) the numerator is equal to the Net Asset Value, adjusted to:
  - add back any liability which has accrued in relation to the ZDP
     Final Capital Entitlement in respect of such Classes of ZDP
     Shares referred to in (a) above;
  - (ii) add back the aggregate amount of other borrowings; and
  - (iii) make such other adjustments as may be required to give effect to the relevant proposed action pursuant to Articles 17.3.3, 17.3.5, 17.3.6(a), 17.3.8, 17.3.9 and 17.3.10 as if such action had occurred.

#### In calculating the Cover the directors shall:

- (a) use the most recent monthly Net Asset Value published by the Company by way of a Regulatory News Service announcement;
- (b) where applicable, aggregate the applicable ZDP Final Capital

  Entitlements of the ZDP Shares already in issue at that time and the

  capital entitlements of the new ZDP Shares or securities or rights to

  be issued as aforesaid; and
- (c) make such other adjustments as the directors consider appropriate.

## "Cover Test"

means, in respect of each Class of ZDP Shares, if the proposed actions pursuant to Articles 17.3.3, 17.3.5, 17.3.6(a), 17.3.9 and 17.3.10 (as applicable) were to take place in full on the applicable ZDP Calculation Date, the Cover would be not less than the applicable Minimum Cover Amount.

"CRS"

means the Common Standard on Reporting and Due Diligence for Financial Account Information published by the OECD and the EU Directive on administrative cooperation in the field of taxation (2011/16/EC)), together with any regulations, forms, instructions or other guidance issued thereunder (now or in the future).

"director"

means a director for the time being of the Company.

"Disclosure Notice"

has the meaning given to it in Article 48.

"Dividends Cover

Test"

means, in respect of each Class of ZDP Shares, if the proposed actions described in Article 17.3.8 were to take place in full on the applicable ZDP Calculation Date, whether the Cover would be not less than the applicable Dividends Minimum Cover Amount

"Dividends Minimum Cover Amount"

means, in respect of each Class of ZDP Shares, an amount calculated with reference to a multiple of the Cover, and which will be set out in the prospectus issued by the Company in relation to the applicable Class of ZDP Shares

"electronic form"

means, in the context of sending or supplying a document or information, where the document or information is sent or supplied:

- (a) a.by electronic means (for example, by email or fax); or
- (b) b.by any other means while in electronic form (for example, by sending a disk by post).

"electronic means"

means, in the context of sending or supplying a document or information, where the document or information is:

- a.sent initially and received at its destination by means of electronic equipment for the processing (which expression includes digital compression) or storage of data; and
- (b) beentirely transmitted, conveyed and received by wire, by radio, by optical means or by other electromagnetic means.

"equity securities"

means:

- (a) a.equity shares of any class in the Company; or
- (b) b-rights to subscribe for, or to convert securities into, equity shares of any class in the Company.

"equity shares"

means shares other than shares that as respects dividends and capital carry a right to participate only up to a specified amount in a distribution (and for the avoidance of doubt includes C Shares and excludes ZDP Shares).

"ERISA"

means the United States Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 as amended from time to time, and the applicable regulations thereunder.

"EU Risk Retention Regulations"

means Part Five of Regulation No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union as amended from time to time and including any guidance or any technical standards published in relation thereto, Article 51 of Regulation (EU) No 231/2013 of the European Union as amended from time to time and Article 17 of AIFMD, as implemented by

Section 5 of Chapter III of the European Union Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 231/2013 of December 19, 2012 of the European Union, supplementing AIFMD and the risk retention requirements and due diligence requirements set out in Article 254 and Article 256 of Chapter VIII of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35 of the European Union which came into force on January 18, 2015, as amended from time to time, including any guidance published in relation thereto and any implementing laws or regulations in force in any Member State of the European Union.

"Expert Investor"

shall have the meaning given to such phrase in the Jersey Financial Services Commission's 'Jersey Expert Fund Guide' as published from time to time.

"FATCA"

means the US Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act 2010 as amended from time to time.

"force majeure circumstance"

means in relation to any class of C Shares (i) any political and/or economic circumstances and/or actual or anticipated changes in fiscal or other legislation which, in the reasonable opinion of the directors, renders Conversion necessary or desirable; (ii) the issue of any proceedings challenging, or seeking to challenge, the power of the Company and/or its directors to issue the C Shares of the relevant class with the rights proposed to be attached to them and/or to the persons to whom they are, and/or the terms upon which they are, proposed to be issued; or (iii) the giving of notice of any general meeting of the Company at which a resolution is to be proposed to wind up the Company, whichever shall happen earliest.

"Group"

means the Company and its subsidiary undertakings from time to time.

"Group Company"

means any company in the Group.

"hard copy form"

means in paper copy or similar form capable of being read.

"holder"

means in relation to any shareShare, the shareholder Shareholder whose name is entered in the register as the holder of that shareShare.

"IFRS"

means International Financial Reporting Standards.

"International Compliance Legislation" Tax

means the Taxation (Implementation) (Jersey) Law 2004 and any subordinate legislation, regulations or orders including but not limited to, the Taxation (Exchange of Information with Third Countries) (Jersey) Regulations 2008, the Taxation (Implementation) (International Tax Compliance) (Common Reporting Standard) (Jersey) Regulations 2015, the Taxation (Implementation) (International Tax Compliance) (United

Kingdom) (Jersey) Regulations 2014, the Taxation (Implementation)(International Tax Compliance) (United States of America) (Jersey) Regulations 2014, or any other applicable international tax compliance legislation.

"Investment means any person who is engaged by the Company to manage the

Manager" investments and assets of the Company.

"Jersey" means the island of Jersey.

"JFSC Codes" means the Code of Practice for Certified Funds, Jersey Expert Fund Guide

or Jersey Listed Fund Guide (as applicable) and any applicable policy statements or guidance published by the Jersey Financial Services

Commission.

"Main Meeting Place" has the meaning given to it in Article 49.4.151.4.1.

"Manager" means any person who is engaged by the Company to manage the

investments and assets of the Company.

"Memorandum" means the memorandum of association of the Company.

"Minimum Cover

Amount"

means in respect of each Class of ZDP Shares, an amount calculated with reference to a multiple of the Cover, and which will be set out in the prospectus issued by the Company in relation to the applicable Class of ZDP Shares.

"Net Asset Value"

means, in relation to the Company, the value, as at any date, of the assets of the Company after deduction of all liabilities of the Company (a) and in relation to a class of shares—Ordinary Shares or C Shares in the Company, the value, as at any date of the assets attributable to that class of shares—Shares after the deduction of all liabilities attributable to that class of shares—Shares—determined in accordance with the accounting policies adopted by the Company from time-to-time; and (b) in relation to a Class of ZDP Shares, the value of the Accrued Capital Entitlement.

"Net Asset Value per C Share"

means, at any date, the Net Asset Value attributable to the C Shares of the relevant class divided by the number of C Shares of such class in issue (other than C Shares of the relevant class held in treasury) at the date of calculation.

"Net Asset Value per Ordinary Share" means, at any date, the Net Asset Value attributable to the Ordinary Shares of the relevant class divided by the number of Ordinary Shares of such class in issue (other than Ordinary Shares of the relevant class held in treasury)

at the date of calculation.

"Net Asset Value per **ZDP Share**"

means, at any date, the value of the Accrued Capital Entitlement attributable to the ZDP Shares of the relevant class divided by the number of ZDP Shares of such class in issue at the date of calculation.

"New Ordinary means the Ordinary Shares of the relevant class arising on the conversion

**Shares**"

of the C Shares.

"office"

means the registered office for the time being of the Company.

"Ordinary

means the holder of one or more Ordinary Shares.

**Shareholder**"

"Ordinary Shares"

means the non-redeemable ordinary shares of no par value in the capital of the Company of such which, for the avoidance of doubt includes all classes of ordinary shares (denominated in such currencies) currency as the directors may determine in accordance with the Articles-) having the rights and subject to the restrictions set out in these Articles (, and for the avoidance of doubt does not include C Shares).

"ordinary resolution"

means a resolution of the Company in general meeting adopted by a simple majority of the votes cast at that meeting.

"paid up"

means paid up or credited as paid up.

transmission"

"person entitled by means a person whose entitlement to a share Share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a shareholder\_Shareholder\_or of any other event giving rise to its transmission by operation of law has been noted in the register.

"Prohibited Shares"

has the meaning given to it in Article 38.

"register"

means the register of members of the Company comprising, in respect of certificated shares Shares, the issuer register of members and, in respect of uncertificated shares hares, the Operator register of members.

"registered address"

means in relation to a shareholder Shareholder, any address for the time being shown as the current address of that shareholder Shareholder recorded in the register.

"Regulation S"

means Regulation S promulgated under the U.S. Securities Act.

"Regulations"

means the Companies (Uncertificated Securities) (Jersey) Order 1999, as

appropriate.

"Risk Retention Regulations"

**Retention** means, collectively or singularly as the context requires, the U.S. Risk

Retention Regulations and the EU Risk Retention Regulations.

"rights issue"

means an offer or issue to or in favour of equity shareholders on the register on a date fixed by the board where the equity securities respectively attributable to the interests of all those shareholders are proportionate (as nearly as practicable) to the respective number of equity shares held by them on that date subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the board considers expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or legal or practical problems under the laws in any territory or the requirements of any relevant regulatory body or stock exchange.

"seal"

means any common seal of the Company or any official seal or securities seal which the Company may have or be permitted to have under the Statutes.

"secretary"

means the secretary of the Company or, if there are joint secretaries, any of the joint secretaries and includes an assistant or deputy secretary and any person appointed by the board to perform any of the duties of the secretary of the Company.

"Shares"

means Ordinary Shares, C Shares and ZDP Shares, as the context may require.

"Shareholders"

subject to Article 17.2.1, means any Ordinary Shareholders, any C Shareholders and any ZDP Shareholders.

"special resolution"

means a resolution of the Company passed as a special resolution in accordance with the Companies Law.

"Standard Table"

means the model articles of association for the purposes of Article 6 of the Companies Law, set out in the Companies (Standard Table) (Jersey) Order 1992, as amended.

"Statutes"

means the Companies Law and every other statute, statutory instrument, regulation or order for the time being in force concerning companies registered under the Companies Law.

"Sterling"

means the lawful currency of the United Kingdom.

"subsidiary"

has the meaning given to that expression in section 1159 of the UK Companies Act.

"subsidiary

has the meaning given to that expression in section 1162 of the UK

undertaking" Companies Act. "uncertificated" means in relation to a share Share, that title to the share is recorded on the register as being held in uncertificated form. "UK Companies Act" means the United Kingdom Companies Act 2006, as amended from time to time. "United Kingdom" or means the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. "UK" "U.S. Code" means the US Internal Revenue Code, as amended. "U.S. **Investment** means the US Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. Company Act" "U.S. Person" any person who is a U.S. person within the meaning of Regulation S adopted under the U.S. Securities Act. "U.S. Risk Retention means the joint final regulations implementing the credit risk retention Regulations" requirements of Section 941 of the Dodd-Frank Act, codified by Section 15G of the Exchange Act, as in effect at any time or as otherwise amended. "U.S. Securities Act" means the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended. "writing" means the representation or reproduction of words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise; and. "year" means a period of 12 months. Calculation means any date on which a proposed corporate action as referred to in "ZDP Articles 17.3.3, 17.3.5, 17.3.6(a), 17.3.8, 17.3.9 and 17.3.10 is to take place. Date" "ZDP **Exempted** means a ZDP Liquidation Resolution, a ZDP Recommended Resolution or a Resolution" ZDP Reconstruction Resolution, in each case in the context of the relevant Class of ZDP Shares. "ZDP Final Capital means, in respect of each ZDP Share in each Class of ZDP Shares, the **Entitlement**" applicable ZDP Issue Price increased at an annual rate equal to the applicable ZDP Gross Redemption Yield from and including the date of issue until (and including) the applicable ZDP Repayment Date.

"ZDP Gross in respect of each Class of ZDP Shares, the maximum annualised return

Redemption Yield" that can be achieved, before taxation, from purchasing a ZDP Share at a specified ZDP Issue Price, and which will be a percentage amount

determined by the directors and notified to the prospective Class of ZDP Shareholders in writing on or before issuing the ZDP Shares of that Class for the first time.

<u>"ZDP Issue Price"</u> means, in respect of each Class of ZDP Shares, the price at which each such

ZDP Shares are first issued (as may be determined by the directors acting in

their absolute discretion).

<u>"ZDP Liquidation</u> has the meaning given to it in Article 17.5.1.

**Resolution**"

<u>"ZDP Payment Date"</u> means the date 14 days after the applicable ZDP Repayment Date.

<u>"ZDP Recommended</u> has the meaning given to it in Article 17.5.2.

**Resolution**"

<u>"ZDP Reconstruction</u> has the meaning given to it in Article 17.5.3.

Resolution"

"ZDP Repayment means, in respect of each Class of ZDP Shares, the date on which such ZDP

Date" Shares will be redeemed in accordance with Article 17.4, with each Class of

ZDP Shares having its own date for redemption.

<u>"ZDP Shareholder"</u> means the holder of one or more ZDP Shares.

<u>"ZDP Shares"</u> means the redeemable zero dividend preference Shares of no par value in

the capital of the Company which, for the avoidance of doubt, includes all Classes of ZDP Shares (denominated in such currency as the directors may determine in accordance with these Articles) having the rights and subject

to the restrictions set out in these Articles.

1.2 The expressions "Operator", "participating security", "properly authenticated dematerialised instruction" and "relevant system" have the same meanings given to them in the Regulations.

- 1.3 Unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to a statute or statutory provision includes a reference to:
  - 1.3.1 any statutory modification, consolidation or re-enactment of it to the extent in force from time to time;
  - 1.3.2 all statutory instruments or subordinate legislation or orders from time to time made under it; and
  - 1.3.3 any statute or statutory provision of which it is a modification, consolidation or reenactment.

## 1.4 Any reference to:

- 1.4.1 a person includes a legal or natural person, partnership, trust, company, government or local authority department or other body (whether corporate or unincorporated);
- 1.4.2 an individual includes, where appropriate, his personal representatives;
- 1.4.3 the singular includes the plural and vice versa; and
- 1.4.4 one gender includes all genders.
- 1.5 Any reference to a document being sealed or executed under seal or under the common seal of any body corporate (including the Company) or any similar expression includes a reference to it being executed in any other manner which has the same effect as if it were executed under seal.
- 1.6 Headings to these Articles are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect their construction.
  <u>Unless the context otherwise requires, references to "Article" is a reference to an articles of these Articles.</u>

#### SHARE CAPITAL

#### 2. LIMITED LIABILITY

- 2.1 The liability of the Company's shareholders-Shareholders is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid on the shares Shares held by them.
- 2.2 The Company may issue <u>shares</u> in any currency. No <u>share Share</u> issued by the Company shall have a nominal value.

#### 3. STATED CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

- 3.1 The Company shall maintain a stated capital account in accordance with the Companies Law for each class of issued <a href="mailto:share.">share.</a> A stated capital account may be expressed in any currency.
- 3.2 Subject to the requirements of the Companies Law, and except as provided herein, there shall be transferred to the stated capital account for each class of <a href="mailto:share">share</a>Share:
  - 3.2.1 the amount of cash received by the Company for the issue of shares-Shares of that class;
  - 3.2.2 the value, as determined by the directors, of the "cause" received by the Company, otherwise than in cash, for the issue of shares Shares of that class;
  - 3.2.3 every amount which the Company, by special resolution, resolves to transfer to such account from a profit and loss account or from any capital or revenue reserve; and
  - 3.2.4 every other amount which is from time to time required by the Companies Law to be transferred to a stated capital account.

- 3.3 Where the Companies Law permits the Company to refrain from transferring any amount to a stated capital account, that amount need not be so transferred; but the directors may if they think fit nevertheless cause all or any part of such amount to be transferred to the relevant stated capital account.
- 3.4 Where, for the purposes of Article 3.2.2, the directors are to determine the value of any "cause" received by the Company they may rely on such indicator or indicators of value as appear to them to be reasonable and practicable in the circumstances.

#### 4. RIGHTS ATTACHED TO SHARES

#### **GENERAL**

4.1 Subject to the provisions of the Statutes and to any special rights conferred on the holders of any other <a href="sharesShares">sharesShares</a>, any <a href="sharesShare">share</a> or any class may be issued with or have attached to it such rights and restrictions as the Company may by ordinary resolution decide or, if no such resolution has been passed or so far as the resolution does not make specific provision, as the board may decide. The Company shall not issue fractions of <a href="sharesShares">shares</a>.

#### **ORDINARY SHARES**

- 4.2 The rights attaching to the Ordinary Shares shall be as follows:
  - 4.2.1 As <u>as</u> to income, the Ordinary Shares carry the right to receive all income of the Company attributable to the Ordinary Shares, and to participate in any distribution of such income by the Company, and shall rank *pari passu* in such regard on any such distribution.
  - 4.2.2 As <u>as</u> to capital on a winding up of the Company or other return of capital (other than by way of a repurchase or redemption of Ordinary Shares in accordance with the provision of these Articles and the Statutes), the surplus assets of the Company attributable to the Ordinary Shares remaining after payment of all creditors shall be divided amongst the holders of Ordinary Shares in proportion to the number of Ordinary Shares held by them. Article 5 shall apply.
  - 4.2.3 As to voting—as to voting, the holders of the Ordinary Shares shall be entitled to receive notice of and to attend, speak and vote (in accordance with Article 5759) at general meetings of the Company.

### **C SHARES**

4.3 The rights attaching to the C Shares shall be as set out in Article <u>4516</u>.

### **ZDP SHARES**

4.4 The rights attaching to the ZDP Shares shall be as set out in Article 17.

### 5. RETURN OF CAPITAL

- 5.1 In relation to capital on a winding up of the Company or other return of capital (other than by way of a repurchase or redemption of Ordinary Shares, C Shares or ZDP Shares in accordance with the provision of these Articles and the Statutes), the surplus assets of the Company remaining after payment of all creditors, shall be distributed as follows:
  - 5.1.1 first, there shall be paid to each Class of ZDP Shareholders in respect of each ZDP Share held by them (regardless of the date on which such winding up or return of capital occurs), the applicable ZDP Final Capital Entitlement. For the purposes of this Article 5.1.1, where there is more than one Class of ZDP Shares, the ZDP Shareholders shall be ranked in priority according to the applicable ZDP Repayment Dates from the nearest ZDP Repayment Date ranking lowest, with the available assets to be distributed pari passu amongst the relevant Class of ZDP Shareholders; and

### <u>5.1.2</u> <u>second, there shall be paid to:</u>

- (a) Ordinary Shareholders (subject to the rights of any Ordinary Shares that may be issued with any special rights and privileges) the surplus capital and assets of the Company attributable to the Ordinary Shares, to be divided amongst the holders of Ordinary Shares in proportion to the number of Ordinary Shares held by them; and
- (b) C Shareholders (subject to the rights of any C Shares that may be issued with any special rights and privileges), the surplus capital and assets of the Company attributable to the relevant class of C Shares to be divided amongst the holders of C Shares of each class pro-rata to the relative Net Asset Values of each of the classes of C Share, and within each such class, such assets shall be distributed pari passu amongst the holders of C Shares of that class in proportion to the number of C Shares of such class held by them).

### 6. 5. CONTINUATION

If shares Shares are admitted to trading on a stock exchange then on or about each 5th anniversary of such admission, the directors shall procure that an Extraordinary General Meeting be convened at which an ordinary resolution will be proposed that the business of the Company be continued (the "Continuance Resolution"). If the Continuance Resolution is not passed, the directors will take such actions as they deem appropriate to commence the liquidation of the assets of the Company (having regard to the prevailing liquidity of the assets of the Company and, if applicable, any relevant rules imposed by the Risk Retention Regulations and formulate proposals for the orderly return of capital to holders of shares Shares).

## 7. 6.OFFERS TO SHAREHOLDERS TO BE ON A PRE-EMPTIVE BASIS

- 6.1At any time when a class of Shares is admitted to trading on a stock exchange, unless otherwise authorised by a special resolution, if the Company is proposing to allot any equity securities of or relating to that class it shall not allot them on any terms unless:
  - 7.1.1 6.1.1the Company has first made an offer to each person who holds shares of that class to allot to him, on the same or more favourable terms, such proportion of those equity securities that is as nearly as practicable (fractions being disregarded) equal to the proportion in number of equity shares held by him; and
  - 7.1.2 6.1.2 the period, which shall not be less than 21 clear days, during which any offer referred to in Article 6.1.1 7.1.1 may be accepted, has expired or the Company has received notice of the acceptance or refusal of every offer made.
- 6.2A reference to the allotment of equity securities for the purposes of Article 6.1-7.1 includes the grant of a right to subscribe for, or to convert any securities into, equity securities of any class; but such a reference does not include the allotment of any class of shares pursuant to such a right.
- 7.3 6.3A reference to the allotment of equity securities also includes the sale of any equity shares if, immediately before such a sale, the equity shares were held by the Company as treasury shares.
- 6.4Equity shares held by the Company as treasury shares shall be disregarded for the purposes of Article 6.17.1, so that the Company is not treated as a person who holds equity shares and the securities held as treasury shares do not form part of the share capital of the Company.
- 7.5 6.5 The pre-emption rights set out in Article 6.1 7.1 shall not apply to:
  - 7.5.1 6.5.1a particular allotment of equity securities if these are, or are to be, wholly or partly paid up or allotted otherwise than in cash; or
  - 7.5.2 6.5.2(the allotment of equity securities which would, apart from a renunciation or assignment of the right to their allotment, be held under or allotted or transferred pursuant to an employee share scheme; or
  - 7.5.3 6.5.3 the allotment of bonus shares;

in which circumstances the allotment and issue of <u>shares Shares</u> shall be at the discretion of the board (subject to Article <u>1415</u>).

6.6An offer by the Company referred to in Article 6.1.1—7.1.1 shall, subject to Articles 6.7—7.7 and 6.87.8, be made to a holder of shares Shares in accordance with Article 125—127 to Article 133—135 as if such offer was a notice as referred to therein and the provisions therein relating to service shall apply, mutatis mutandis. In relation to an offer by the Company of the nature described in Article

- 6.1.17.1.1, a reference in this Article 6 to the holder of shares Shares of any description is to whoever was at the close of business on a date, to be specified in the offer and to fall in the period of 28 days immediately before the date of the offer, the holder of shares Shares of that description.
- 6.7Where equity shares in the Company are held by two or more persons jointly, the offer may be made to the joint holder first named in the register in respect of the equity shares in the Company.
- 7.8 6.8 In the case of a holder's death or bankruptcy, the offer referred to in Article 6.1 7.1 may be made:
  - 7.8.1 6.8.1 to the persons claiming to be entitled to the equity shares in the Company in consequence of the death or bankruptcy by name, or by the title of representatives of the deceased, or trustee of the bankrupt, or by any like description; or
  - 7.8.2 6.8.2 by giving the notice in any manner in which it might have been if the death or bankruptcy had not occurred.
- 6.9 Securities that the Company has offered to allot to a holder of equity shares in the Company in accordance with Article 6.1 7.1 may be allotted to anyone in whose favour he has renounced his right to their allotment without contravening Article 6.1 7.1.
- <u>7.10</u> 6.10The Company may by special resolution resolve that Article 6.1-7.1 shall be excluded or that such Article shall apply with such modifications as may be specified in the resolution:
  - 7.10.1 6.10.1 generally in relation to the allotment by the Company of equity securities;
  - 7.10.2 6.10.2 in relation to allotments of a particular description; or
  - 7.10.3 6.10.3 in relation to a specified allotment of equity securities;

and any such resolution must: (a) state the maximum number of equity securities in respect of which Article 6.1–7.1 is excluded or modified; and (b) specify the date on which such exclusion or modifications will expire, which must be not more than five years from the date on which the resolution is passed.

- <u>7.11</u> 6.11 Any resolution passed pursuant to Article 6.10 7.10 may:
  - 7.11.1 6.11.1be renewed or further renewed by special resolution of the Company for a further period not exceeding five years; and
  - 7.11.2 6.11.2 be revoked or varied at any time by special resolution of the Company.
- 6.12 Notwithstanding that any such resolution referred to in Article 6.10 or 6.11 7.10 or 7.11 has expired, the directors may allot equity securities in pursuance of an offer or agreement previously made by the Company if the resolution enabled the Company to make an offer or agreement that would or might require equity securities to be allotted after it expired.

- 6.13 For the purposes of Article 6.5.17.5.1, an equity security is deemed to be paid up in cash, or allotted for cash, if the consideration for the allotment or payment up is cash received by the Company, or is a cheque received by it in good faith which the directors have no reason for suspecting will not be paid, or is a release of a liability of the Company for a liquidated sum, or is an undertaking to pay cash to the Company at a future date. For the purposes of Article 6.5.1-7.5.1 "cash" includes foreign currency.
- 6.14The Company may in its absolute discretion require cash to be paid in currencies other than Sterling and these will be exchanged into Sterling using such rate as the Company may determine.
  Currency costs relating to any such exchange will be borne by the Company.

# **8. 7.**POWER TO PAY COMMISSION AND BROKERAGE

The Company may in connection with the issue of any shares Shares exercise all powers of paying commission and brokerage conferred or permitted by the Statutes.

### 9. 8-ALTERATION OF SHARE CAPITAL

- 9.1 8.1The Company may alter its share capital in accordance with the provisions in any manner permitted by the Statutes.
- 8.2 Any new shares Shares created on an increase or other alteration of share capital shall be issued upon such terms and conditions, including as to currency, as the Company may by resolution of the board or by ordinary resolution determine.
- 8.3 Any capital raised by the creation of new shares Shares shall, unless otherwise provided by the conditions of issue of the new shares Shares, be considered as part of the original capital and the new shares Shares shall be subject to the provisions of these Articles with reference to the payment of calls, transfer and transmission of shares Shares, lien or otherwise applicable to the existing shares Shares in the Company.
- 8.4If as a result of any consolidation or division of shares any shareholders Shares any Shareholders would become entitled to fractions of a share Share, the board may deal with the fractions as it thinks fit and in particular may (on behalf of those shareholders Shareholders) sell the shares Shares representing the fractions to any person (including, subject to the provisions of the Statutes, the Company) and distribute the net proceeds of sale in due proportion among those shareholders Shareholders (except that any proceeds less than a sum fixed by the board may be retained for the benefit of the Company). For the purpose of any such sale the board may authorise some person to transfer the shares Shares to or as directed by the purchaser, who shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money; nor shall his title to the shares Shares be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings relating to the sale.

## 10. 9.POWER TO ISSUE REDEEMABLE SHARES

Subject to the provisions of the Statutes any <u>share-Share</u> may be issued on terms that it is to be redeemed or is liable to be redeemed at the option of the Company and the board may determine the terms, conditions and manner of redemption of any such <u>sharesShares</u>.

# 11. 10. POWER TO PURCHASE OWN SHARES

Subject to the provisions of the Statutes, the Company may purchase all or any of its shares Shares of any class, including any redeemable shares and may hold such shares Shares as treasury shares or cancel them.

### 12. 11.TREASURY SHARES

The Company may hold as treasury shares any of the equity shares it has redeemed or purchased in accordance with the Statutes with the consent of an ordinary resolution of the Company.

## 13. 12. POWER TO REDUCE CAPITAL

The Company may reduce its capital accounts in any way permitted by the Statutes.

#### 14. 13.TRUSTS NOT RECOGNISED

Except as required by law or these Articles or as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, no person shall be recognised by the Company as holding any <a href="mailto:share\_share">share\_share</a> upon any trust and the Company shall not be bound by or required to recognise (even when having notice of it) any interest or other right in or in respect of any <a href="mailto:share\_share">share\_share</a>, except the holder's absolute right to the entirety of the <a href="mailto:share\_share">share\_share</a>.

## 15. 14.JERSEY REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

At any time when the Company is regulated pursuant to the Collective Investment Funds (Jersey) Law 1988 and any policy statement, code of practice or guidance note published by the Jersey Financial Services Commission (the "Policies"), no <a href="https://shares\_shall">shares\_shall</a> be allotted, issued or transferred to any person who does not meet any necessary eligibility criteria under the relevant Policies. For the avoidance of doubt, any person who acquires Ordinary Shares pursuant to the contribution or sale to the Company of interests held by them in EJF Investments LP (a limited partnership constituted pursuant to the law of Delaware) shall be deemed to be eligible investors for these purposes.

## 16. 15.RIGHTS AND CONVERSION MECHANICS OF C SHARES

#### **TERMS OF THE C SHARES**

#### 15.1 Definitions and interpretation

- 16.1 15.1.1 In the event of any conflict between any provision of this Article 15–16 and any other provision of these Articles, the provisions of this Article 15-16 shall prevail.
  - 15.1.2 In this Article 15, the following expressions shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires, in addition to the expressions and definitions set out elsewhere in this Article 15 or elsewhere in these Articles.

"Calculation Date"

means, in relation to a class of C Shares, the earliest of the:

- 1. close of business on the date to be determined by the directors after the day on which the Investment Manager shall have given notice to the directors that at least 90 per cent. of the net proceeds attributable to such C Shares (or such other percentage as the directors and Investment Manager shall agree) shall have been invested; or
- 2. close of business on the date falling nine calendar months after the allotment of such C Shares or if such a date is not a business day the next following business day; or
- 3. close of business on the last business day prior to the day on which the directors resolve that force majeure circumstances have arisen or are imminent; or
- close of business on such date as the directors may determine;

"Conversion"

means, in relation to any class of C Shares, the conversion of that class of C Shares into Ordinary Shares of the relevant class in accordance with Article 15.8 of these Articles:

"Conversion Date"

means a date which falls after the Calculation Date and is the date on which the admission of the New

Ordinary Shares arising on Conversion to trading on any stock exchange, on which the shares are admitted to trading, becomes effective and which is the earlier of:

- (c) the opening of business on such business day as may be selected by the directors provided that such day shall not be more than twenty business days after the Calculation Date; and
- (d) such earlier date as the directors may resolve should a force majeure circumstance have arisen or the directors resolve that such a circumstance has arisen or is imminent;

"Conversion Ratio"

for the C Shares of the relevant class is A divided by B calculated to four decimal places (with 0.00005 being rounded upwards) where:

"C" is the aggregate value of all assets and investments of the Company attributable to the relevant class of C Shares (as determined by the directors) at the relevant Calculation Date calculated in accordance with the valuation policy adopted by the directors from time to time;

"D" is the amount which (to the extent not otherwise deducted in the calculation of C) in the directors' opinion fairly reflects at the relevant Calculation Date the amount of the liabilities and expenses of the Company attributable to the C Shares of the relevant class (as determined by the directors);

"E" is the number of C Shares of the relevant class in issue as at the relevant Calculation Date:

"F" is the aggregate value of all assets and investments attributable to the Ordinary Shares (as determined by the Directors) at the relevant Calculation Date calculated in accordance with the

valuation policy adopted by the directors from time to time:

"G" is the amount which (to the extent not otherwise deducted in the calculation of F) in the directors' opinion, fairly reflects at the relevant Calculation Date the amount of the liabilities and expenses of the Company attributable to the Ordinary Shares; and

"H" is the number of Ordinary Shares in issue as at the relevant Calculation Date (excluding any Ordinary Shares of the relevant class held in treasury);

#### provided that:

- the directors shall make such adjustments to the value or amount of A and B as (i) the auditors may (having been requested by the directors) report to be appropriate having regard among other things, to the assets of the Company immediately prior to the date on which the Company first receives the net proceeds relating to the C Shares of the relevant class and/or to the reasons for the issue of the C Shares of the relevant class or (ii) the directors deem appropriate;
- (b) in relation to any class of C Shares, the directors may, as part of the terms of issue of such class, amend the definition of Conversion Ratio in relation to that class; and
- (c) where valuations are to be made as at the
  Calculation Date and the Calculation Date is
  not a business day, the directors shall apply
  the provisions of this definition as if the
  Calculation Date were the preceding business
  day;

"force majeure circumstance"

means in relation to any class of C Shares (a) any political and/or economic circumstances and/or actual or anticipated changes in fiscal or other legislation which, in the reasonable opinion of the directors, renders Conversion necessary or desirable;

(b) the issue of any proceedings challenging, or seeking to challenge, the power of the Company and/or its directors to issue the C Shares of the relevant class with the rights proposed to be attached to them and/or to the persons to whom they are, and/or the terms upon which they are, proposed to be issued; or (c) the giving of notice of any general meeting of the Company at which a resolution is to be proposed to wind up the Company, whichever shall happen earliest;

"New Ordinary Shares"

means the Ordinary Shares of the relevant class arising on the conversion of the C Shares;

15.1.3 References to "Shareholders" and "C Shareholders" in this Article 15 should be construed as references to holders for the time being of Ordinary Shares of the relevant class and C Shares of the relevant class respectively.

#### 15.2 Issues of C Shares

Subject to the Statutes and in accordance with these Articles, the directors shall be authorised to issue C Shares on such terms as they determine provided that such terms are consistent with this Article 4516.

### 16.3 15.3 Dividend, capital distributions and pari passu ranking of New Ordinary Shares

- 16.3.1 15.3.1 Subject to the rights of any C Shares which may be issued with special rights or privileges, the C Shares of each class carry the right to receive all income of the Company attributable to the C Shares and to participate in any distribution of such income by the Company, pro rata to the relevant Net Asset Values of each of the classes of C Share, and within each such class, income shall be divided pari passu amongst the holders of C Shares of that class in proportion to the number of C Shares of such class held by them.
- 16.3.2 If any dividend is declared after the issue of C Shares and prior to Conversion, the holders of Ordinary Shares shall be entitled to receive and participate in such dividend only insofar as such dividend is not attributed, at the sole discretion of the directors, to the C Shares.
- 16.3.3 15.3.3 Subject as provided in the following sentence, the New Ordinary Shares of the relevant class shall rank in full for all dividends and other distributions declared, made or paid by reference to a record date falling after the <u>C Share</u> Calculation Date and otherwise pari passu with Ordinary Shares of the relevant class in issue at the <u>C Share</u> Calculation Date. For the avoidance of doubt, New Ordinary Shares of the relevant class shall not be

entitled to any dividends or distributions relating to the Ordinary Shares of the relevant class which are declared by reference to a record date falling prior to the <u>C Share</u> Calculation Date but made or paid after the <u>C Share</u> Calculation Date.

- 15.3.4 No dividend or other distribution shall be made or paid by the Company on any of its shares-Shares between the <u>C Share</u> Calculation Date and the Conversion Date (both dates inclusive) and no such dividend shall be declared with a record date falling between the <u>C Share</u> Calculation Date and the Conversion Date (both dates inclusive).
- 15.3.5 At a time when any C Shares are for the time being in issue and prior to the Conversion Date, on a winding up of the Company or other return of capital (other than by way of a repurchase or redemption of C Shares in accordance with the provisions of the Articles and the Statutes), the surplus capital and assets of the Company attributable to the C Shares remaining after payment of all creditors shall, subject to the rights of any C Shares that may be issued with any special rights and privileges, be divided amongst the holders of C Shares of each class pro rata to the relative Net Asset Values of each of the classes of C Share, and within each such class, such assets shall be distributed pari passu amongst the holders of C Shares of that class in proportion to the number of C Shares of such class held by themArticle 5 shall apply.

### 16.4 **15.4** Voting and transfer

The C Shares shall carry the right to receive notice of and to attend, speak and vote (in accordance with Article 5658) at general meetings of the Company. The voting rights of holders of C Shares will be the same as those applying to other holders of Ordinary Shares as set out in these Articles. The C Shares shall be transferable in the same manner as the other equity shares in the Company.

### 16.5 15.5 Class consents and variation of rights in relation to the Company

Without prejudice to the generality of Article <u>45</u>16, for as long as there are C Shares in issue, the consent of the holders of the Ordinary Shares and the holders of the C Shares as a class shall be required for, and accordingly the special rights attached to the Ordinary Shares and the C Shares shall be deemed to be varied, *inter alia*, by:

- 16.5.1 any alteration to the Memorandum or these Articles which directly or indirectly affects the rights attaching to the C Shares as set out in these Articles; or
- 16.5.2 15.5.2 any allotment or issue of any security convertible into or carrying a right to subscribe for any share capital of the Company other than the allotment or issue of further C Shares; or
- 16.5.3 (except in connection with a Continuance <u>Resolution or a ZDP Exempted</u> Resolution) the passing of any resolution to wind up the Company; or
- <u>16.5.4</u> <u>15.5.4</u> any change to the accounting reference date.

For the avoidance of doubt but subject to the rights or privileges attached to any other class of shares. The previous sanction of a special resolution of the holders of Ordinary Shares and C Shares, as described above, shall not be required in respect of:

- (a) the issue of further Ordinary Shares ranking *pari passu* in all respects with the Ordinary Shares (otherwise than in respect of any dividend or other distribution declared, paid or made on the Ordinary Shares of the relevant class by the issue of such further Ordinary Shares); or
- (b) the sale of any <u>shares Shares</u> held as treasury shares or the purchase or redemption of any <u>shares Shares</u> by the Company (whether or not such <u>shares Shares</u> are to be held in treasury).

### 16.6 **15.6** Assets attributable to Ordinary Shares and C Shares

For so long as one or more classes of C Shares are in issue and until Conversion, and without prejudice to its obligations under the Companies Law, the Company shall in relation to each class or classes of Ordinary Shares and C Shares (as appropriate):

- 15.6.1 procure that the Company's records and bank accounts shall be operated so that the assets attributable to the Ordinary Shares and the C Shares of the relevant class or classes (as appropriate) can, at all times, be separately identified and separate cash accounts shall be created and maintained in the books of the Company for the assets attributable to the Ordinary Shares and the C Shares of the relevant class or classes (as appropriate);
- 16.6.2 15.6.2 allocate to the assets attributable to the Ordinary Shares and the C Shares of the relevant class or classes (as appropriate) such proportion of the expenses and liabilities of the Company as the directors fairly consider to be attributable to the Ordinary Shares and the C Shares of the relevant class or classes (as appropriate) including, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, those liabilities specifically identified in the definition of "Conversion Ratio" above; and
- 16.6.3 15.6.3 the Company shall give appropriate instructions to the Investment Manager and the Administrator to manage the Company's assets so that such undertaking can be complied with by the Company.

### 16.7 **15.7**Conversion of C Shares

- 16.7.1 15.7.1 The C Shares of the relevant class shall be converted into New Ordinary Shares of the corresponding class at the Conversion Date in accordance with the provisions set out below.
- <u>16.7.2</u> The directors shall procure that:

- (a) the Company (or its delegate) calculates, within ten business days after the <u>C Share</u> Calculation Date, the Conversion Ratio as at the <u>C Share</u> Calculation Date and the number of New Ordinary Shares of the relevant class to which each holder of C Shares shall be entitled on Conversion; and
- (b) the auditors (or such other appropriately qualified person) shall be requested to certify, within three business days after the <u>C Share Calculation Date</u>, that such calculations:
  - (a) have been performed in accordance with these Articles; and
  - (b) are arithmetically accurate,

whereupon such calculations shall become final and binding on the Company and all shareholders. Shareholders, subject to the proviso set out in the definition of "Conversion Ratio" immediately after the definition of "H" above "H".

- <u>16.7.3</u> The directors shall procure that, as soon as practicable following such certificate, an announcement is made to a Regulatory Information Service advising holders of C Shares of the relevant class of:
  - (a) the Conversion Date;
  - (b) the Conversion Ratio; and
  - (c) the aggregate number of New Ordinary Shares of the relevant class to which holders of the C Shares of the relevant class are entitled on Conversion.
- 15.7.4 Conversion shall take place on the Conversion Date. On Conversion each issued C Share of the relevant class shall automatically convert and be redesignated into such number of New Ordinary Shares of the corresponding class as shall be necessary to ensure that, upon such Conversion being completed, the number of New Ordinary Shares of the relevant class equals the number of C Shares of the relevant class in issue at the C Share Calculation Date multiplied by the Conversion Ratio (rounded down to the nearest whole New Ordinary Share of the relevant class).
- 16.7.5 The directors may in their absolute discretion from time to time decide the manner in which the C Shares of the relevant class are to be converted, subject to the provisions of these Articles and the Statutes.
- 16.7.6 The New Ordinary Shares of the relevant class arising upon Conversion shall be divided amongst the former holders of C Shares of the relevant class pro rata according to their respective former holdings of C Shares of the relevant class (provided always that fractional entitlements to New Ordinary Shares of the relevant class shall be disregarded) and for such purposes any director is hereby authorised as agent on behalf of the former

holders of C Shares of the relevant class, in the case of a share Share in certificated form, to execute any stock transfer form and to do any other act or thing as may be required to give effect to the same including, in the case of a share Share in uncertificated form, the giving of directions to or on behalf of the former holders of any C Shares of the relevant class who shall be bound by them. Forthwith upon Conversion, any certificates relating to the C Shares of the relevant class shall be cancelled and the Company shall issue to each such former holder of C Shares of the relevant class new certificates in respect of the New Ordinary Shares of the relevant class which have arisen upon Conversion unless such former holder of any C Shares of the relevant class elects to hold its New Ordinary Shares of the relevant class in uncertificated form.

- 16.7.7 15.7.7 The Company will use its reasonable endeavours to procure that, upon Conversion, the New Ordinary Shares are admitted to trading on the same stock exchange as the Ordinary Shares which are already in issue at the time of Conversion.
- 15.7.8 The directors be and they are hereby authorised to effect such and any conversions and/or consolidations and/or subdivisions and/or combinations of the foregoing (or otherwise as appropriate) as may have been or may be necessary from time to time to implement the conversion mechanics for C Shares set out in this Article 15-16 or as they, in their discretion, consider fair and reasonable having regard to the interest of all shareholders.

### 17. ZDP SHARES

## 17.1 <u>Issues of ZDP Shares</u>

Subject to the Statutes and in accordance with these Articles, the directors shall be authorised to issue ZDP Shares on such terms as they determine provided that such terms are consistent with this Article 17. The ZDP Shares will be divided into different Classes of ZDP Shares, with each Class of ZDP Shares being denoted according to the year in which those ZDP Shares will be redeemed. Unless expressly provided to the contrary in the Articles, each Class of ZDP Shares will be issued on the same terms and (save in respect of the ZDP Repayment Date and the ZDP Gross Redemption Yield) will have the same rights.

### 17.2 Rights attaching to ZDP Shares

### <u>17.2.1</u> The rights attaching to the ZDP Shares shall be as follows:

- (a) without prejudice to the ZDP Shareholders' rights under Articles 5.1.1, 17.4 and 17.5, the ZDP Shares have no right to receive income from the Company, whether by dividend or otherwise, and references to "Shareholders" in Articles 111 to 120 shall exclude ZDP Shareholders;
- (b) as to capital on a winding up of the Company, or any other return of capital, Article 5 shall apply; and

as to voting, ZDP Shareholders shall not have the right to receive notice of, nor to attend or vote at, any general meeting of the Company and references to "Shareholders" in Articles 49 to 70 shall exclude ZDP Shareholders (save in respect of a general meeting of the Company held pursuant to Article 17.5 or as otherwise required by the Statutes, whereupon "Shareholders" shall include ZDP Shareholders).

### 17.3 Voting at a class meeting of ZDP Shareholders

Subject to Articles 17.4, and 17.5, the Company shall not, without the prior approval of each Class of ZDP Shareholders (save where a Class of ZDP Shareholders is not affected by the relevant event listed in Articles 17.3.3, 17.3.5, 17.3.6(a), 17.3.8, 17.3.9 or 17.3.10 below, in which case that Class of ZDP Shareholders shall not be required to consent) by Special Resolution passed at a class meeting of the relevant Class of ZDP Shareholders (and where more than one Class of ZDP Shareholders is required to provide approval by Special Resolution, a separate class meeting shall be held in respect of each such Class of ZDP Shareholders):

- <u>pass a resolution (other than a ZDP Exempted Resolution) for the voluntary liquidation or winding-up of the Company where such winding-up would take effect prior to a ZDP Repayment Date;</u>
- <u>17.3.2</u> change the rights conferred upon a Class of ZDP Shareholders in a manner adverse to the relevant Class of ZDP Shareholders;
- issue further Shares or securities, or rights to subscribe for or to convert or exchange any securities into Shares or securities, or reclassify any Shares or securities, unless the Cover Test relating to each Class of ZDP Shares is satisfied;
- <u>17.3.4</u> pass a resolution (other than a ZDP Exempted Resolution) either:
  - (a) amending the provisions of Articles 17.4.1 or 17.5; or
  - (b) releasing the board from its obligation to: (i) convene a general meeting of the Company at which a ZDP Liquidation Resolution is to be proposed; or (ii) to redeem compulsorily a Class of ZDP Shares on the applicable ZDP Repayment Date;
- 17.3.5 (other than pursuant to a ZDP Exempted Resolution) reduce the share capital of the Company in any manner, unless the Cover Test relating to each Class of ZDP Shares is satisfied;
- <u>17.3.6</u> redeem or repurchase any Shares in the Company unless:
  - (a) the Cover Test for each Class of ZDP Shares is satisfied; or

- (b) at the same time as the redemption or repurchase of such Shares, the Company also offers to redeem or repurchase ZDP Shares in each Class of ZDP Shares pro rata with such Shares that have been redeemed or repurchased, such that the Cover for any remaining ZDP Shares in each Class of ZDP Shares after such redemption or repurchase would be equal to or greater than the Cover excluding adjustments made to take account of the redemption or repurchase of such Shares;
- <u>17.3.7</u> make any material change to the Company's investment policy in effect from time to time which, at the time of making such change, appears likely, in the reasonable opinion of the directors, to be materially prejudicial to a Class of ZDP Shareholders;
- 17.3.8 pay any dividend or other distribution (save for (a) any dividend or other distribution or payment in cash or kind out of the capital reserves of the Company; or (b) a redemption or repurchase of shares pursuant to the rights described in Article 17.3.6 above) unless the Dividends Cover Test is satisfied.
- pay any dividend or other distribution or otherwise make a payment in cash or kind out of the capital reserves of the Company, save for a redemption or repurchase of Shares pursuant to Article 17.3.6 above, unless the Cover Test for each Class of ZDP Shares is satisfied;
- incur any new borrowings for long term investment purposes after the date of the general meeting of the Company approving the creation and issue of the applicable Class of ZDP Shares unless the Cover Test for the applicable Class of ZDP Shares would continue to be satisfied (where, for the purposes of this Article 17.3.10, the Net Asset Value to be used to calculate the Cover will be calculated in accordance with the Articles and published by the Company in the month immediately preceding the month in which such new borrowings are to be incurred); or
- 17.3.11 alter any objects set out in the Memorandum of Association of the Company.

### 17.4 Redemption of ZDP Shares

- Subject to the provisions of the Companies Law, the Company will redeem all of the outstanding ZDP Shares of a relevant class on the applicable ZDP Repayment Date, with payment of the applicable ZDP Final Capital Entitlement being made by the ZDP Payment Date. The price per ZDP Share at which the relevant Class of ZDP Shares will be redeemed will be that which results in the applicable ZDP Final Capital Entitlement being paid to the relevant Class of ZDP Shareholders.
- 17.4.2 The Company will serve a redemption notice on each applicable Class of ZDP Shareholder in respect of those ZDP Shares to be redeemed pursuant to Article 17.4.1, which notice will specify, in respect of the holding of each Class of ZDP Shareholder: (a) the number of ZDP shares to be redeemed pursuant to Article 17.4.1; (b) the aggregate redemption amount in

respect of such ZDP Shares; and (c) in respect of ZDP Shares held in certificated form, the address at which certificates for the ZDP Shares are to be surrendered for redemption. A redemption notice may not be withdrawn without the prior consent of all the holders of the relevant Class of ZDP Shares. No defect in the redemption notice or in the giving thereof shall affect the validity of the redemption proceedings.

17.4.3 Unless otherwise determined by the board, payments in respect of the amount due on redemption of a Class of ZDP Shares shall be made, in respect of ZDP Shares held in certificated form, by Sterling cheque drawn on a bank in the UK or, upon the request of the holder or joint holders, by transfer to a Sterling account maintained by the payee with a bank in the UK and, in respect of ZDP Shares held in uncertificated form, by crediting the holder's CREST account. Such payment will be made against surrender of the relevant certificate in the case of certificated ZDP Shares or, if the relevant certificate has been lost or destroyed, the giving of an appropriate indemnity in a form satisfactory to the board, provided that the board may determine that surrender of certificates shall not be required, in which event each certificate shall be void and of no effect as from the applicable ZDP Repayment Date for the Class of ZDP Shares to which the certificate relates.

#### 17.5 Voluntary liquidation and early redemption of ZDP Shares in other circumstances

- 17.5.1 If the Company is unable or fails to redeem all of a Class of ZDP Shares on the applicable ZDP Repayment Date and/or fails to make payment of the aggregate applicable ZDP Final Capital Entitlement by the applicable ZDP Payment Date in the manner described at Article 17.4 (except by reason of administrative error rectified within 7 business days of the applicable ZDP Payment Date and disregarding any ZDP Shares which are not redeemed as a result of a failure by a ZDP Shareholder to comply with a requirement relating to the redemption imposed in accordance with the Articles) then, subject to the provisions of Articles 17.5.2 and 17.5.3:
  - (a) the directors shall convene an extraordinary general meeting of the Company to be held as soon as reasonably practicable following the applicable ZDP Repayment Date at which a Special Resolution (a "ZDP Liquidation Resolution") will be proposed (and recommended by the directors) requiring the Company to be wound up summarily pursuant to the Companies Law, and in the manner described in Article 5; and
  - (b) the provisions of Article 17.5.4 shall apply in relation to such ZDP Liquidation Resolution.
- 17.5.2 If any offer is made (whether by the Company or any other person) to all of a Class of ZDP Shareholders (other than the offeror and/or persons controlled by or acting in concert with the offeror) which becomes or is declared unconditional in all respects prior to the applicable ZDP Repayment Date, and which enables the relevant Class of ZDP Shareholders to receive, no later than the applicable ZDP Payment Date, an amount in cash not less than that which the directors estimate (so far as practicable at the time) would be equal to or

greater than the applicable ZDP Final Capital Entitlement (whether or not such offer is accepted in any particular case and ignoring any option to receive alternative consideration) and such offer is recommended by the directors and stated to be, in the opinion of a financial adviser appointed by the directors, fair and reasonable, then unless the board considers that the aforementioned offer is unlikely to be honoured or the offeror breaches a material term of the offer or otherwise manifests an intention not to implement the offer:

- (a) Articles 17.4.1 and 17.5.1 shall not apply; and
- (b) the provisions of Article 17.5.4 shall apply to the relevant Class of ZDP Shareholders in relation to any resolution or resolutions proposed at any separate class meeting of the relevant Class of ZDP Shareholders relating to such offer (a "ZDP Recommended Resolution").
- If at any time on or before the applicable ZDP Repayment Date, a resolution (or resolutions) (a "ZDP Reconstruction Resolution") is proposed at any general meeting of the Company or at any separate class meeting of the applicable Class of ZDP Shareholders (including any meeting to be convened to consider the winding up of the Company) to approve any form of arrangement which enables the relevant Class of ZDP Shareholders to receive, no later than the applicable ZDP Payment Date, an amount in cash not less than that which the directors' estimate (so far as practicable at the time) would be equal to or greater than the applicable ZDP Final Capital Entitlement (ignoring any option to receive their entitlements otherwise than in cash) and such arrangement is recommended by the directors and stated to be, in the opinion of a financial adviser appointed by the directors, fair and reasonable then, unless the arrangement is not implemented in accordance with its terms:
  - (a) Articles 17.4.1 and 17.5.1 shall not apply; and
  - (b) the provisions of Article 17.5.4 shall apply to the applicable Class of ZDP Shareholders in relation to such ZDP Reconstruction Resolution.
- Where this Article 17.5.4 applies in respect of any ZDP Exempted Resolution proposed at either a general meeting of the Company or a class meeting of ZDP Shareholders, each Shareholder present in person, by a duly authorised representative (if a corporation) or by proxy and entitled to vote shall (in respect of the votes attached to all such Shares) vote in favour of any resolution or resolutions so recommended by the directors and, where any vote is not cast or is cast against any such resolution or resolutions, it shall be deemed to have been cast in favour by virtue of this Article 17.5.4. The vote on any ZDP Exempted Resolution shall be taken on a poll.
- 17.5.5 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Articles, the passing and implementation of any ZDP Exempted Resolution shall be deemed to be in accordance with the rights

attached to the Ordinary Shares, the C Shares and all ZDP Shares (in each case of whatever class), with the result that neither the passing nor the implementation of any such resolution shall be treated as varying, modifying or abrogating such rights and so that the consent or sanction of any such class of Ordinary Shares, C Shares or ZDP Shares, each as a separate class, shall not be required.

### <u>17.6</u> <u>Conversion of ZDP Shares</u>

- Subject to the Companies Law and these Articles, the directors may, at their absolute discretion, permit a ZDP Shareholder of one Class of ZDP Shares to convert (by way of redesignation) some or all of the ZDP Shares of that class into ZDP Shares of another class upon such ZDP Shareholder giving notice to the Company in the form and manner requested by the directors in their absolute discretion. The conversion (by way of redesignation) shall take effect at such time and on such terms as the directors may determine in their absolute discretion.
- The directors may amend the process, notice requirements and form of notification for effecting conversions (including the timing and frequency of such conversions and the procedure for giving notice of conversion) in such manner as they, in their absolute discretion, see fit. Any instruction or conversion notice once given by a ZDP Shareholder shall be irrevocable without the consent of the directors.
- 17.6.3 The number of ZDP Shares of the other class which the ZDP Shareholder shall receive by way of conversion will be rounded down to the nearest whole number and any fractional entitlements may, subject to the Companies Law and these Articles, be dealt with by the directors in such manner as they think fit including, without limitation, selling or redeeming any ZDP Shares of the other class representing such fractional entitlements and retaining the proceeds for the benefit of the Company.
- 17.6.4 The directors may, in their absolute discretion, determine not to allow the conversion of some or all ZDP Shares of one class into ZDP Shares of another class pursuant to this Article 17.6.

#### **VARIATION OF RIGHTS**

#### 18. 16. VARIATION OF CLASS RIGHTS

18.1 16.1Whenever the capital of the Company is divided into different classes of shares Shares, all or any of the rights for the time being attached to any class of shares Shares in issue may from time to time (whether or not the Company is being wound up) be varied in such manner (if any) as may be provided by those rights or with the consent in writing of the holders of three quarters in number of the issued shares Shares of that class (excluding any shares Shares of that class held as treasury shares) or with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of those shares Shares.

- 18.2 <u>16.2All Without prejudice to Article 17.5.4, all the provisions of these Articles relating to general meetings of the Company or to the proceedings at general meetings shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to every such separate general meeting, except that:</u>
  - 18.2.1 16.2.1 the necessary quorum at any such meeting (other than an adjourned meeting) shall be two persons holding or representing by proxy at least one-third in number of the issued shares of the class (excluding any shares of that class held as treasury shares);
  - 18.2.2 16.2.2 at an adjourned meeting the necessary quorum shall be two persons holding shares Shares of the class (other than treasury shares) or his proxy;
  - 18.2.3 16.2.3 every holder of shares Shares of the class shall have one vote in respect of every share Share of the class held by him (excluding any shares Shares of that class held as treasury shares); and
  - <u>18.2.4</u> poll may be demanded by any one holder of <u>shares Shares of</u> the class whether present in person or by proxy.
- 18.3 Unless otherwise expressly provided by the terms of their issue, the rights attached to any class of shares-Shares shall not be deemed to be varied or abrogated by:
  - 18.3.1 16.3.1 the creation or issue of further shares Shares ranking pari passu with them but in no respect in priority thereto; or
  - 18.3.2 16.3.2 the purchase by the Company of any of its own shares or the holding of such shares Shares as treasury shares in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes and Article 1011.

#### **SHARE CERTIFICATES**

### 19. 17. ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES

- 19.1 17.1A holder shall not be entitled to a share certificate. If the directors resolve that share certificates shall be issued in respect of any class of shares Shares, the following Articles shall apply only to shares Shares of such class.
- <u>17.2</u>Subject to Article <u>17.1</u>19.1, each holder of <u>shares Shares</u> shall be entitled:
  - 19.2.1 17.2.1 without payment, upon becoming the holder of any shares Shares, to one certificate for all the shares Shares of each class held by him and, upon transferring a part only of the shares Shares comprised in a certificate, to a new certificate for the remainder of the shares Shares so comprised; or

- 19.2.2 upon payment of such reasonable sum for each certificate as the directors shall from time to time determine, to several certificates each for one or more of his shares of any class.
- 19.3 17.3 Share certificates representing shares Shares, if any, shall be in such form as the directors may determine. Every certificate shall be issued within two months after allotment to a holder of shares Shares or after the lodgement of evidence of a holder's entitlement to shares Shares (or within such other period as the conditions of issue shall provide) and shall be executed by the Company. A certificate may be executed:
  - <u>19.3.1</u> if the Company has a seal, by causing a seal of the Company to be affixed to the certificate in accordance with these Articles; or
  - <u>19.3.2</u> whether or not the Company has a seal, by the signature on behalf of the Company of either two directors or one director and the secretary.
- <u>17.4</u>Every certificate shall further specify the <u>shares\_Shares\_to</u> which it relates and the amount paid up thereon and if so required by the Statutes the distinguishing numbers of such <u>shares\_Shares.</u>
- 19.5 17.5 In the case of joint holders, the Company shall not be bound to issue more than one certificate for all the shares in any particular class registered in their joint names and delivery of a certificate for a share share to any one of the joint holders shall be sufficient delivery to all.
- <u>17.6</u>This Article <u>17-19</u> does not apply to uncertificated <u>shares Shares</u> or to <u>shares Shares</u> in respect of which a share warrant has been issued.
- 19.7 lf a share certificate shall be worn out, defaced, lost or destroyed a duplicate certificate may be issued on payment of such reasonable fee and on such terms (if any) as to evidence and indemnity and the payment of out-of-pocket expenses of the Company in relation thereto as the directors think fit.

### **20. 18.**CHARGES FOR AND REPLACEMENT OF CERTIFICATES

- <u>18.1</u>Except as expressly provided to the contrary in these Articles, no fee shall be charged for the issue of a share certificate.
- 20.2 18.2 Any two or more certificates representing shares of any one class held by any shareholder Shareholder may at his request be cancelled and a single new certificate issued.
- <u>18.3</u>Where a <u>shareholder Shareholder has transferred part only of the <u>shares Shares comprised in a certificate</u>, he shall be entitled without charge to a certificate for the balance of his <u>sharesShares</u>.</u>
- 20.4 18.4If any shareholder Shareholder surrenders for cancellation a certificate representing shares
  Shares held by him and requests the Company to issue two or more certificates representing those

shares Shares in such proportions as he may specify, the board may, if it thinks fit, comply with the request on payment of such fee (if any) as the board may decide.

<u>18.5</u>In the case of <u>shares\_Shares\_held</u> jointly by several persons any such request may be made by any one of the joint holders.

#### **LIEN ON SHARES**

### 21. 19.LIEN ON PARTLY PAID SHARES

- 21.1 19.1 The Company shall have a first and paramount lien on every share Share (not being a fully paid share Share) for all amounts payable (whether or not due) in respect of that share Share. The lien shall extend to every amount payable in respect of that share Share.
- 21.2 19.2 The board may at any time either generally or in any particular case declare any share to be wholly or partly exempt from the provisions of this Article 1921.
- <u>19.3</u>Unless otherwise agreed, the registration of a transfer of a <u>share\_Share\_shall</u> operate as a waiver of the Company's lien (if any) on that <u>share\_Share</u>.

## 22. 20.ENFORCEMENT OF LIEN

- 22.1 20.1 The Company may sell any share Share subject to a lien in such manner as the board may decide if any amount payable on the share Share is due and is not paid within 14 days after a notice has been served on the holder or any person entitled by transmission to the share Share demanding payment of that amount and giving notice of intention to sell in default.
- 22.2 To give effect to any sale under this Article 20, 22 the board may authorise some person to transfer the share sold to, or in accordance with the directions of, the purchaser and the transferee shall not be bound to see to the application of the purchase money; nor shall his title to the share share be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings connected with the sale.
- 20.3 The net proceeds of the sale, after payment of the costs, shall be applied in or towards satisfaction of the amount due and any residue shall (subject to a like lien for any amounts not presently due as existed on the share before the sale), on surrender of the certificate for the shares sold, be paid to the holder or person entitled by transmission to the share immediately before the sale.

### **CALLS ON SHARES**

#### 23. 21.CALLS

23.1 21.1 Subject to the terms of allotment, the board may make calls on the shareholders Shareholders in respect of any monies unpaid on their shares and each shareholder Shareholder shall (subject to his receiving at least 14 days' notice specifying when and where payment is to be made)

pay to the Company as required by the notice the amount called on his sharesShares. A call may be revoked or postponed as the board may decide.

- 23.2 Any call may be made payable in one sum or by instalments and shall be deemed to be made at the time when the resolution of the board authorising that call is passed.
- 23.3 Person on whom a call is made shall remain liable for it notwithstanding the subsequent transfer of the share in respect of which the call is made.
- 23.4 21.4The joint holders of a share Share shall be jointly and severally liable for the payment of all calls in respect of that share Share.

### 24. 22.INTEREST ON CALLS

If a call is not paid before or on the due date for payment, the person from whom it is due shall pay interest on the amount unpaid from the due date for payment to the date of actual payment at such rate as the board may decide and shall pay all costs, charges and expenses that the Company may have incurred by reason of such non payment, but the board may waive payment of the interest, costs, charges or expenses, wholly or in part.

# 25. 23.SUMS TREATED AS CALLS

A sum which by the terms of allotment of a share-Share is payable on allotment, or at a fixed time, or by instalments at fixed times, shall for all purposes of these Articles be deemed to be a call duly made and payable on the date or dates fixed for payment and, in case of non-payment, the provisions of these Articles shall apply as if that sum had become payable by virtue of a call.

### **26. 24.**POWER TO DIFFERENTIATE

On any issue of <u>shares\_Shares\_the</u> board may make arrangements for a difference between the allottees or holders of the <u>shares\_Shares\_in</u> the amounts and times of payment of calls on their <u>shares\_Shares.</u>

### 27. 25. PAYMENT OF CALLS IN ADVANCE

The board may, if it thinks fit, receive all or any part of the monies payable on a <u>share-Share</u> beyond the sum actually called up on it if the holder is willing to make payment in advance and, on any monies so paid in advance, may (until they would otherwise be due) pay interest at such rate as may be agreed between the board and such holder paying the sum in advance but no dividend shall be payable in respect of any monies so paid in advance.

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## **28. 26.** NOTICE OF UNPAID CALLS

- 28.1 26.1 If the whole or any part of any call or instalment remains unpaid on any share share after the due date for payment, the board may serve a notice on the holder requiring him to pay so much of the call or instalment as remains unpaid, together with any accrued interest and any costs, charges and expenses that may have been incurred by the Company by reason of such non-payment.
- 28.2 The notice shall state a further day, being not less than seven days from the date of the notice, on or before which, and the place where, payment is to be made and shall state that, in the event of non-payment on or before the day and at the place appointed, the share in respect of which the call was made or instalment is payable will be liable to be forfeited.
- 28.3 26.3 The board may accept a surrender of any share Share liable to be forfeited.

### 29. 27. FORFEITURE FOLLOWING NON-COMPLIANCE WITH NOTICE

- 27.1 If the requirements of a notice served under the preceding Article are not complied with, any share Share in respect of which it was given may (before the payment required by the notice is made) be forfeited by a resolution of the board. The forfeiture shall include all dividends declared and other monies payable in respect of the forfeited share Share and not actually paid before the forfeiture.
- 27.2 If a share Share is forfeited, notice of the forfeiture shall be given to the person who was the holder of the share Share or (as the case may be) the person entitled to the share Share by transmission and an entry that notice of the forfeiture has been given, with the relevant date, shall be made in the register; but no forfeiture shall be invalidated by any omission to give such notice or to make such entry.

### 30. 28. POWER TO ANNUL FORFEITURE OR SURRENDER

The board may, at any time before the forfeited or surrendered <u>share-Share</u> has been sold, reallotted or otherwise disposed of, annul the forfeiture or surrender upon payment of all calls and interest due on or incurred in respect of the <u>share-Share</u> and on such further conditions (if any) as it thinks fit.

## 31. 29. DISPOSAL OF FORFEITED OR SURRENDERED SHARES

29.1 Every share Share which is forfeited or surrendered shall become the property of the Company and (subject to the provisions of the Statutes) may be sold, re-allotted or otherwise disposed of, upon such terms and in such manner as the board shall decide either to the person who was before the forfeiture the holder of the share Share or to any other person and whether with or without all or any part of the amount previously paid up on the share Share being credited as so paid up. The board may for the purposes of a disposal authorise some person to transfer the forfeited or

surrendered <u>share</u> to, or in accordance with the directions of, any person to whom the same has been sold or disposed of.

29.2A declaration under oath by a director or the secretary that a share Share has been forfeited or surrendered on a specified date shall, as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share Share, be conclusive evidence of the facts stated in it and shall (subject to the execution of any necessary transfer) constitute a good title to the share Share. The new holder of the share Share shall not be bound to see to the application of the consideration for the disposal (if any); nor shall his title to the share Share be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings connected with the forfeiture, surrender, sale, re-allotment or disposal of the share Share.

## 32. 30. ARREARS TO BE PAID NOTWITHSTANDING FORFEITURE OR SURRENDER

A person, any of whose shares\_Shares\_have been forfeited or surrendered, shall cease to be a shareholder\_Shareholder\_in respect of the forfeited or surrendered share\_Share\_and shall surrender to the Company for cancellation the certificate for the share\_Share\_forfeited or surrendered, but shall remain liable (unless payment is waived in whole or in part by the board) to pay to the Company all monies payable by him on or in respect of that share\_Share\_at the time of forfeiture or surrender, together with interest and all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Company by reason of such non payment of the call or instalment payable in respect of the share\_Share\_which is forfeited or surrendered from the time of forfeiture or surrender until payment at such rate as the board shall decide, in the same manner as if the share\_Share\_had not been forfeited or surrendered. He shall also be liable to satisfy all the claims and demands (if any) which the Company might have enforced in respect of the share\_Share\_at the time of forfeiture or surrender. No deduction or allowance shall be made for the value of the share\_Share\_at the time of forfeiture or surrender or for any consideration received on its disposal.

### **UNTRACED SHAREHOLDERS**

### 33. 31. SALE OF SHARES OF UNTRACED SHAREHOLDERS

- 31.1 The Company shall be entitled to sell (at a price which the Company shall use its reasonable endeavours to ensure is the best obtainable) the shares Shares of a shareholder Shareholder or the shares Shares to which a person is entitled by virtue of transmission on death or insolvency or otherwise by operation of law if and provided that:
  - 33.1.1 31.1.1 during the period of not less than 12 years prior to the date of the publication of the advertisements referred to below (or, if published on different dates, the first thereof) at least 3 dividends in respect of the <a href="shares\_Shares">shares\_Shares</a> in question have become payable and no dividend in respect of those <a href="shares\_Shares">shares\_Shares</a> has been claimed; and
  - 33.1.2 the Company shall following the expiry of such period of 12 years have inserted advertisements in a national newspaper and/or in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the last known address of the shareholder—Shareholder or the address at which

service of notices may be effected under the Articles is located giving notice of its intention to sell the said shares hares; and

- 33.1.3 31.1.3 during the period of 3 months following the publication of such advertisements (or, if published on different dates, the last thereof) the Company shall have received indication neither of the whereabouts nor of the existence of such shareholder Shareholder or person; and
- 33.1.4 31.1.4 notice shall have been given to the stock exchanges on which the Company is listed, if any.
- 31.2 The foregoing provisions are subject to any restrictions applicable under any regulations relating to the holding and/or transferring of securities in any paperless system as may be introduced from time to time in respect of the shares-Shares of the Company or any class thereof.
- 33.3 To give effect to any sale, the board may authorise some person to transfer the <a href="share\_Share\_share">share\_Share\_Share\_s

### 34. 32. APPLICATION OF PROCEEDS OF SALE

- 34.1 Space 32.1 The Company shall account to the person entitled to the share share at the date of sale for a sum equal to the net proceeds of sale and shall be deemed to be his debtor, and not a trustee for him, in respect of them.
- 34.2 Pending payment of the net proceeds of sale to such person, the proceeds may either be employed in the business of the Company or invested in such investments (other than shares Shares of the Company or its holding company, if any) as the board may from time to time decide.
- 34.3 No interest shall be payable in respect of the net proceeds and the Company shall not be required to account for any monies earned on the net proceeds.

### 35. 33.RIGHT TO TRANSFER SHARES

Subject to these Articles (and in particular Article <u>1415</u>), a <u>shareholder-Shareholder</u> may transfer all or any of his <u>shares-Shares</u> in any manner which is permitted by the Statutes or in any other manner which is from time to time approved by the board.

# 36. 34.TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATED SHARES

- 36.1 34.1 Save as otherwise permitted under the provisions of the Statutes, the Regulations or these Articles, all transfers of shares shall be effected using an instrument of transfer.
- 36.2 34.2The instrument of transfer of any share shall be in writing in any usual common form or in any other form permitted by the Statutes or approved by the board. The instrument of transfer

shall be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and, if the certificated <u>share\_Share\_is</u> is not fully paid, by or on behalf of the transferee. The transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of the <u>share\_Share\_until</u> the name of the transferee is entered in the register in respect thereof.

### 37. 35.TRANSFER OF UNCERTIFICATED SHARES

Subject to these Articles (and in particular Article 1415), a shareholder Shareholder may transfer an uncertificated share by means of the relevant system or in any other manner which is permitted by the Statutes or the Regulations and is from time to time approved by the board.

### 38. 36. INFORMATION RIGHTS AND FORCED TRANSFER

- 38.1 36.1 The board may at any time and from time to time serve notice on any shareholder Shareholder requiring that shareholder Shareholder to promptly provide the Company with any information, representations, certificates, waivers or forms ("Information") relating to such shareholder Shareholder (and its direct or indirect owners or account holders or the persons beneficially interested, directly or indirectly in the Shares held by such shareholder Shareholder) that the board determines from time to time is necessary or appropriate for the Company to have in order to:
  - 38.1.1 36.1.1satisfy any account or payee identification, documentation or other diligence requirements and any reporting requirements imposed under or in relation to FATCA, CRS or the requirements of any similar laws or regulations to which the Company may be subject enacted from time to time by any other jurisdiction ("similar laws"); or
  - 38.1.2 36.1.2 avoid or reduce any tax, penalty otherwise imposed by FATCA, CRS or similar laws (including any withholding upon any payments to such shareholder shareholder by the Company); or
  - 38.1.3 permit the Company to enter into, comply with, or prevent a default under or termination of, an agreement of the type described in section 1471(b) of the US Code or under similar laws; or
  - 38.1.4 36.1.4satisfy any account or payee identification, documentation or other diligence requirements pursuant to the AML Legislation, the CIF Law, the JFSC Codes or the International Tax Compliance Legislation.
- 38.2 36.2The Company and its agents shall be entitled to hold and process the Information for the purposes of carrying out the business of the Company and the administration and protection of its interests, including without limitation for the purposes set out in Article 36.1 38.1 above.
- 38.3 36.3 If at any time the holding or beneficial ownership of any shares Shares in the Company by any person (whether on its own or taken with other shares Shares), in the opinion of the directors:
  - 38.3.1 36.3.1 cause the Company's assets to be deemed, for the purpose of ERISA or the US Code, the assets of: (a) an "employee benefit plan" as defined in section 3(3) of ERISA that is

subject to Title I of ERISA; (b) "plan" as defined in section 4975 of the US Code, including an individual retirement account or other arrangement that is subject to section 4975 of the US Code; or (c) an entity whose underlying assets are considered to include "plan assets" by reason of investment in such entity by an "employee benefit plan" or "plan" (as described in the preceding paragraphs 36.3.1(a) and 36.3.1(b)83.3.1(b)); or

- 38.3.2 would or might result in the Company being required to register or qualify under the U.S. Investment Company Act (including because the shareholder Shareholder is not a "qualified purchaser" as defined in the U.S. Investment Company Act) or similar legislation, or to lose an exemption or status thereunder to which it might otherwise be entitled; or
- 38.3.3 36.3.3 would or might result in the Company (or, in relation to paragraph 36.3.3(b) below, any of its appointed Investment Manager) being required to: (a) register or qualify under the U.S. Securities Act and/or the U.S. Securities Exchange Act 1934 and/or any laws of any state of the U.S. that regulate the offering and sale of securities; (b) register as an "investment adviser" under the US Investment Advisers Act; or (c) register or qualify itself or any of the Shares in the Company under any similar legislation in any territory or jurisdiction
- 38.3.4 36.3.4 ay cause the Company not to be considered a "Foreign Private Issuer" under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act 1934; or
- 38.3.5 36.3.5 may cause the Company to be a "controlled foreign corporation" for the purpose of the U.S. Code; or
- 38.3.6 36.3.6 creates a significant legal or regulatory issue for the Company under the U.S. Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (as amended) or regulations or interpretations thereunder; or
- 38.3.7 Cause the Company to become subject to any withholding tax or penalties under FATCA, CRS or any similar legislation in any territory or jurisdiction, or to be unable to avoid or reduce such tax or to comply with any reporting obligation pursuant to FATCA (including any intergovernmental agreement entered into to facilitate implementation of FATCA), CRS or any similar legislation (including by reason of the failure of the shareholder-Shareholder concerned to provide promptly to the Company the Information); or
- 38.3.8 prevents the Company from (a) complying with the terms of an applicable intergovernmental agreement entered into to facilitate implementation of FATCA or (b) entering into, or complying with, or may result in a default under, or termination of, an agreement of the type described in section 1471(b) of the US Codes or under similar laws; or

38.3.9 36.3.9 creates a significant risk of the Company being in breach, or at risk of being in breach, of its obligations under the AML Legislation, the CIF Law, the JFSC Codes or the International Tax Compliance Legislation.

then any <u>shares\_Shares\_which</u> the directors decide are <u>shares\_Shares\_which</u> are so held or beneficially owned ("**Prohibited Shares**") must be dealt with in accordance with this Article <u>3638</u>. The directors may at any time give notice in writing to the holder of a <u>share\_Share\_requiring him</u> to make a declaration as to whether or not the <u>share\_Share</u> is a Prohibited Share.

- <u>38.4</u> 36.4The directors shall give written notice to the holder of any share share which appears to them to be a Prohibited Share requiring him within 21 days (or such extended time as the directors consider reasonable) to transfer (and/or procure the disposal of interests in) such share to another person so that it will cease to be a Prohibited Share. From the date of such notice until registration for such a transfer or a transfer arranged by the directors as referred to below, the share\_Share\_will not confer any right on the holder to receive notice of or to attend and vote at a general meeting of the Company and of any class of shareholder-Shareholder and those rights will vest in the Chairman of any such meeting, who may exercise or refrain from exercising them entirely at his discretion. If the notice is not complied with within 21 days to the satisfaction of the directors, the directors shall arrange for the Company to sell the share\_Share\_at the best price reasonably obtainable to any other person so that the share Share will cease to be a Prohibited Share. The net proceeds of sale (after payment of the Company's costs of sale and together with interest at such rate as the directors consider appropriate) shall be paid over by the Company to the former holder upon surrender by him of the relevant share certificate (if applicable) and the provisions of Article 115-117 shall apply mutatis mutandis to any sums which cannot be paid or where the recipient cannot be identified to the satisfaction of the directors.
- 38.5 Upon transfer of a share Share the transferee of such share shall be deemed to have represented and warranted to the Company that such transferee is (or is acting on behalf of an individual or entity which is):
  - 38.5.1 36.5.1 not a benefit plan investor and no portion of the assets used by such transferee to acquire or hold an interest in such <a href="share">share</a> constitutes or will be treated as "plan assets" of any benefit plan investor; and
  - 38.5.2 36.5.2either: (a) located outside the United States and not a U.S. Person, nor acquiring the Shares for the account or benefit of a U.S. Person, and is acquiring Shares in an "offshore transaction" as defined in and pursuant to Regulation S; or (b) a person to whom such Shares may otherwise be lawfully transferred pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act that is also a "qualified purchaser" as defined in section 2(a)(51) of the U.S. Investment Company Act.

## 39. 37. POWER TO REFUSE REGISTRATION OF TRANSFERS OF CERTIFICATED SHARES

- 37.1 The board may, in its absolute discretion, refuse to register any transfer of a certificated share Share of any class which is not fully paid and shall refuse to register any transfer of shares Shares to a person who does not meet the regulatory requirements applicable to the Company, provided that, where any such shares Shares are admitted to trading on a stock exchange, such discretion may not be exercised in such a way as to prevent dealings in the shares Shares of that class from taking place on an open and proper basis.
- 37.2 The board may also refuse to register any transfer of a certificated <a href="share\_s
- 39.3 Share Share they shall within two months after the date on which the instrument of transfer was lodged with the Company send to the proposed transferor and transferee notice of the refusal.
- 39.4 37.4The registration of transfers of shares Shares or of transfers of any class of shares Shares may be suspended at such times and for such periods as the directors may determine.
- 39.5 and allotment of any share Share, the directors shall have the same right to decline to approve the registration of any renouncee of an allottee as if the application to allot and the renunciation were a transfer of a share Share under these Articles.

## 40. 38. POWER TO REFUSE TRANSFERS OF UNCERTIFICATED SHARES

The board may refuse to register any transfer of an uncertificated share share where permitted by the Regulations.

## 41. 39. OTHER PROVISIONS ON TRANSFERS

- 41.1 39.1 The transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of the shares transferred until the name of the transferee is entered in the register in respect of those shares Shares.
- 41.2 39.2 No fee shall be charged in respect of the registration of any instrument of transfer or other document relating to or affecting the title to any share Share.
- 41.3 39.3 All instruments of transfer relating to transfers of shares which are registered shall, subject to Article 134136, be retained by the Company, but any instrument of transfer which the board refuses to register shall (except in any case of fraud) be returned to the person depositing the same with the notice of refusal.

## 42. 40.OVERSEAS BRANCH REGISTER

- 40.1 Subject to Article 40.2 42.2 and to the extent permitted by the Statutes, the Company or the board on behalf of the Company may cause to be kept in any territory a branch register of members resident in such territory (an "Overseas Branch Register") and the board may make and vary such regulations as it thinks fit respecting the keeping of any such register.
- 42.2 40.2 Where the company keeps an Overseas Branch Register, the Company shall:
  - 40.2.1 cause to be kept, at the place where the register is kept, a duplicate of the Overseas Branch Register;
  - 42.2.2 40.2.2 cause to be transmitted to the office a copy of every entry made in the Overseas Branch Register, as soon as practicable after such entry has been made; and
  - 42.2.3 40.2.3 cause every entry in the Overseas Branch Register to be duly entered in the duplicate, as soon as practicable after such entry has been made in the Overseas Branch Register.
- 40.3 The shares Shares to which an Overseas Branch Register relates shall be distinguished from those to which the register relates and, while an Overseas Branch Register is kept, no transaction in respect of any shares Shares to which it relates shall be registered or otherwise entered in any other register except its duplicate.

## 41. RENUNCIATIONS OF ALLOTMENT

Nothing in these Articles shall preclude the board from recognising a renunciation of the allotment of any share by the allottee in favour of some other person.

## TRANSMISSION OF SHARES

## 44. 42.TRANSMISSION ON DEATH

If a <u>shareholder\_Shareholder\_dies</u>, the survivor, where the deceased was a joint holder, and his personal representatives where he was a sole or the only surviving holder, shall be the only person or persons recognised by the Company as having any title to his <u>sharesShares</u>; but nothing in these Articles shall release the estate of a deceased <u>shareholder\_Shareholder\_from</u> any liability in respect of any <u>share\_Share\_holder\_from</u> held by him solely or jointly.

## 45. 43. ELECTION OF PERSON ENTITLED BY TRANSMISSION

43.1A person becoming entitled to a share\_Share\_in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of a shareholder\_Shareholder\_or of any other event giving rise to a transmission by operation of law may, on producing such evidence as the board may require and subject as provided in this Article 43.45, elect either to be registered himself as the holder of the share\_Share\_or to have some person nominated by him registered as the holder of the shareShare.

- 43.2 If he elects to be registered himself, he shall give to the Company a notice signed by him to that effect. If he elects to have another person registered, he shall execute a transfer of the <a href="share">share</a> to that person.
- 45.3 43.3 person entitled by transmission to a share Share in uncertificated form who elects to have some other person registered as the holder of the share Share shall either:
  - 45.3.1 43.3.1 procure that instructions are given by means of a relevant system to effect transfer of such uncertificated share. Share to that person; or
  - 45.3.2 43.3.2 change the uncertificated share share into certificated form and execute an instrument of transfer of that certificated share to that person.
- 43.4 All the provisions of these Articles relating to the transfer of <a href="shares">shares</a> shall apply to the notice or instrument of transfer as if it were an instrument of transfer signed by the person from whom the title by transmission is derived and the death or bankruptcy of the <a href="shareholder">shareholder</a> had not occurred.

#### 46. 44-RIGHTS OF PERSON ENTITLED BY TRANSMISSION

- 44.1A person becoming entitled to a <a href="share">share</a> in consequence of a death or bankruptcy of a <a href="shareholder-Shareholder">shareholder</a> or of any other event giving rise to a transmission by operation of law shall have the right to receive and give a discharge for any dividends or other monies payable in respect of the <a href="share-Share">share</a> and shall have the same rights in relation to the <a href="share-Share">share</a> as he would have if he were the holder except that, until he becomes the holder, he shall not be entitled to attend or vote at any meeting of the Company or any separate general meeting of the <a href="shareholder">shareholder</a> of any class of <a href="shares-Shares">shares-Shares</a> in the Company.
- 44.2 The board may at any time give notice requiring any such person to elect either to be registered himself or to transfer the <u>share Share</u> and, if after 90 days the notice has not been complied with, the board may withhold payment of all dividends or other monies payable in respect of the <u>share Share</u> until the requirements of the notice have been complied with.

### **UNCERTIFICATED SHARES**

## 47. 45. UNCERTIFICATED SHARES – GENERAL POWERS

- 45.1 Notwithstanding anything in these Articles to the contrary, any share share may be issued, held, registered, converted to or transferred in uncertificated form and may be converted from uncertificated form to certificated form in accordance with the Regulations and the requirements and practices of the Operator of the relevant system, such term to include for the purposes of this Article 4547, a computer system as contemplated by the Regulations.
- 47.2 45.2In relation to any share Share which is for the time being held in uncertificated form:

- 45.2.1 the Company may utilise the relevant system in which it is held to the fullest extent available from time to time in the exercise of any of its powers or functions under the Statutes or these Articles or otherwise in effecting any actions and the board may from time to time determine the manner in which such powers, functions and actions shall be so exercised or effected;
- 47.2.2 45.2.2 any provision in these Articles which is inconsistent with:
  - (a) the holding or transfer of that <u>share Share</u> in the manner prescribed or permitted by the Statutes;
  - (b) any other provision of the Statutes relating to <u>shares</u> held in uncertificated form; or
  - (c) the exercise of any powers or functions by the Company or the effecting by the Company of any actions by means of a relevant system,

shall not apply;

- 47.2.3 45.2.3 the Company may, by notice to the holder of any such share Share, require the holder to convert such share share into certificated form within such period as may be specified in the notice or, alternatively, may, to the extent permitted by the Regulations, give notice to the Operator of the relevant system requiring such share share to be converted into certificated form; and
- 47.2.4 45.2.4the Company shall not issue a certificate.
- 47.3 45.3 Unless the board otherwise determines, holdings of the same holder or joint holders in certificated form and uncertificated form shall be treated as separate holdings.
- 45.4References in these Articles to a requirement to execute or deliver an instrument of transfer or certificate or other document which shall not be appropriate in the case of uncertificated shares Shares shall, in the case of uncertificated shares Shares, be treated as references to a requirement to comply with any relevant requirements of the relevant system and any relevant arrangements or regulations which the board may make from time to time pursuant to Article 45.747.7.
- 47.5 45.5A class of share Share shall not be treated as two classes by virtue only of that class comprising both certificated shares Shares and uncertificated shares or as a result of any provision of these Articles or the Regulations which applies only in respect of certificated shares or uncertificated shares Shares.
- 45.6 References in these Articles to instruments of transfer shall, so far as may be consistent with the Regulations and the requirements of the relevant system, include, in relation to uncertificated shares Shares, instructions and/or notifications made in accordance with the relevant system relating to the transfer of such shares Shares.

- 45.7 Subject to the Regulations and the requirements of the relevant system, the board may make such arrangements or regulations (if any) as it may from time to time, in its absolute discretion, think fit in relation to the evidencing and transfer of uncertificated shares Shares or otherwise for the purpose of implementing and/or supplementing the provisions of this Article 45-47 and the Regulations and the facilities and requirements of the relevant system and such arrangements and regulations (as the case may be) shall have the same effect as if set out in this Article 4547.
- 47.8 45.8 The board may resolve that a class of shares Shares is to become a participating security and may at any time determine that a class of shares Shares shall cease to be a participating security.
- 45.9 Where any class of shares Shares in the capital of the Company is a participating security and the Company is entitled under any provisions of the Statutes or the rules made and practices instituted by the Operator of any relevant system or under these Articles to dispose of, forfeit, enforce a lien or sell or otherwise procure the sale of any share Share which is held in uncertificated form, such entitlement (to the extent permitted by the Regulations and the rules made and practices instituted by the Operator of the relevant system) shall include the right to:
  - 47.9.1 45.9.1 request or require the deletion of any entries in the Operator register of members;
  - 47.9.2 45.9.2 require any holder of any uncertificated share Share which is the subject of any exercise by the Company of any such entitlement, by notice in writing to the holder concerned, to change his holding of such uncertificated share Share into certificated form within such period as may be specified in the notice, prior to completion of any disposal, sale or transfer of such share Share or direct the holder to take such steps, by instructions given by means of a relevant system or otherwise, as may be necessary to sell or transfer such share Share;
  - 47.9.3 45.9.3 appoint any person to take such other steps, by instruction given by means of a relevant system or otherwise, in the name of the holder of such share Share as may be required to effect a transfer of such share Share and such steps shall be as effective as if they had been taken by the registered holder of the uncertificated share Share concerned;
  - 47.9.4 45.9.4 otherwise rectify or change the issuer register of members in respect of that share Share in such manner as may be appropriate; and/or
  - 47.9.5 45.9.5 take such other action as may be necessary to enable that share share to be registered in the name of the person to whom the share share has been sold or disposed of or as directed by him.

## 48. 46. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS IN SHARES

48.1 46.1 For so long as the Company shall have a class of shares Shares admitted to trading on a stock exchange in the United Kingdom, the provisions of Chapter 5 of the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules (as amended from time to time) ("DTR 5") of the UK Financial Conduct Authority Handbook (the "Handbook"), and the vote holder and issuer notification rules set out in DTR 5, shall

be deemed to apply to the Company and each <u>shareholder-Shareholder</u> as if the Company were an "issuer", as such term is defined in DTR 5, notwithstanding that, in the absence of this Article <u>46.148.1</u>, such provisions of DTR 5 may otherwise apply on the basis that the Company is a "non-UK issuer", as such term is defined in DTR 5, or not at all.

- 48.2 46.2 For the purposes of this Article 46 only, defined terms in DTR 5 shall bear the meaning set out in DTR 5, and if the meaning of a defined term is not set out in DTR 5, the defined term shall bear the meaning set out in the Glossary to the Handbook (in such case, read as the definition applicable to DTR 5).
- 48.3 Afticle 46.3 In addition to the obligations set out in Article 46.1 48.1 and Article 46.2 48.2, the Company may, by issuing a notice in writing in such form as the directors may from time to time approve (a "Disclosure Notice"), require a holder to disclose the nature of his interest in shares in the Company held at such time or at any time in the previous three years, in accordance with this Article 4648.
- 48.4 The Company may issue a Disclosure Notice to any holder at any time and the holder shall be obliged to respond in writing confirming such details as the Disclosure Notice requires within 14 days of receipt of the Disclosure Notice.
- 48.5 46.5A holder who holds issued shares of any particular class is obliged to disclose to the Company by virtue of a Disclosure Notice:
  - 48.5.1 46.5.1 whether such shareholding is held legally and beneficially by that holder, without any residual or equitable interest or encumbrance or other third party interest in such shareholding of any sort; and
  - 48.5.2 46.5.2 if such holder does not hold his shareholding legally and beneficially for himself only, in what capacity he holds it (for example, whether as trustee, nominee or otherwise); and
  - 48.5.3 46.5.3 the class of persons for whom or on whose behalf he ultimately holds it or which otherwise has the ultimate interest or interests in such shareholding including, but not limited to, whether or not such interest is held on behalf of a family trust, individual holding or investment company, trading company or otherwise; and
  - 48.5.4 46.5.4the identity or identities of all persons or entities for whom or on whose behalf the relevant shares—Shares are ultimately held or the persons or entities which hold the ultimate beneficial interest or have a beneficial interest in the shares—Shares or which ultimately influence or control the holding of the shares—Shares, to the extent these are known by him.
- 48.6 46.6 In this Article 4648, references to the ultimate holding or to persons or entities on whose behalf the relevant shares-Shares are ultimately held require disclosure of the person or persons or entities which ultimately control, benefit or have an interest in the shares-Shares such that the directors may reasonably determine the identity of the person or persons or entities which have an indirect

interest in the relevant <u>shares\_Shares\_and</u> the nature of that shareholding and a holder will not comply with the provisions of this Article <u>46\_48</u> by virtue of disclosing the legal entities or persons through whom the relevant <u>shares\_Shares\_are</u> held without also disclosing the actual identity of the relevant person or persons or entities for whom the relevant <u>shares\_Shares</u> are ultimately held.

- 48.7 Nothing in this Article 46.48 will require a holder to disclose the specific structure or order of the persons or entities behind a relevant shareholding except to the extent that such arrangements have an impact on who the ultimate beneficiaries, controllers or parties able to exercise influence over the relevant shares—Shares in accordance with Article 46.5.4.48.5.4 are.
- 48.8 46.8 In the event that a holder fails to make the appropriate disclosures in accordance with this Article 4648, the directors may, by notice in writing and in their discretion, suspend any rights of membership including voting and/or dividend rights, and/or refuse to register any transfers in respect of the relevant sharesShares, until such time as the appropriate disclosures are properly made. Any dividends declared and paid in such period shall be withheld by the Company and shall be payable without interest as soon as reasonably practicable upon compliance. For the purposes of these Articles, to the extent permissible by the Companies Law, holders whose voting rights have been suspended in accordance with this Article 46-48 shall be entitled to receive notice of all general meetings of the Company but shall not be entitled to be present or to vote at the relevant general meetings. All resolutions passed at such general meetings shall be valid and binding, notwithstanding the suspension of voting rights.
- 48.9 46.9 The board may be required to exercise their powers under Article 46.4 48.4 on the requisition of shareholders blolding at the date of the deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth (10%) of the voting rights at general meetings of the Company at that date. The requisition must:
  - 48.9.1 46.9.1 46.9.1 46.9.1 46.448.4; 46.9.1
  - 48.9.2 46.9.2 specify the manner in which they require those powers to be exercised;
  - 48.9.3 46.9.3 give reasonable grounds for requiring the Company to exercise those powers in the manner specified; and
  - 48.9.4 46.9.4 be signed by the requisitionists and deposited at the office.
- 48.10 46.10 The requisition may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more requisitionists.
- 48.11 46.11On the deposit of a requisition complying with Article 46.9 48.9 and Article 46.1048.10, it is the board's duty to exercise its powers under Article 46.4 in the manner specified in the requisition.

- 48.12 46.12The directors shall keep a register for the purposes of Article 46-48 at the office and shall procure that the information received by the Company in accordance with Article 46-48 shall be inscribed thereon.
- 48.13 46.13 Neither the Company nor the directors shall in any event be liable to any person as a result of the directors having imposed any restrictions pursuant to Article 46.48 if the directors have acted in good faith.

#### **GENERAL MEETINGS**

## 49. 47.ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Unless all of the shareholders Shareholders agree in writing to dispense with the holding of annual general meetings and any such agreement remains valid in accordance with the Companies Law, the board shall convene and the Company shall in each calendar year hold a general meeting as its annual general meeting at such time and place outside the UK as may be determined by the directors provided that, if the Company holds its first annual general meeting within 18 months of its incorporation, the Company need not hold an annual general meeting in the year of its incorporation or in the following year.

#### **50. 48.**CONVENING OF GENERAL MEETINGS

- 48.1 All meetings other than annual general meetings shall be called general meetings. The board may convene a general meeting whenever it thinks fit. All general meetings shall take place in Jersey.
- 48.2 A general meeting may also be convened in accordance with Article 8587.
- 48.3 A general meeting shall also be convened by the board on the requisition of shareholders Shareholders pursuant to the provisions of the Companies Law or, in default, may be convened by such requisitions as provided by the Statutes. Any such general meeting shall be convened by the board not later than two months after the receipt of the relevant requisition.
- 48.4The board shall comply with the provisions of the Statutes regarding the giving and circulation, on the requisition of <a href="mailto:shareholders">shareholders</a>, of notices of resolutions and of statements with respect to matters relating to any resolution to be proposed or business to be dealt with at any general meeting of the Company.
- 48.5 No business shall be transacted at any general meeting called pursuant to a requisition of the shareholders other than such business as is stated in the requisition as being the object of the meeting.
- 48.6 Save as otherwise provided in these Articles, all the provisions of these Articles and of the Statutes relating to general meetings of the Company and to the proceedings thereat shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to every class meeting. A director who is entitled to receive notice of general

meetings of the Company in accordance with Article 50.4-52.4 shall also be entitled, unless he has notified the secretary in writing of his contrary desire, to receive notice of all class meetings. At Without prejudice to Article 17.5.4, at any class meeting the holders of shares Shares of the relevant class shall on a poll have one vote in respect of each share Share of that class held by them.

## 51. 49.ORDERLY CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

- 49.1 The board may both prior to and during any general meeting make any arrangements and impose any restrictions which it considers appropriate to ensure the security and/or the orderly conduct of any such general meeting, including, without limitation, arranging for any person attending any such meeting to be searched, for items of personal property which may be taken into any such meeting to be restricted and for any person (whether or not a shareholder Shareholder of the Company) who refuses to comply with any such arrangements or restrictions to be refused entry to or excluded from any such meeting.
- 49.2 The chairman of any general meeting of the Company shall take such action as he thinks fit to promote the orderly conduct of the business of the meeting as laid down in the notice of the meeting, including, without limitation, asking any person or persons (whether or not a shareholder or shareholders—Shareholder or Shareholders of the Company) to leave the meeting and, if necessary, having such person or persons excluded from the meeting. The decision of the chairman on matters relating to the orderly conduct of a meeting and on any other matters of procedure or arising incidentally from the business of the meeting shall be final as shall be his determination, acting in good faith, as to whether any matter is of such nature. Nothing in this Article 49.2 51.2 shall limit any other power vested in the chairman.
- 49.3 The board may make such arrangements as it shall in its absolute discretion consider to be appropriate for any of the following purposes:
  - 51.3.1 49.3.1 to regulate the level of attendance at any place specified for the holding of a general meeting or any adjournment of such a meeting;
  - 51.3.2 49.3.2 to ensure the safety of people attending at any such place; or
  - 51.3.3 49.3.3 to facilitate attendance at such meeting or adjournment,

and may from time to time vary any such arrangements or make new arrangements in their place. Such arrangements may include, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the issue of tickets or the use of some random means of selection or otherwise as the board shall consider to be appropriate.

- 51.4 49.4The board may when specifying the place of the meeting:
  - 51.4.1 49.4.1 direct that the meeting shall be held at a place specified in the notice ("Main Meeting Place") at which the chairman of the meeting shall preside; and

- 51.4.2 49.4.2 make arrangements for simultaneous attendance and participation at another place or other places by shareholders Shareholders and proxies otherwise entitled to attend the general meeting but excluded from it under the provisions of this Article 49.4-51.4 or who wish to attend at the other place or any of such other places.
- 49.5 Such arrangements for simultaneous attendance may include arrangements for regulating the level of attendance in the manner aforesaid at the other place or any of such other places.
- 49.6 The shareholders Shareholders present in person or by proxy at the other place or places pursuant to the provisions of Article 49.4.2 shall be counted in the quorum for, and entitled to vote at, the meeting in question, and that meeting shall be duly constituted and its proceedings shall be duly constituted and its proceedings valid if the chairman of the meeting is satisfied that adequate facilities are available throughout the meeting to ensure that shareholders Shareholders attending all the meeting places are able to:
  - <u>51.6.1</u> 49.6.1 participate in the business for which the meeting has been convened;
  - <u>51.6.2</u> 49.6.2 hear and see all persons who speak (whether by use of microphones, loudspeakers, audio-visual communications equipment or otherwise) in the Main Meeting Place and the other place or places for the meeting; and
  - <u>51.6.3</u> 49.6.3 be heard and seen by all other persons present in the same way.
- 49.7 If it appears to the chairman of the meeting that the facilities at the Main Meeting Place or at the other place or places have become inadequate for the purpose referred to in Article 49.551.5, then the chairman may, without the consent of the meeting, interrupt or adjourn the meeting. All business conducted at that meeting up to the time of adjournment shall be valid. The provisions of Article 55.1 57.1 shall apply to that adjournment.
- 49.8 For the purposes of all other provisions of these Articles (unless the context requires otherwise) the shareholders Shareholders shall be deemed to be meeting in one place, and that shall be the Main Meeting Place.
- 49.9If after the sending of notice of a general meeting but before the meeting is held, or after the adjournment of a general meeting but before the adjourned meeting is held (whether or not notice of the adjourned meeting is required), the board decides that it is impracticable or unreasonable to hold the meeting on the date or at the time or at the Main Meeting Place specified in the notice calling the meeting (or any of the other places, in the case of a meeting to which Article 49.4.2 51.4.2 applies), it may postpone the meeting to another date, time and place. When a meeting is postponed, notice of the date, time and place of the postponed meeting shall, be placed in at least two national newspapers in the United Kingdom. No new notice of the meeting need be sent. The board must take reasonable steps to ensure that a shareholder Shareholder trying to attend the meeting at the original date, time and place is informed of the new arrangements.

49.10 An appointment of a proxy in relation to a postponed meeting may, if in hard copy form, be delivered to the office or to such other place within Jersey as may be specified by or on behalf of the Company in accordance with Article 67.1.1 or, if in electronic form, be received at the address (if any) specified by or on behalf of the Company in accordance with Article 67.1.2 or, at any time not less than 48 hours before any time appointed for holding the postponed meeting.

## 52. 50.NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

- 50.1 At least 14 clear days' notice shall be given of every annual general meeting and of every general meeting, including without limitation, every general meeting called for the passing of a special resolution.
- 52.2 So.2A meeting of the Company shall notwithstanding that it is called by shorter notice than that specified in Article 50.1 be deemed to have been duly called if it is so agreed:
  - 52.2.1 shareholders—Shareholders—Shareholders—Shareholders—entitled to attend and vote thereat; and
  - 52.2.2 so the case of any other meeting by a majority in number of the shareholders Shareholders having a right to attend and vote at the meeting being a majority together holding not less than 95% of the total voting rights of shares Shares giving that right.
- 50.3 Every notice shall specify the place outside the UK, the day and the time of the meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted and, in the case of an annual general meeting, shall specify the meeting as such.
- 50.4Subject to the provisions of these Articles, and to any restrictions imposed on any <a href="shares\_Shares\_Shares\_Shareholders\_Shareholders\_Shareholders\_Shareholders\_Shareholders\_Shareholders\_Shareholders\_Shareholders\_Shareholders\_Shareholders\_Shareholders\_Shareholders\_Shareholders\_Shareholder\_Shareho
- 52.5 Solution 50.5 In every notice calling a meeting of the Company there shall appear with reasonable prominence a statement that a shareholder Shareholder entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote instead of him and that a proxy need not also be a shareholder.

## 53. 51. AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTIONS

- 53.1 Square 51.1 Square 51.1 Square 51.1 Square 51.1 Square 51.1 No amendment to a resolution duly proposed as a special resolution (other than a mere clerical amendment to correct an obvious error) may be considered.
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- 53.2.1 51.2.1at least 48 hours prior to the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which such ordinary resolution is to be proposed, notice in writing of the terms of the amendment has been lodged by means of an instrument in hard copy form at the office, or received in electronic form at such address (if any) as may for the time being have been specified by or on behalf of the Company for that purpose; and
- 53.2.2 the proposed amendment does not, in the reasonable opinion of the chairman, materially alter the scope of the resolution.
- 53.3 51.3 If an amendment shall be proposed to any resolution but shall be ruled out of order by the chairman, acting in good faith, the proceedings on the substantive resolution shall not be invalidated by any error in such ruling.

## 54. 52. OMISSION OR NON-RECEIPT OF NOTICE

The accidental omission to send a notice of a meeting, or to send any notification where required by the Statutes or these Articles in relation to the publication of a notice of meeting on a website, or to send a form of proxy where required by the Statutes or these Articles, to any person entitled to receive it, or the non-receipt for any reason of any such notice or notification or form of proxy by that person, whether or not the Company is aware of such omission or non-receipt, shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

## 55. 53.PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 53.1 The business of an annual general meeting shall be to receive and consider the accounts of the Company and the reports of the directors and auditors (if any), to elect directors (if proposed), to elect auditors (if proposed) and fix their remuneration, to sanction a dividend (if thought fit so to do) and to transact any other business of which notice has been given.
- 53.2 No business shall be transacted at any general meeting except the adjournment of the meeting unless a quorum of shareholders Shareholders is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. Such quorum shall consist of not less than two shareholders Shareholders present but so that not less than two individuals will constitute the quorum, provided that, if at any time all of the issued shares Shares in the Company are held by one shareholder Shareholder, such quorum shall consist of that shareholder Shareholder present.
- 53.3 If a shareholder Shareholder is by any means in communication with one or more other shareholders Shareholders so that each shareholder Shareholder participating in the communication can hear what is said by any other of them, each shareholder Shareholder so participating in the communication is deemed to be present at a meeting with the other shareholders Shareholders so participating notwithstanding that all the shareholders Shareholders so participating are not present together in the same place. A meeting at which any or all of the shareholders Shareholders participate as aforesaid shall be deemed to be a general meeting of the Company for the purposes of these Articles notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles

and all of the provisions of these Articles and of the Companies Law relating to general meetings of the Company and to the proceedings thereat shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to every such meeting.

53.4If within 15 minutes from the time appointed for the holding of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of shareholders. Shareholders, shall be dissolved. In any other case, it shall stand adjourned to a day ten clear days after the original meeting (or, if that day is not a business day, to the next business day) and at the same time and place outside the UK, as the original meeting, or to such later business day, and at such other time and place, as the board may decide and in the latter case not less than seven clear days' notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given in any manner in which notice of a meeting may lawfully be given for the time being. If at an adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within 15 minutes from the time fixed for holding the meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved.

## <u>56.</u> <u>54.</u>CHAIRMAN

At each general meeting, the chairman of the board or, if he is absent or unwilling, the deputy chairman (if any) of the board or (if more than one deputy chairman is present and willing) the deputy chairman who has been longest in such office or, if no deputy chairman is present and willing, then one of the other directors who is appointed for the purpose by the board or (failing appointment by the board), by the shareholders Shareholders present, shall preside as chairman of the meeting, but if no director is present within 15 minutes after the time fixed for holding the meeting or, if none of the directors present is willing to preside, the shareholders Shareholders present and entitled to vote shall choose one of their number to preside as chairman of the meeting.

## 57. <del>55.</del>ADJOURNMENT

- 57.1 Ships the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present the chairman of the meeting may (and if so directed by the meeting shall) adjourn the meeting from time to time or sine die and from place to place outside the UK.
- 57.2 In addition, the chairman of the meeting may at any time without the consent of the meeting adjourn the meeting (whether or not it has commenced or a quorum is present) to another time and/or place outside the UK if, in his opinion, it would facilitate the conduct of the business of the meeting to do so, notwithstanding that by reason of such adjournment some shareholders Shareholders may be unable to be present at the adjourned meeting. Any such shareholder Shareholder may nevertheless appoint a proxy for the adjourned meeting in accordance with Article 67.169.1.
- 57.3 Shall limit any other power vested in the chairman to adjourn the meeting.
- 57.4 Whenever a meeting is adjourned for 30 days or more, at least seven clear days' notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given in any manner in which notice of a meeting may lawfully be given

for the time being but otherwise no person shall be entitled to any notice of any adjourned meeting or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.

57.5 No business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business which might have been transacted at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

## 58. 56. DIRECTORS AND OTHERS ENTITLED TO ATTEND AND SPEAK

- 56.1 Whether or not he is a shareholder Shareholder, a director shall be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting of the Company and at any separate general meeting of the holders of any class of shares-Shares of the Company.
- 56.2 The chairman of the meeting may permit other persons who are not shareholders Shareholders or otherwise entitled to exercise the rights of shareholders—Shareholders in relation to general meetings to attend and speak at a general meeting.

### 59. 57.METHOD OF VOTING AND DEMAND FOR POLL

- 59.1 Save where Article 17.5.4 applies, at a general meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands, unless (before or immediately after the declaration of the result of the show of hands or on the withdrawal of any other demand for a poll) a poll is demanded by:
  - 59.1.1 57.1.1 the chairman of the meeting;
  - 59.1.2 57.1.2 not less than five shareholders Shareholders having the right to vote on the resolution; or
  - 57.1.3 shareholder or shareholders Shareholder or Shareholders representing in aggregate not less than 10% of the total voting rights of all the shareholders Shareholders having the right to vote on the resolution (excluding any voting rights attached to any shares-Shares in the Company held as treasury shares),

and a demand for a poll by a person as proxy for a <u>shareholder Shareholder</u> shall be as valid as if the demand were made by the <u>shareholder Shareholder</u> himself.

- 59.2 57.2No poll may be demanded in respect of a resolution to elect a chairman of the meeting.
- 59.3 A demand for a poll may, before the poll is taken, be withdrawn but only with the consent of the chairman of the meeting and a demand so withdrawn shall not be taken to have invalidated the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made. If a poll is demanded before the declaration of the result of a show of hands and the demand is duly withdrawn, the meeting shall continue as if the demand had not been made.
- 59.4 S7.4Unless a poll is demanded (and the demand is not withdrawn), a declaration by the chairman of the meeting that a resolution has been carried, or carried unanimously, or has been carried by a

particular majority, or lost, or not carried by a particular majority, shall be conclusive, and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting shall be conclusive evidence of that fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution or withheld.

## 60. 58.TAKING A POLL

- 58.1 If a poll is demanded (and the demand is not withdrawn), it shall be taken at such time (either at the meeting at which the poll is demanded or within 30 days after the meeting), at such place outside the UK and in such manner as the chairman of the meeting shall direct and he may appoint scrutineers (who need not be shareholders).
- <u>58.20n</u> <u>Without prejudice to Article 17.5.4, on a poll, each shareholder Shareholder shall have one vote for each share held (of any class). In the event of an equality of votes at any general meeting the chairman shall not be entitled to a second or casting vote.</u>
- 58.3 A poll demanded on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith at the meeting. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken either forthwith or on such day and at such time and place as the chairman directs not being more than 21 days after the poll is demanded.
- 58.4It shall not be necessary (unless the chairman of the meeting otherwise directs) for notice to be given of a poll not taken immediately if the time and place at which it is to be taken are announced at the meeting at which it was demanded. In any other case, at least seven days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place at which the poll is to be taken.
- 58.50n Without prejudice to Article 17.5.4, on a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy and a shareholder Shareholder entitled to more than one vote need not use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way.

## <u>61.</u> <u>59.</u>CONTINUANCE OF BUSINESS AFTER DEMAND FOR POLL

The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which a poll has been demanded.

#### **VOTES OF SHAREHOLDERS**

# 62. 60. VOTING RIGHTS

- 60.1 Subject to the provisions of these Articles (and in particular without prejudice to Article 17.5.4) and to any special rights or restrictions as to voting for the time being attached to any shares Shares, on a show of hands:
  - 62.1.1 60.1.1 every shareholder Shareholder who (being an individual) is present in person or (being a corporation) is present by a duly authorised representative shall have one vote; and

62.1.2 60.1.2 every proxy appointed by a shareholder\_Shareholder\_shall have one vote save that every proxy appointed by one or more shareholders\_Shareholders\_to vote for the resolution and by one or more other shareholders\_Shareholders\_to vote against the resolution, has one vote for and one vote against.

## 63. 61. VOTING RIGHTS OF JOINT HOLDERS

If more than one of the joint holders of a <u>share\_Share</u> tenders a vote on the same resolution, whether personally or by proxy, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote shall be accepted to the exclusion of the vote(s) of the other joint holder(s); and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register in respect of the relevant <u>shareShare</u>.

## 64. 62. VOTING RIGHTS OF SHAREHOLDERS INCAPABLE OF MANAGING THEIR AFFAIRS

A shareholder Shareholder in respect of whom an order has been made by any court having jurisdiction (whether in Jersey or elsewhere) in matters concerning legal incapacity or interdiction may vote, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, by his attorney, receiver, curator or other person in the nature of a receiver or curator appointed by that court, and the attorney, receiver, curator or other person may vote by proxy. Evidence to the satisfaction of the board of the authority of the person claiming the right to vote shall be produced at the office (or at such other place as may be specified for the deposit of appointments of proxy) not later than the last time by which an appointment of a proxy must be deposited in order to be valid for use at the meeting or adjourned meeting or on the holding of the poll at or on which that person proposes to vote and, in default, the right to vote shall not be exercisable.

## 65. 63. VOTING RIGHTS SUSPENDED WHERE SUMS OVERDUE

Unless the board otherwise decides, a <u>shareholder-Shareholder</u> shall not be entitled to vote, either in person or by proxy, at any general meeting or at any separate general meeting of the holders of any class of <u>shares-Shares</u> in the Company in respect of any <u>share-Share</u> held by him unless all calls and other sums presently payable by him in respect of that <u>share-Share</u> have been paid.

## 66. 64. OBJECTIONS TO ADMISSIBILITY OF VOTES

No objection shall be raised as to the admissibility of any vote except at the meeting or adjourned meeting or poll at which the vote objected to is or may be given or tendered, and every vote not disallowed at such meeting or poll shall be valid for all purposes. Any such objection made in due time shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting, whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

#### **PROXIES**

- <u>67.</u> <u>65.</u>PROXIES
- 67.1 65.1A proxy need not be a shareholder Shareholder of the Company and a shareholder Shareholder may appoint more than one proxy in relation to a meeting to attend and to speak and to vote on the same occasion provided that each proxy is appointed to exercise the rights attached to a different share or shares Share or Shares held by a shareholder Shareholder. References in these Articles to an appointment of a proxy includes references to an appointment of multiple proxies.
- 65.2If a shareholder\_Shareholder\_appoints more than one proxy in relation to a meeting (whether by one or more different forms of proxy), each proxy being for a specified number of shares\_Shares which in aggregate exceeds the number of shares\_Shares\_registered in the name of the shareholder\_Shareholder, the Company shall have the right either to treat all such proxies as invalid or to treat only some of such proxies as invalid provided that the remaining proxies which are treated as valid are for a specified number of shares\_Shares\_which in aggregate do not exceed the number of shares\_Shares registered in the name of the shareholder.
- 67.3 Deposit of an appointment of a proxy shall not preclude a <u>shareholder\_Shareholder\_from</u> attending and voting in person at the meeting or on the poll concerned.
- 67.4 Without prejudice to Article 67.869.8, no appointment of a proxy shall be valid except for the meeting or meetings mentioned in it (including on any poll demanded at any such meeting).
- 68. 66.FORM OF PROXY
- 68.1 66.1 An appointment of a proxy shall be in writing:
  - 68.1.1 66.1.1in hard copy in any usual form, executed by the appointor or his agent duly authorised in writing, or, if the appointor is a corporation, shall either be executed under its common seal or be signed by some agent or officer authorised for that purpose; or
  - 68.1.2 66.1.2 in electronic form; or
  - <u>68.1.3</u> by means of a website.
- 68.2 66.2 The signature on an appointment of a proxy need not be witnessed.
- 69. 67. DEPOSIT OF PROXY
- 69.1 67.1 The appointment of a proxy shall:
  - 69.1.1 67.1.1 in the case of an appointment in hard copy form, be delivered personally or by post to the office or such other place within Jersey as may be specified by or on behalf of the Company for that purpose in the notice convening the meeting or in any form of proxy sent by or on behalf of the Company in relation to the meeting, not less than 48 hours before

the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting (or any postponed time appointed for holding the meeting pursuant to Article 53.455.4) to which it relates; or

- 69.1.2 67.1.2in the case of an appointment to be made in electronic form and/or by means of a website, be received at an address specified by or on behalf of the Company for the purpose of receiving documents or information in electronic form and/or by means of a website:
  - (a) in, or by way of note to, the notice convening the meeting;
  - (b) in any form of proxy sent by or on behalf of the Company in relation to the meeting; or
  - (c) in any invitation in electronic form to appoint a proxy issued by or on behalf of the Company in relation to the meeting,
- 67.2 Not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting (or any postponed time appointed for holding the meeting pursuant to Article 53.455.4) to which it relates; or
  - 69.2.1 67.2.1in the case of a poll which is taken more than 48 hours after it is demanded, be delivered or received as aforesaid not less than 24 hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll; or
  - 69.2.2 in the case of a poll which is not taken at the meeting at which it is demanded but is taken not more than 48 hours after it was demanded, be delivered in hard copy form at the meeting at which the poll was demanded to the chairman, or to the secretary or to any director.
- 69.3 67.3 In calculating the periods mentioned in this Article 6769, no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a business day.
- 69.4 67.4Without limiting the foregoing, in relation to any shares Shares which are held in uncertificated form, the board may from time to time permit appointments of a proxy to be made by electronic means and/or by means of a website in the form of an uncertificated proxy instruction (that is, a properly authenticated dematerialised instruction, and/or other instruction or notification, which is sent by means of the relevant system concerned and received by such participant in that system acting on behalf of the Company as the board may prescribe, in such form and subject to such terms and conditions as may from time to time be prescribed by the board (subject always to the facilities and requirements of the relevant system concerned)); and may in a similar manner permit supplements to, or amendments or revocations of, any such uncertificated proxy instruction to be made by like means. The board may in addition prescribe the method of determining the time at which any such properly authenticated dematerialised instruction (and/or other instruction or notification) is to be treated as received by the Company or such participant. The board may treat any such uncertificated proxy instruction which purports to be or is expressed to be sent on behalf

- of a holder of a share Share as sufficient evidence of the authority of the person sending that instruction to send it on behalf of that holder.
- 69.5 67.5An appointment of a proxy relating to more than one meeting (including any adjournment thereof) having once been so received for the purposes of any meeting shall not be required to be received again for the purposes of any subsequent meeting to which it relates.
- 69.6 Where the appointment of a proxy is expressed to have been or purports to have been executed by a person on behalf of the holder of a shareShare:
  - 69.6.1 67.6.1 the Company may treat the appointment as sufficient evidence of the authority of that person to execute the appointment on behalf of that holder; and
  - 69.6.2 67.6.2 that holder shall, if requested by or on behalf of the Company at any time, send or procure the sending of any written authority under which the appointment has been executed, or a copy of such authority certified notarially or in some other way approved by the board, to such address and by such time as may be specified in the request and, if the request is not complied with in any respect, the appointment may be treated as invalid.
- 69.7 67.7An appointment of a proxy which is not delivered or received in accordance with Article 67.169.1, or in respect of which Article 67.5-69.5 has not been complied with, shall be invalid.
- 69.8 67.8 No appointment of a proxy shall be valid more than 12 months from the date of execution.
- 67.9 The appointment of a proxy shall also be deemed to confer authority to vote on any amendment of a resolution put to the meeting for which it is given as the proxy thinks fit. The appointment of a proxy shall, unless it provides to the contrary, be valid for any adjournment of the meeting as well as for the meeting to which it relates, subject to Article 67.769.7.
- 67.10 Subject to Article 67.10, 69.1 if two or more valid but differing appointments of proxy in hard copy form are received in respect of the same share Share for use at the same meeting or poll, the one which is last delivered or received (regardless of its date or of the date or time of its execution or transmission) shall be treated as replacing and revoking the others.
- 69.11 67.11The board may determine at its discretion when an appointment of a proxy shall be treated as delivered or received for the purposes of these Articles.

## 70. 68.NOTICE OF REVOCATION OF PROXY

- <u>70.1</u> 68.1 Notice of the revocation of the appointment of a proxy may be given in any lawful manner which complies with the regulations (if any) made by the board to govern the revocation of a proxy.
- <u>70.2</u> 68.2A vote cast or a poll demanded by a proxy or by the duly authorised representative of a corporation shall not be rendered invalid by reason of the death or mental disorder of the appointor or by the revocation of the proxy or the authority under which the proxy was executed

or, pending registration thereof, by the transfer of the share\_Share\_in respect of which the vote is cast or the poll is demanded unless notice of such death, mental disorder or revocation or of the transfer shall have been received by the Company not later than the latest time at which the proxy would need to have been delivered to or received by the Company in order to be valid for use at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the proxy is used, or in the case of a poll, not later than the latest time at which the proxy would need to have been delivered to or received by the Company to enable the proxy to vote on the poll. Such notice of determination shall be either in hard copy form, delivered to the office or to such other place within Jersey as may be specified by or on behalf of the Company in accordance with Article 67.1.1 69.1.1 or in electronic form received at the address (if any) specified by or on behalf of the Company in accordance with Article 67.1.269.1.2, regardless of whether any relevant appointment of a proxy was effected in hard copy or electronic form.

#### **DIRECTORS**

## 71. 69.NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

The directors (other than alternate directors) shall not, unless otherwise determined by an ordinary resolution of the Company, be less than two but there shall be no maximum number of directors.

## 72. TO-DIRECTORS NEED NOT BE SHAREHOLDERS

A director need not be a <u>shareholder\_Shareholder</u> of the Company. A director who is not a <u>shareholder\_Shareholder</u> of the Company shall nevertheless be entitled to attend and speak at general meetings in accordance with Article <u>56.158.1</u>.

## 73. 71.AGE OF DIRECTORS

Subject to the Statutes, no person shall be disqualified from being appointed a director, and no director shall be required to vacate that office, by reason only of his age.

### APPOINTMENT, RETIREMENT AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

## **74. 72.** APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

- 74.1 Subject to the provisions of these Articles, any person who is willing to act to be a director, either to fill a vacancy or as an additional director may be appointed by:
  - 74.1.1 72.1.1 the Company by ordinary resolution; or
  - 74.1.2 72.1.2 the board.
- 74.2 No person (other than a director retiring by rotation or otherwise) shall be appointed or reappointed a director at any general meeting unless:
  - 74.2.1 72.2.1 he is recommended by the board; or

- 74.2.2 72.2.2not less than seven nor more than forty two clear days before the date appointed for the meeting there has been given to the Company, by a shareholder-Shareholder (other than the person to be proposed) entitled to vote at the meeting, notice of his intention to propose a resolution for the appointment of that person, stating the particulars which would, if he were so appointed, be required to be included in the Company's register of directors and a notice executed by that person of his willingness to be appointed.
- 74.3 The Company shall keep or cause to be kept a register of particulars with regard to its directors in the manner required by the Companies Law.

## 75. 73. SEPARATE RESOLUTIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF EACH DIRECTOR

Every resolution of a general meeting for the appointment of a director shall relate to one named person and a single resolution for the appointment of two or more persons shall be void, unless a resolution that it shall be so proposed has been first agreed to by the meeting without any vote being cast against it.

## 76. 74.RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS

- 74.1 At each annual general meeting any director who has been appointed prior to the first annual general meeting or who has been appointed by the board since the previous annual general meeting and any director selected to retire by rotation pursuant to Article 75-77 (where applicable) shall retire from office.
- 74.2A retiring director shall be eligible for re-appointment and (unless he is removed from office or his office is vacated in accordance with these Articles) shall retain office until the close of the meeting at which he retires or (if earlier) when a resolution is passed at that meeting not to fill the vacancy or to appoint another person in his place or the resolution to re-appoint him is put to the meeting and lost.
- 74.3 If at any meeting at which the appointment of a director ought to take place the office vacated by a retiring director is not filled, the retiring director, if willing to act, shall be deemed to be reappointed, unless at the meeting a resolution is passed not to fill the vacancy or to appoint another person in his place or unless the resolution to re-appoint him is put to the meeting and lost.

## **77. 75.** RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS BY ROTATION

- 77.1 With effect from any admission to trading of a class of shares in the Company on a stock exchange, at every subsequent annual general meeting of the Company any director who:
  - 77.1.1 75.1.1 was appointed by the directors since the last annual general meeting; or
  - 77.1.2 75.1.2 is not independent of the Investment Manager;

must retire.

- 75.2With effect from any admission to trading of a class of shares in the Company on a stock exchange, one third of the current directors (in addition to and disregarding for the purposes of such calculation any directors who are required to retire in accordance with Article 75.177.1) must retire at each subsequent annual general meeting of the Company. If one third is not a whole number, the number of directors to retire is the number which is nearest to (but not less than) one third. If there are fewer than three directors who are subject to retirement by rotation, one must retire. Any directors retiring under this Article 75.2 77.2 shall be selected in accordance with Article 75.377.3.
- 77.3 The directors required to retire at an annual general meeting under Article 75.2 77.2 are any director who:
  - 77.3.1 75.3.1 was last appointed (or re-appointed) three or more years prior to the meeting;
  - 77.3.2 75.3.2 was not last appointed (or re-appointed) at one of the preceding two annual general meetings; or
  - 77.3.3 at the time of the meeting will have served more than eight years as a non-executive director of the Company (excluding as Chairman);

and thereafter, as necessary to obtain the required number:

- 77.3.4 75.3.4 first, any director who wants to retire and who does not want to be reappointed;
- 75.3.5 second, those directors who have been longest in office since their last appointment or re-appointment. If there are directors who became or were last appointed or reappointed directors on the same day, those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot.
- 75.4The number and identity of directors to retire will be determined based on the composition of the board of directors at the start of business on the date of notice calling the annual general meeting, disregarding a change in the number or identity of the directors after that time but before the end of the meeting.
- 75.5A director who retires at an annual general meeting shall be eligible for re-appointment and (unless he is removed from office or his office is vacated in accordance with these Articles) shall retain office until the close of the meeting at which he retires or (if earlier) when a resolution is passed at that meeting not to fill the vacancy or to appoint another person in his place or the resolution to re-appoint him is put to the meeting and lost.
- 75.6 If at any meeting at which the appointment of a director ought to take place the office vacated by a retiring director is not filled, the retiring director, if willing to act, shall be deemed to be reappointed, unless at the meeting a resolution is passed not to fill the vacancy or to appoint another person in his place or unless the resolution to re-appoint him is put to the meeting and lost.

## 78. 76.REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

- 76.1 The Company may by ordinary resolution in accordance with these Articles, remove any director before his period of office has expired notwithstanding anything in these Articles or in any agreement between him and the Company.
- 78.2 A director may also be removed from office by the service on him of a notice to that effect signed by all the other directors (which, for the avoidance of doubt, may be signed in counterpart).
- 78.3 Any removal of a director under this Article 76-78 shall be without prejudice to any claim which such director may have for damages for breach of any agreement between him and the Company.

## 79. 77. VACATION OF OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

- 79.1 Without prejudice to the provisions of these Articles for retirement or removal, the office of a director shall be vacated:
  - 79.1.1 77.1.1 if he is prohibited by law from being a director;
  - 79.1.2 if he becomes bankrupt or he makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally;
  - 77.1.3 if a registered medical practitioner who is treating that person gives a written opinion to the Company stating that that person has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a director and may remain so for more than three months;
  - 77.1.4if he is, or may be, suffering from mental disorder and in relation to that disorder either he is admitted to hospital for treatment or an order is made by a court (whether in Jersey or elsewhere) for his detention or for the appointment of some person to exercise powers with respect to his property or affairs;
  - 79.1.5 77.1.5 if for more than six months he is absent (whether or not an alternate director attends in his place), without special leave of absence from the board, from meetings of the board held during that period and the board resolves that his office be vacated; or
  - 77.1.6 if he serves on the Company notice of his wish to resign, in which event he shall vacate office on the service of that notice on the Company or at such later time as is specified in the notice.

#### **80. 78. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

78.1The board may appoint one or more directors to hold any executive office or employment under the Company (including that of chairman, chief executive or managing director) for such period (subject to the provisions of the Statutes) and on such terms as it may decide and may revoke or terminate any appointment so made without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of any contract of service between the director and the Company.

- 80.2 78.2 The remuneration of a director appointed to any executive office or employment shall be fixed by the board and may be by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise and either in addition to or inclusive of his remuneration as a director.
- <u>80.3</u> 78.3A director appointed to any executive office or employment shall automatically cease to hold that office if he ceases to be a director.

#### **ALTERNATE DIRECTORS**

#### 81. 79. POWER TO APPOINT ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

- **81.1 79.1**Each director may appoint another director or any other person who is willing to act as his alternate and may remove him from that office. The appointment as an alternate director of any person who is not himself a director shall be subject to the approval of a majority of the directors or a resolution of the board.
- 79.2An alternate director shall be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of the board and of all meetings of committees of which the director appointing him is a member, to attend and vote at any such meeting at which the director appointing him is not personally present and at the meeting to exercise and discharge all the functions, powers and duties of his appointor as a director and for the purposes of the proceedings at the meeting the provisions of these Articles shall apply as if he were a director.
- 79.3 Every person acting as an alternate director shall (except as regards power to appoint an alternate and remuneration) be subject in all respects to the provisions of these Articles relating to directors and shall alone be responsible to the Company for his acts and defaults and shall be entitled to be indemnified by the Company to the same extent as if he were a director but shall not be entitled to receive from the Company any fee in his capacity as an alternate director, but may, at the discretion of the board, be paid reasonable travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by him in connection with the exercise of his powers and discharge of his duties.
- **81.4 79.4**Every person acting as an alternate director shall have one vote for each director for whom he acts as alternate, in addition to his own vote if he is also a director, but he shall count as only one for the purpose of determining whether a quorum is present.
- 79.5 Any person appointed as an alternate director shall vacate his office as alternate director if the director by whom he has been appointed vacates his office as director (otherwise than by retirement at a general meeting of the Company at which he is re-elected) or removes him by notice to the Company or on the happening of any event which, if he is or were a director, causes or would cause him to vacate that office.
- 81.6 79.6 Every appointment or removal of an alternate director shall be by notice in writing signed by the appointor (or in any other manner approved by the board) and shall be effective (subject to Article 79.181.1) upon receipt by the secretary or at a meeting of the board.

## **REMUNERATION, EXPENSES AND PENSIONS**

## **82. 80.** REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS

The directors (other than any director who for the time being holds an executive office of employment with the Company or a subsidiary of the Company) shall be paid out of the funds of the Company by way of remuneration for their services as directors such fees not exceeding in aggregate £150,000 per annum (or such larger sum as the Company may, by ordinary resolution, determine) as the directors may decide to be divided among them in such proportion and manner as they may agree or, failing agreement, equally. Any fee payable under this Article 80-82 shall be distinct from any remuneration or other amounts payable to a director under other provisions of these Articles and shall accrue from day to day.

## 83. 81. SPECIAL REMUNERATION

- 83.1 81.1 The board may grant special remuneration to any director who performs any special or extra services to or at the request of the Company.
- 83.2 81.2 Such extra or special remuneration may be paid by way of lump sum, salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise as the board may decide in addition to any remuneration provided for by or pursuant to any other Article.

## 84. 82.EXPENSES

A director shall be paid out of the funds of the Company all reasonable travelling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by him in connection with the exercise of his powers and discharge of his duties, including his expenses of travelling to and from meetings of the board, committee meetings, general meetings and separate meetings of the holders of any class of securities of the Company.

## 85. 83.PENSIONS AND OTHER BENEFITS

The board may exercise all the powers of the Company to pay, provide or procure the grant of pensions or other retirement or superannuation benefits and death, disability or other benefits, allowances or gratuities to any person who is or has been at any time a director of the Company or of any Associated Company or in the employment or service of the Company or of any Associated Company or of the predecessors in business of the Company or any Associated Company or the relatives or dependants of any such person. For that purpose the board may procure the establishment and maintenance of, or participate in or contribute to, any non-contributory or contributory pension or superannuation fund, scheme or arrangement and pay insurance premiums.

#### **POWERS OF THE BOARD**

## 86. 84.GENERAL POWERS OF THE BOARD TO MANAGE COMPANY'S BUSINESS

- 84.1 The business of the Company shall be managed by the board which may exercise all the powers of the Company, subject to the provisions of the Statutes, the Memorandum and these Articles. No special resolution or alteration of the Memorandum or these Articles shall invalidate any prior act of the board which would have been valid if the resolution had not been passed or the alteration had not been made.
- 86.2 84.2 The powers given by this Article 84-86 shall not be limited by any special authority or power given to the board by any other Article or any resolution of the Company.

## 87. 85. POWER TO ACT NOTWITHSTANDING VACANCY

The continuing directors or the sole continuing director at any time may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their number; but, if the number of directors is less than the minimum number fixed by or in accordance with these Articles, they or he may act for the purpose of filling up vacancies or calling a general meeting of the Company, but not for any other purpose. If no director is able to act, then any two <u>shareholders</u> may summon a general meeting for the purpose of appointing directors.

## **88. 86.** PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES

The board may exercise any of the powers conferred by the Statutes to make provision for the benefit of any persons employed or formerly employed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries in connection with the cessation or the transfer to any person of the whole or part of the undertaking of the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

## 89. 87. POWER TO CHANGE NAME

The Company may change its name by special resolution.

## 90. 88.POWER TO BORROW MONEY, INVEST FUNDS AND VALUE ASSETS

- 88.1 Subject to the provisions of the Statutes, the board may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money and to mortgage or charge all or any part of its undertaking, property and assets (both present and future) and uncalled capital and to issue debentures and other securities, whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.
- <u>90.2</u> <u>88.2</u>The board shall invest the proceeds of issue of any <u>shares\_Shares\_and</u> manage any assets acquired in accordance with such investment policy as may be set out in any offering document, exchange offer memorandum, or prospectus as may be issued by the Company from time to time (and any such investment policy may be varied in accordance with its terms.

<u>88.3</u>The board shall cause the assets of the Company to be valued on such dates and in such manner as may be set out in any offering document, exchange offer memorandum, or prospectus as may be issued by the Company from time to time and any such valuation policy may be varied in accordance with its terms.

#### **DELEGATION OF BOARD'S POWERS**

## 91. 89. DELEGATION TO INDIVIDUAL DIRECTORS

The board may entrust to and confer upon any director any of its powers, authorities and discretions (with power to sub-delegate) on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit and may revoke or vary all or any of them, but no person dealing in good faith shall be affected by any revocation or variation.

## 92. 90.COMMITTEES

- 92.1 90.1 The board may delegate any of its powers, authorities and discretions (with power to subdelegate) including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing all powers, authorities and discretions whose exercise involves or may involve the payment of remuneration to, or the conferring of any other benefit on, all or any of the directors to any committee consisting of such person or persons (whether directors or not) as it thinks fit, provided that the majority of the members of the committee are directors and that no meeting of the committee shall be quorate for the purpose of exercising any of its powers, authorities or discretions unless a majority of those present are directors. The board may make any such delegation on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit and may revoke or vary any such delegation and discharge any committee wholly or in part, but no person dealing in good faith shall be affected by any revocation or variation. Insofar as any such power or discretion is delegated to a committee, any reference in these Articles to the exercise by the directors of the power or discretion so delegated shall be read and construed as if it were a reference to the exercise thereof by such committee. Any committee so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers, authorities and discretions so delegated, conform to any regulations that may be imposed on it by the board.
- 92.2 90.2 The proceedings of a committee with two or more members shall be governed by any regulations imposed on it by the board and (subject to such regulations) by the provisions of these Articles regulating the proceedings of the board so far as they are capable of applying.

## 93. 91.LOCAL BOARDS

- 93.1 91.1The board may establish any local or divisional board or agency for managing any of the affairs of the Company whether in Jersey or elsewhere and may appoint any persons to be members of a local or divisional board, or to be managers or agents, and may fix their remuneration.
- 93.2 91.2 The board may delegate to any local or divisional board, manager or agent any of its powers, authorities and discretions, other than its power to make calls, forfeit <a href="mailto:shares\_Shares">shares\_Shares</a>, borrow money or issue <a href="mailto:shares\_Shares\_Shares">shares\_Shares</a> or other securities, and may authorise the members of any local or divisional</a>

board (with power to sub-delegate) or any of them to fill any vacancies and to act notwithstanding vacancies.

93.3 P1.3 Any appointment or delegation under this Article may be made on such terms and subject to such conditions as the board thinks fit and the board may remove any person so appointed, and may revoke or vary any delegation, but no person dealing in good faith shall be affected by the revocation or variation.

## 94. 92. POWERS OF ATTORNEY

The board may by power of attorney or otherwise appoint any person to be the agent of the Company on such terms (including terms as to remuneration) as it may decide and may delegate to any person so appointed any of its powers, authorities and discretions (with power to subdelegate). The board may remove any person appointed under this Article 92-94 and may revoke or vary the delegation, but no person dealing in good faith shall be affected by the revocation or variation.

# 95. 93.DESIGNATION AS "DIRECTOR"

The board may, at any time and from time to time, appoint any person (not being a director) to any executive position or employment under the Company having a title or designation which includes the word "director" and may terminate any such appointment. The inclusion of the word "director" in the title or designation of any such position or employment shall not imply that the holder is a director of the Company or that he is authorised or empowered to act as, or is liable as, a director of the Company in any respect and he shall not be deemed to be a director for any purpose.

## **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS**

## 96. 94.DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND VOTING

- 94.1 Subject to the provisions of the Statutes a director shall not be disqualified by his office from entering into any contract with the Company, either with regard to his tenure of any office or position in the management, administration or conduct of the business of the Company or as vendor, purchaser or otherwise. Subject to the interest of the director being duly declared, a contract entered into by or on behalf of the Company in which any director is in any way interested shall not be liable to be avoided; nor shall any director so interested be liable to account to the Company for any benefit resulting from the contract by reason of the director holding that office or of the fiduciary relationship established by his holding that office.
- 94.2A director may hold any other office or place of profit with the Company (except that of auditor) in conjunction with his office of director for such period (subject to the provisions of the Statutes) and upon such terms as the board may decide and may be paid such extra remuneration for so doing (whether by way of salary, commission, participation in profits or otherwise) as the board may decide, either in addition to or in lieu of any remuneration under any other provision of these Articles.

- 96.3 94.3A director may be or become a shareholder or director of, or hold any other office or place of profit under, or otherwise be interested in, any other company in which the Company may be interested and shall not be liable to account to the Company for any benefit received by him as a shareholder or director of, or holder of any other office or place of profit under, or his other interest in, that company.
- 96.4 94.4The board may cause the voting rights conferred by the shares in any other company held or owned by the Company or exercisable by them as directors of that other company to be exercised in such manner in all respects as it thinks fit (including the exercise of voting rights in favour of any resolution appointing the directors or any of them as directors or officers of the other company or voting or providing for the payment of any benefit to the directors or officers of the other company).
- 94.5 A director may act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for the Company (except as auditor) and he or his firm shall be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if he were not a director.
- 94.6 Statutes.

  94.6 If a director is in any way, directly or indirectly, interested in a proposed or existing transaction or arrangement with the Company, he must declare the nature and extent of that interest in accordance with the Statutes.
- 94.7A director shall not vote (or be counted in the quorum at a meeting) in respect of any resolution concerning his own appointment (including fixing or varying its terms), or the termination of his own appointment, as the holder of any office or place of profit with the Company or any other company in which the Company is interested but, where proposals are under consideration concerning the appointment (including fixing or varying its terms), or the termination of the appointment, of two or more directors to offices or places of profit with the Company or any other company in which the Company is interested, those proposals may be divided and a separate resolution may be put in relation to each director and in that case each of the directors concerned (if not otherwise debarred from voting under this Article 9496) shall be entitled to vote (and be counted in the quorum) in respect of each resolution unless it concerns his own appointment or the termination of his own appointment.
- 96.8 94.8A director shall not be entitled to vote on a resolution (or attend or count in the quorum at those parts of a meeting regarding such resolution) relating to a transaction or arrangement with the Company in which he is interested, save:
  - 96.8.1 94.8.1 where the other directors resolve that the director concerned should be entitled to do so in circumstances where they are satisfied that the director's interest cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest; or
  - 96.8.2 94.8.2 in any of the following circumstances:

- (a) the giving of any guarantee, security or indemnity in respect of money lent or obligations incurred by the director or by any other person at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings;
- (b) the giving of any guarantee, security or indemnity in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings for which the director has himself assumed responsibility in whole or in part under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;
- (c) any contract concerning an offer of shares, debentures or other securities of or by the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings for subscription or purchase in which offer the director is or may be entitled to participate as a holder of securities or he is or is to be interested as a participant in the underwriting or subunderwriting thereof;
- (d) any contract in which the director is interested by virtue of his interest in sharesShares, debentures or other securities of the Company or otherwise in or through the Company;
- (e) any contract concerning any other company in which the director is interested, directly or indirectly and whether as an officer, shareholder, creditor or otherwise, unless the company is one in which he has a relevant interest and for this purpose:
  - (a) a company shall be deemed to be one in which a director has a relevant interest if and so long as he (together with persons connected with him within the meaning of sections 252 to 255 of the UK Companies Act) to his knowledge holds an interest in shares (as determined pursuant to sections 820 to 825 of the UK Companies Act) representing 1% or more of any class of the equity share capital of that company or of the voting rights available to shareholders of that company or if he can cause 1% or more of those voting rights to be exercised at his direction; and
  - (b) where a company in which a director is deemed for the purposes of this Article 94-96 to have a relevant interest is materially interested in a contract, he shall also be deemed to be materially interested in that contract;
- (f) any contract relating to an arrangement for the benefit of the employees of the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings which does not award him any privilege or benefit not generally awarded to the employees to whom such arrangement relates;
- (g) any contract concerning the adoption, modification or operation of a pension fund or retirement, death or disability benefits scheme which relates both to directors and employees of the Company and/or of any of its subsidiary undertakings and

- does not provide in respect of any director as such any privilege or advantage not accorded to the employees to which the fund or scheme relates;
- (h) any contract concerning the adoption, modification or operation of an employees' share scheme; and
- (i) any proposal concerning the purchase or maintenance of insurance for the benefit of persons including directors.
- 96.9 94.9In the case of an alternate director, an interest of his appointor shall be treated as an interest of the alternate in addition to any interest which the alternate otherwise has.
- 94.10 94.10 If any question arises at any meeting as to the entitlement of any director (other than the chairman of the meeting) to vote, count in the quorum or attend any part of the meeting and the question is not resolved by such director voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting, the question shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting and his ruling in relation to the director concerned shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of the director concerned, so far as known to him, has not been fairly disclosed. If any question shall arise in respect of the chairman of the meeting and is not resolved by his voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting, the question shall be decided by a resolution of the board (for which purpose the chairman shall not be counted in the quorum and shall not vote on the matter) and the resolution shall be final and conclusive except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of the chairman, so far as known to him, has not been fairly disclosed.
- 96.11 94.11 In this Article 9496, references to a contract include references to any proposed contract and to any transaction or arrangement whether or not constituting a contract.
- 94.12 In this Article 9496, a director is treated as being interested in a transaction or arrangement with the Company in which a person connected with that director within the meaning of section 252 of the UK Companies Act is interested and the director is aware of such interest or having regard to the circumstances, the director ought reasonably to have been aware of it.

## 97. 95. AUTHORISATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- 95.1 In this Article 9597, a "conflict of interest" means, in relation to any person, an interest or duty which that person has which directly or indirectly conflicts or may conflict with the interests of the Company or the duties owed by that person to the Company but excludes a conflict of interest arising in relation to a transaction or arrangement with the Company (to which the provisions of Article 94-96 apply).
- 95.2Where a situation occurs or is anticipated to occur which gives rise or may give rise to a conflict of interest on the part of any director ("Conflicted director") (other than a situation which cannot reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interest), the matter shall be referred to the directors other than the Conflicted director (the "Non-Conflicted directors").

- 97.3 Phe Non-Conflicted directors shall meet to consider the matter as soon as practicable after the matter is referred to them and they have received all relevant particulars relating to the situation. The quorum for a meeting of the Non-Conflicted directors shall be the same as for a meeting of the board.
- 95.4The Non-Conflicted directors shall have authority to authorise any matter which gives rise to the conflict of interest concerned on such terms as they think fit. Any terms on which the matter in question is authorised may be varied by the Non-Conflicted directors from time to time and the Non-Conflicted directors may revoke such authority at any time insofar as it has not already been acted on. The Non-Conflicted directors shall communicate their decisions promptly to each Conflicted director.
- 97.5 95.5A Conflicted director shall not be entitled to any information which is relevant to the matter giving rise to the conflict of interest except to the extent authorised by the Non-Conflicted directors.
- 97.6 95.6Where a matter giving rise to a conflict of interest is authorised by the Non-Conflicted directors, the Conflicted director shall:
  - 97.6.1 95.6.1 be released from any duty to disclose to the Company any confidential information relating to the matter in question which he receives or has received from a third party;
  - 97.6.2 95.6.2 save as otherwise determined by the Non-Conflicted directors, be released from any duty to attend or remain in attendance at a board meeting when the matter giving rise to a conflict of interest is due to be discussed; and
  - 95.6.3 save as otherwise determined by the Non-Conflicted directors at the time when they authorise the matter, not be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he derives from such matter (excluding a benefit conferred on the director by a third party by reason of his being a director of the Company or by reason of his doing or not doing anything as a director of the Company).
- 97.7 Any confidential information which a Conflicted director has received from the Company or in his capacity as a director of the Company shall not be disclosed by him to any third party except insofar as permitted by the Non-Conflicted directors.
- 95.8 The directors may authorise a matter which may give rise to a conflict of interest on the part of a person who is proposed to be appointed as a director to the board and any authorisation of such matter by the directors shall promptly be communicated to such person and shall apply to him on his appointment as a director.
- 95.9A director shall not be regarded as having a conflict of interest by reason of his also being a director of or holding any other position with another Group Company and the director shall not be in breach of any duty to the Company by reason of his disclosure of any information to the other Group Company or by anything done by the other Group Company including the exploitation of any property, information or opportunity following any such disclosure to it by the director. The

directors may resolve that a specified company shall no longer be treated as a Group Company for the purposes of this Article 9597.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD

#### 98. 96.BOARD MEETINGS

The board may meet for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it thinks fit. No meetings of the directors shall be held in the UK. Any decision reached or resolution passed by the directors at any meeting which is held in the UK shall be invalid and of no effect. A director at any time may, and the secretary at the request of a director at any time shall, summon a board meeting.

## 99. 97.NOTICE OF BOARD MEETINGS

Notice of a board meeting shall be given to each director and shall be deemed to be properly given to a director if it is given to him personally or by word of mouth or sent in hard copy form to him at his last known address or any other address given by him to the Company for this purpose or sent in electronic form to him at an address given by him to the Company for this purpose. A director absent or intending to be absent from Jersey may request to the board that notices of board meetings shall during his absence be sent in hard copy or electronic form to him (or to his alternate) at an address given by him to the Company for this purpose, but if no such request is made it shall not be necessary to give notice of a board meeting to any director who is for the time being absent from Jersey. A director may waive notice of any meeting either prospectively or retrospectively.

## 100. 98.QUORUM

The quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the board may be fixed by the board and, unless so fixed at any other number, shall be two. Subject to the provisions of these Articles, any director who ceases to be a director at a board meeting may continue to be present and to act as a director and be counted in the quorum until the termination of the board meeting if no other director objects and if otherwise a quorum of directors would not be present.

### 101. 99.CHAIRMAN OR DEPUTY CHAIRMAN TO PRESIDE

The chairman, or failing him any deputy chairman (the senior in office taking precedence, if more than one is present), shall, if present and willing, preside at all meetings of the board but, if no chairman or deputy chairman has been appointed or if he is not present within five minutes after the time fixed for holding the meeting or is unwilling to act as chairman of the meeting, the directors present shall choose one of their number to act as chairman of the meeting.

## 102. 100.COMPETENCE OF MEETINGS

A meeting of the board at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all the powers, authorities and discretions for the time being vested in or exercisable by the board.

## <u>103.</u> <u>101.</u>VOTING

Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote, unless he is not, in accordance with the Articles, to be counted as participating in the decision-making process for quorum, voting or agreement purposes.

## **104. 102.** TELEPHONE AND VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETINGS

- 104.1 How 102.1 meeting of the board may consist of a conference between directors some or all of whom are in different places provided that each director who participates is able:
  - 104.1.1 102.1.1 to hear each of the other participating directors addressing the meeting; and
  - 104.1.2 102.1.2 if he wishes, to address all of the other participating directors simultaneously, whether by conference telephone or by video conference or by any other form of communications equipment (whether in use when these Articles are adopted or developed subsequently) or by a combination of any such methods.
- 104.2 402.2 A quorum is deemed to be present if those conditions are satisfied in respect of at least the number of directors required to form a quorum, subject to the provisions of Article 98100.
- <u>104.3</u> Meeting held in this way is deemed to take place at the place where the largest group of participating directors is assembled or, if no such group is readily identifiable, at the place from where the chairman of the meeting participates.

## 105. 103. RESOLUTIONS IN WRITING

- <u>105.1</u> <u>103.1</u>Any director may propose a directors' written resolution and the secretary must propose a written resolution if a director so requests.
- 105.2 103.2A resolution in writing signed by all the directors who are entitled to notice of a meeting of the board, to attend such meeting and to vote on such resolution shall be as valid and effective as if it had been passed at a meeting of the board duly called and constituted provided that the number of directors signing the resolution is not less than the number of directors required for a quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the board. The resolution may be contained in one document or in several documents in like form, each signed or approved by one or more of the directors concerned. For the purpose of this Article 103-105 a resolution:
  - 105.2.1 103.2.1 may be constituted by an instrument in hard copy or electronic form sent to such address (if any) as may for the time being be notified by the Company for that purpose; and

<u>105.2.2</u> <u>103.2.2</u>may consist of several instruments each executed by one or more directors, each sent by one or more directors, or a combination of both and a resolution that is executed by an alternate director need not also be executed by his appointor.

## 106. 104. VALIDITY OF ACTS OF DIRECTORS IN SPITE OF FORMAL DEFECT

All acts bona fide done by the board, or of a committee, or by any person acting as a director or member of a committee, shall notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any member of the board or committee or of the person so acting, or that they or any of them were disqualified or had vacated office or were not entitled to vote be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and qualified to be a director and had continued to be a director or member of the committee and had been entitled to vote.

#### <u>107.</u> <u>105.</u>MINUTES

- 107.1 105.1 The board shall cause minutes to be recorded in writing for the purpose:
  - 107.1.1 105.1.1 of all appointments of officers made by the board;
  - 107.1.2 105.1.2 of the names of all the directors present at each meeting of the board and of any committee; and
  - 107.1.3 105.1.3 of all resolutions and proceedings of all meetings of the Company and of any class of shareholders hareholders, and of the directors and of any committee (including any meetings held in accordance with Article 102104).
- <u>107.2</u> <u>105.2</u>Minutes recorded in accordance with Article <u>105.1</u> <u>107.1</u> shall be prepared after the relevant meetings have taken place.
- 107.3 105.3 The secretary must ensure that all resolutions of the board passed otherwise than at board meetings are kept for at least ten years from the date of the meeting.

### **SECRETARY**

#### **108. 106. SECRETARY**

The secretary shall be appointed by the board for such term, at such remuneration and on such conditions as it thinks fit, and the board may remove from office any person so appointed (without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of any contract between him and the Company). If thought fit two or more persons may be appointed as joint secretaries. The board may also appoint from time to time on such terms as it may think fit one or more deputy and/or assistant secretaries.

#### **SEAL**

- <u>109.</u> <u>107.</u>SEAL
- 109.1 107.1 The Company may exercise the powers conferred by the Statutes with regard to having official seals and those powers shall be vested in the board. If the Company has a seal, the directors may determine that it shall also have an official seal for use outside of Jersey and an official seal for sealing securities issued by the Company or for sealing documents creating or evidencing securities so issued.
- 109.2 107.2 The board shall provide for the safe custody of every seal of the Company.
- 109.3 107.3 A seal shall be used only by the authority of the board or a duly authorised committee. The board may determine who shall sign any instrument to which a seal is applied, either generally or in relation to a particular instrument or type of instrument, and may also determine, either generally or in any particular case, that such signatures shall be dispensed with or affixed by some mechanical means.
- 109.4 107.4 Unless otherwise decided by the board:
  - <u>109.4.1</u> <u>107.4.1</u>certificates for <u>sharesShares</u>, debentures or other securities of the Company need not be signed; and
  - <u>109.4.2</u> <u>107.4.2</u> every other instrument to which a seal is applied shall be signed by at least one director and the secretary or by at least two directors.
- 109.5 107.5 The Company may authorise an agent appointed for the purpose to affix any seal of the Company to a document to which the Company is a party.

## **AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENTS**

## **110. 108.** AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENTS

Any director or the secretary or any person appointed by the board for the purpose shall have power to authenticate any document affecting the constitution of the Company and any resolution passed at a general meeting or at a meeting of the board or any committee, and any book, record, document or account relating to the business of the Company, and to certify copies thereof or extracts therefrom as true copies or extracts; and where any book, record, document or account is elsewhere than at the office the local manager or other officer of the Company having the custody thereof shall be deemed to be a person appointed by the board as aforesaid. A document purporting to be a copy of any such resolution, or an extract from the minutes of any such meeting, which is certified as aforesaid shall be conclusive evidence in favour of all persons dealing with the Company upon the faith thereof that such resolution has been duly passed or, as the case may be, that any minute so extracted is a true and accurate record of proceedings at a duly constituted meeting.

# **DIVIDENDS**

# 111. 109. DECLARATION OF DIVIDENDS BY THE COMPANY

The Company may, by ordinary resolution, declare a dividend to be paid to the shareholders Shareholders, according to their respective rights and interest in the profits and may fix the time for payment of such dividend, but no dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by the board.

#### 112. 110. FIXED AND INTERIM DIVIDENDS

The board may pay such interim dividends as appear to the board to be justified by the financial position of the Company and may also pay any dividend payable at a fixed rate at intervals settled by the board, whenever the financial position of the Company, in the opinion of the board, justifies its payment. If the board acts in good faith, none of the directors shall incur any liability to the holders of <a href="mailto:shares-Shar

#### 113. 111. CALCULATION AND CURRENCY OF DIVIDENDS

- <u>113.1</u> <u>111.1</u>Except insofar as the rights attaching to, or the terms of issue of, any <u>share-Share</u> otherwise provide:
  - 113.1.1 111.1.1all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid up on the shares Shares in respect of which the dividend is paid, but no amount paid up on a share Share in advance of calls shall be treated for the purposes of this Article 111 113 as paid up on the shareShare;
  - 113.1.2 111.1.2 all dividends shall be apportioned and paid pro rata according to the amounts paid up on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid; and
  - <u>113.1.3</u> <u>111.1.3</u> dividends may be declared or paid in any currency.
- 113.2 111.2 The board may agree with any shareholder Shareholder that dividends which may at any time or from time to time be declared or become due on his shares Shares in one currency shall be paid or satisfied in another, and may agree the basis of conversion to be applied and how and when the amount to be paid in the other currency shall be calculated and paid and for the Company or any other person to bear any costs involved.

# 114. 112. METHOD OF PAYMENT

114.1 112.1 The Company may pay any dividend or other sum payable in respect of a share share in cash or by cheque, dividend warrant, or money order and may send the same by post to the registered address of the holder or in the case of joint holders to the registered address of that person whose

name stands first in the register, or to such person and address as the holder or joint holders may direct in writing. Every cheque, warrant, or order is sent at the risk of the person entitled to the money represented by it and shall be made payable to the order of the person or persons entitled and the payment of the cheque, warrant or order shall be a good discharge to the Company.

- 114.2 In addition, any such dividend or other sum may be paid by any bank or other funds transfer system or by means of a relevant system and to or through such person as the holder or joint holders may direct in writing, and the Company shall have no responsibility for any sums lost or delayed in the course of any such transfer or when it has acted on any such direction.
- 114.3 Any joint holder or other person jointly entitled to any share share may give an effective receipt for all dividends and other monies paid in respect of the share.
- 114.4 112.4 If any such cheque, dividend warrant or other form of payment has or is alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed, the board may, at the request of the person entitled to such monies, issue a replacement cheque or dividend warrant or make payment in some other form, subject to compliance with such conditions as to evidence and indemnity and the payment of out of pocket expenses of the Company in connection with the request as the board may think fit.
- 114.5 112.5 Any dividend or other sum payable in respect of a share share may be paid to a person or persons entitled by transmission to that share share as if he or they were the holder or joint holders of that share share and his address (or the address of the first named of two or more persons jointly entitled) noted in the register were the registered address.
- 114.6 112.6 Any payment in the case of an uncertificated share Share, where the Company is authorised to do so by or on behalf of the holder or joint holders in such manner as the Company shall from time to time consider sufficient, may be made by means of the relevant system (subject always to the facilities and requirements of the relevant system) and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing such payment may be made by the sending by the Company or any person on its behalf of an instruction to the Operator of the relevant system to credit the cash memorandum account (being an account so designated by the Operator of the relevant system) of the holder or joint holders of such shares Shares; and the making of a payment by means of the relevant system shall be a good discharge to the Company.
- 114.7 Any dividend or other sum payable in respect of a share share may be paid to a person or persons entitled by transmission to that share share as if he or they were the holder or joint holders of that share share and his address (or the address of the first named of two or more persons jointly entitled) noted in the register were the registered address.

# 115. 113. DIVIDENDS NOT TO BEAR INTEREST

No dividend or other monies payable by the Company on or in respect of any <u>share Share shall</u> bear interest as against the Company unless otherwise provided by the rights attached to the <u>shareShare</u>.

# 116. 114.CALLS OR DEBTS MAY BE DEDUCTED FROM DIVIDENDS

The board may deduct from any dividend or other monies payable to any person (either alone or jointly with another) on or in respect of a <a href="mailto:share\_share">share\_share</a> all such sums as may be due from him (either alone or jointly with another) to the Company on account of calls or otherwise in relation to <a href="mailto:shares">shares</a> or other securities of the Company.

# 117. 115. UNCLAIMED DIVIDENDS ETC

All unclaimed dividends, interest or other sums payable may be invested or otherwise made use of by the board for the benefit of the Company until claimed. All dividends unclaimed for a period of 12 years after having been declared or become due for payment shall be forfeited and cease to remain owing by the Company. The payment of any unclaimed dividend, interest or other sum payable by the Company on or in respect of any <a href="mailto:share">share</a> into a separate account shall not constitute the Company a trustee in respect of it.

# 118. 116. UNCASHED DIVIDENDS

# 118.1 116.1 If:

118.1.1 146.1.1a payment for a dividend or other sum payable in respect of a share Share sent by the Company to the person entitled to it in accordance with Article 112 114 is left uncashed or is returned to the Company and, after reasonable enquiries, the Company is unable to establish any new address or, with respect to a payment to be made by a funds transfer system (including, without limitation, the relevant system), a new account for that person; or

<u>118.1.2</u> <u>116.1.2</u>such payment is left uncashed or returned to the Company on two consecutive occasions,

the Company shall not be obliged to send any dividends or other sums payable in respect of that share Share to that person until he notifies the Company of an address or, where the payment is to be made by a funds transfer system (including, without limitation, the relevant system), details of the account, to be used for the purpose.

# 119. 117. DIVIDENDS IN SPECIE

- 119.1 117.1 With the sanction of an ordinary resolution of the Company and on the recommendation of the board, payment of any dividend may be satisfied wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets and in particular of paid up shares Shares or debentures of any other company.
- 119.2 Hard-any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution, the board may settle the difficulty as it thinks fit and in particular may ignore fractions, and may fix the value for distribution of the specific assets or any part of them, and may determine that cash payments be made to any shareholders—Shareholders upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to secure equality of

distribution, and may vest any of the specific assets in trustees upon such trusts for the persons entitled to the dividend as the board may think fit.

#### 120. 118. SCRIP DIVIDENDS

- 120.1 118.1With effect from any admission to trading of a class of shares Shares in the Company on a stock exchange, the board may, if authorised by an ordinary resolution of the Company, offer any holders of any particular class of shares Shares the right to elect to receive further shares Shares (whether or not of that class), credited as fully paid, instead of cash in respect of all or part of any dividend specified by the ordinary resolution (a "scrip dividend") in accordance with the following provisions of this Article 118120.
- 120.2 118.2 The ordinary resolution may specify a particular dividend (whether or not already declared) or may specify all or any dividends declared within a specified period, but such period may not end later than the conclusion of the fifth annual general meeting of the Company to be held following the date of the meeting at which the ordinary resolution is passed.
- 120.3 118.3 The basis of allotment shall be decided by the board so that, as nearly as may be considered convenient, the value of the further shares Shares, including any fractional entitlement, is equal to the amount of the cash dividend which would otherwise have been paid.
- 120.4 118.4For the purposes of Article 118.3 120.3 the value of the further shares shall be calculated by reference to the average of the middle-market quotations for a fully paid share Share of the relevant class, as shown in the Daily Official List of the London Stock Exchange, for the day on which such shares are first quoted "ex" the relevant dividend and the four subsequent dealing days or in such other manner as the board may decide.
- <u>120.5</u> <u>118.5</u>The board shall give notice to the <u>shareholders Shareholders</u> of their rights of election in respect of the scrip dividend and shall specify the procedure to be followed in order to make an election.
- 120.6 118.6 The dividend or that part of it in respect of which an election for the scrip dividend is made shall not be paid and instead further shares—Shares of the relevant class shall be allotted in accordance with elections duly made and the board shall capitalise a sum to the aggregate amount of the shares—Shares to be allotted out of such sums available for the purpose as the board may consider appropriate.
- <u>120.7</u> <u>118.7</u>The further <u>shares Shares</u> so allotted shall rank *pari passu* in all respects with the fully paid <u>shares Shares</u> of the same class then in issue except as regards participation in the relevant dividend.
- 120.8 118.8 The board may decide that the right to elect for any scrip dividend shall not be made available to shareholders shareholders resident in any territory, where in the opinion of the board, compliance with local laws or regulations would be impossible or unduly onerous.

- 120.9 118.9 The board may do all acts and things considered necessary or expedient to give effect to the provisions of a scrip dividend election and the issue of any shares Shares in accordance with the provisions of this Article 118-120 and may make such provisions as they think fit in the case of shares Shares becoming distributable in fractions (including provisions under which, in whole or in part, the benefit of fractional entitlements accrues to the Company rather than to the shareholders Shareholders concerned).
- 120.10 118.10 The board may from time to time establish or vary a procedure for election mandates, under which a holder of shares Shares may, in respect of any future dividends for which a right of election pursuant to this Article 118-120 is offered, elect to receive shares in lieu of such dividend on the terms of such mandate.
- <u>120.11</u> <u>118.11</u>The board shall not make a scrip dividend available unless the Company has sufficient undistributed profits or reserves to give effect to elections which could be made to receive that scrip dividend.

#### **U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX PROVISIONS**

#### **121. 119.** CLASSIFICATION AS A PARTNERSHIP

The Company intends to be treated, for US federal income tax purposes, as a partnership, and the directors will take such actions as are necessary to cause the Company to be treated, and to maintain the Company's treatment, as a partnership including, without limitation, filing any returns, elections or statements with the applicable U.S. Internal Revenue Service. Pursuant to such election, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Articles, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Company shall allocate income, losses, capital gains and capital losses of the Company in accordance with the principles of Section 704(b) of the U.S. Code and the Treasury regulations thereunder.

# **122. 120.**U.S. PARTNERSHIP AUDITS

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Company shall appoint, as necessary, a "tax matters partner" for purposes of Section 6231(a)(7) of the U.S. Code (as applicable to taxable years of the Company starting on or before December 31, 2017) and a partnership representative for U.S. federal income tax purposes under section 6223 of the U.S. Code (as applicable to taxable years of the Company starting after December 31, 2017) (collectively the "**Tax Matters Partner**"). The Tax Matters Partner shall have all of the rights, duties, powers and obligations provided for in Sections 6221 through 6231 of the U.S. Code with respect to the Company.

# 123. 121.WITHHOLDING

The Company is authorised to withhold from any payment made to a <u>shareholder Shareholder</u> any taxes required by law to be withheld from such payment as determined by the directors in their sole discretion. If, and to the extent, the directors determine in their sole discretion that the Company is required to make any such tax withholdings, that the Company is required to pay tax on

behalf of a shareholderShareholder, or that any taxes imposed on the Company are increased by reason of a shareholder's—Shareholder's citizenship, nationality, residence, identity or status, including by reason of failing to provide appropriate tax forms, the shareholder's—Shareholder's share of distributions shall be reduced by the amount of taxes so withheld, paid or imposed that is attributable to the shareholderShareholder, and, to the extent that a shareholder's—Shareholder's proportionate share of distributions is insufficient to cover the amount of taxes so withheld, paid or imposed that is attributable to the shareholderShareholder, the shareholder—Shareholder shall be liable to pay to the Company upon demand an amount of cash equal to the shortfall. To the extent that any taxes imposed on the Company are reduced by reason of a shareholder's—Shareholder's citizenship, nationality, residence, identity or status, including by reason of providing appropriate tax forms, the Company shall allocate the benefit of such reduction to the shareholderShareholder.

#### **CAPITALISATION OF RESERVES**

#### 124. 122. CAPITALISATION OF RESERVES

- 124.1 The board may, with the authority of an ordinary resolution of the Company:
  - 124.1.1 122.1.1 subject as hereinafter provided, resolve that it is desirable to capitalise any undistributed profits of the Company (including profits carried and standing to any reserve or reserves) not required for paying any fixed dividends on any shares—Shares entitled to fixed preferential dividends with or without further participation in profits or to capitalise any sum carried to reserve as a result of the sale or revaluation of the assets of the Company (other than goodwill) or any part thereof or to capitalise any other sum standing to the credit of any capital or revenue reserve fund of the Company;
  - 124.1.2 122.1.2 appropriate the profits or sum resolved to be capitalised to the holders in the proportion in which such profits or sum would have been divisible amongst them had the same been applicable and had been applied in paying dividends and to apply such profits or sum on their behalf either in or towards paying up any amount for the time being unpaid on any shares-Shares held by such holders respectively or in paying up in full any unissued shares-Shares or debentures of the Company such shares-Shares or debentures to be allotted and distributed credited as fully paid up to and amongst such holders in the proportions aforesaid or partly in one way and partly in the other provided that any unrealised profits may for the purposes of this Article only be applied in the paying up of unissued shares-Shares to be allotted to holders credited as fully paid up;
  - 124.1.3 have all appropriations and applications of the profits or sum resolved to be capitalised thereby and all allotments and issues of fully paid shares—Shares or debentures if any and generally shall do all acts and things required to give effect thereto with full power to the directors to make such provision by the issue of certificates representing part of a shareholding or by payments in cash or otherwise as they think fit in the case of shares Shares or debentures becoming distributable in fractions;

- 124.1.4 122.1.4 authorise any person to enter on behalf of all the holders entitled to the benefit of such appropriations and applications into an agreement with the Company providing for the allotment to them respectively credited as fully paid up of any further shares or debentures to which they may be entitled upon such capitalisation and any agreement made under such authority shall be effective and binding on all such holders; and
- 124.1.5 where, pursuant to this Article 122124, the Company capitalises any undistributed profits or reserves by applying them in or towards paying up issued shares in the Company which were not yet fully Paid Up or in paying up any previously unissued shares Shares in the Company, the amount so applied shall, to the extent required by the Law, be credited to the stated capital account in respect of the class of share Share concerned.

#### **RECORD DATES**

#### 125. 123. FIXING OF RECORD DATES

- 125.1 123.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, but without prejudice to any rights attached to any sharesShares, the Company or the board may fix a date as the record date by reference to which a dividend will be declared or paid or a distribution, allotment or issue made, and that date may be before, on or after the date on which the dividend, distribution, allotment or issue is declared.
- 123.2 In the absence of a record date being fixed, entitlement to any dividend, distribution, allotment or issue shall be determined by reference to the date on which the dividend is declared or the distribution, allotment or issue is made.

# **ACCOUNTS**

# 126. 124.ACCOUNTING RECORDS

- <u>124.1</u>The board shall cause accounting records of the Company to be kept in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes.
- <u>124.2</u>No <u>shareholder Shareholder</u> (as such) shall have any right of inspecting any account, book or document of the Company, except as conferred by law or authorised by the board or by any ordinary resolution of the Company.

# **NOTICES**

# 127. 125.FORM OF NOTICES

127.1 125.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Articles, any notice or other document or information sent or supplied by or to the Company (whether authorised or required to be sent or supplied by the Statutes or otherwise) to or by a shareholder Shareholder, or to or by any person entitled to enjoy or exercise all or any specified rights of a shareholder Shareholder in relation to

the Company, may be sent or supplied in any way in which the Companies Law provides for documents or information to be sent or supplied by or to the Company for the purposes of any provision of the Statutes, including in particular by the Company making them available on a website.

<u>127.2</u> <u>125.2</u>A notice or other document or information sent in electronic form to the Company shall not be treated as received by the Company if it is rejected by computer virus protection arrangements.

# **128. 126.** SERVICE OF NOTICES

- <u>128.1</u> The Company may send or supply any notice or other document or information pursuant to these Articles to a <u>shareholder\_Shareholder\_by</u> whichever of the following methods it may in its absolute discretion determine:
  - <u>128.1.1</u> <u>126.1.1</u>personally;
  - <u>128.1.2</u> <u>126.1.2</u>by posting the notice or other document or information in a prepaid envelope addressed to the <u>shareholder Shareholder</u> at his registered address;
  - 128.1.3 126.1.3 by leaving the notice or other document or information at that address;
  - 128.1.4 126.1.4 by sending or supplying the notice or other document or information by electronic means to such address (if any) as may for the time being be notified to the Company by or on behalf of the shareholder Shareholder for that purpose generally or specifically (or as may be deemed by a provision in the Companies Law to have been specified for that purpose); or
  - <u>128.1.5</u> <u>126.1.5</u> by making it available on a website.
- 128.2 126.2 In the case of joint holders of a share Share, the Company shall treat as the only shareholder Shareholder entitled to receive notices or other documents or information from the Company in respect of the joint holding (whether such documents or information are required to be sent or supplied by the Statutes or otherwise) the joint holder whose name appears first in the register in respect of the joint holding.
- 128.3 Anything to be agreed or specified by the holder of a share Share which is held in joint names must be agreed or specified by the holder whose name appears first in the register in respect of the joint holding and the other joint holder or holders shall be deemed to be bound thereby.

# 129. 127. SUSPENSION OF POSTAL SERVICES

If at any time by reason of the suspension or curtailment of postal services within Jersey or the United Kingdom, the Company is unable effectively to call a general meeting in the manner required by the Statutes, the Company shall not be required to send a notice of the general meeting to any

person who would otherwise be entitled to be sent a notice but instead shall be entitled to call the meeting by advertising it in at least one national newspaper.

# 130. 128.NOTICE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Save as otherwise provided by these Articles, any notice or other document or information required to be sent or supplied by the Company to shareholders Shareholders otherwise than by the Statutes shall be validly sent or supplied if sent or supplied by advertisement in at least one national newspaper.

# 131. 129.EVIDENCE OF SERVICE

- 131.1 129.1 A notice or other document or information which is sent by the Company by post (whether in hard copy or electronic form) shall be deemed to have been given or sent as follows:
  - 131.1.1 129.1.1 if sent by first-class post within the United Kingdom and the Channel Islands, on the business day after the day when it was put in the first-class post;
  - 131.1.2 129.1.2 if sent by second-class post within the United Kingdom or the Channel Islands, on the second business day after the day when it was put in the post; or
  - 131.1.3 129.1.3 if sent from overseas by airmail, on the third business day after the day when it was put in the post.
- 131.2 129.2 Proof that an envelope containing the notice or other document or information was properly addressed, prepaid and posted shall be conclusive evidence that the notice or other document or information was given or sent.
- 131.3 129.3 Any notice or other document or information not sent by post but left at a registered address or address for service in Jersey or the United Kingdom shall be deemed to have been served on the day on which it was left.
- 131.4 129.4A notice or other document or information which is sent by the Company by electronic means and which the Company is able to show was properly addressed shall be deemed to have been given or sent on the day on which it was so sent.
- 131.5 129.5 A notice or other document or information which is supplied by the Company by means of a website shall be deemed to have been given or sent when it was first made available on the website or, if later, when the recipient was given or was deemed to have been given notice of the fact that the relevant notice, document or information was available on the website.
- 131.6 129.6A notice or other document or information which is sent by the Company shall, unless the contrary can be shown, be deemed to have been received by the recipient:
  - 131.6.1 129.6.1 if sent by first-class post within the United Kingdom and the Channel Islands, on the business day following the day it was put in the post;

- 131.6.2 129.6.2 if sent by second-class post within the United Kingdom and the Channel Islands, on the second business day following the day it was put in the post; or
- 131.6.3 129.6.3 if sent overseas by airmail, on the third business day following the day it was put in the post; or
- <u>131.6.4</u> <u>129.6.4</u>if by electronic means, at the same time as it is deemed to have been given or sent or supplied to him.
- 131.7 Handwith a notice or other document or information is given by way of newspaper advertisement in accordance with these Articles, such notice or other document or information shall be deemed to have been duly served on each shareholder or person entitled to receive it at noon on the day when the advertisement appears.
- 131.8 129.8 A shareholder Shareholder present, either in person or by proxy, at any meeting of the Company or class of shareholders Shareholders of the Company shall be deemed to have received notice of the meeting and, where requisite, of the purposes for which the meeting was convened.
- 131.9 129.9 Every person who becomes entitled to a share Share shall be bound by every notice (other than a disclosure notice Disclosure Notice issued in accordance with Article 4648) in respect of that share Share which before his name is entered in the register was given to the person from whom he derives his title to the share Share.
- 131.10 129.10 The board may from time to time issue or adopt terms and conditions relating to the use of communications by electronic means or by means of a website for the sending or supply of notices, other documents or information by or to the Company (whether authorised or required to be sent or supplied by the Statutes or otherwise) to or by a shareholder Shareholder, or to or by any person entitled to enjoy or exercise all or any specified rights of a shareholder Shareholder in relation to the Company.

# 132. 130.RECORD DATE FOR SERVICE

- 132.1 130.1For the purpose of serving notices of meetings or other documents or information, the board may determine that the persons entitled to be sent or to receive such notices or other documents or information are those persons who are entered on the register at any time not more than 21 days before the date of the despatch of the notice or other document or information.
- 132.2 130.2For the purpose of determining which persons are entitled to attend or vote at a meeting, and how many votes such persons may cast, the board may specify in the notice of the meeting a time not more than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting, by which a person must be entered on the register in order to have the right to attend or vote at the meeting.
- 132.3 130.3 In calculating the period mentioned in Article 130.1 132.1, no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a working day.

# 133. 131. ADDRESSES OF SHAREHOLDERS

- 133.1 131.1 In the case of notices or other documents or information either in physical or in electronic form, the Company shall be entitled to withhold in its absolute discretion serving such notices or other documents or information on a shareholder Shareholder including, without limitation, in circumstances in which the Company considers that the sending of the notice or other documents or information to such address in physical or electronic form would or might infringe the laws of any jurisdiction.
- 133.2 131.2 If on two consecutive occasions the Company has attempted to send or supply notices or other documents or information by electronic means to an address for the time being notified to the Company by a shareholder Shareholder for that purpose but the Company is aware that there has been a failure of delivery of such notice or other document or information, then the Company shall thereafter send or supply the notice or other document or information through the post to such shareholder at his registered address. For this purpose a failure of delivery is when a notice or other document or information sent by electronic means is returned undelivered to the Company or its agent with a message stating that delivery was unsuccessful from the address to which it was sent.
- 133.3 131.3 If on two consecutive occasions a notice or other document or information sent or supplied through the post to a shareholder\_Shareholder\_at his registered address shall be returned undelivered, such shareholder\_Shareholder\_shall not thereafter be entitled to receive notices or other documents or information from the Company until he shall have given notice in writing to the Company of a new registered address or a postal address within Jersey or the United Kingdom for the service of notices or other documents or information or shall have informed the Company in such manner as shall be specified by the Company of an address for the service of notices by electronic means. For this purpose a notice or other document or information sent by post shall be treated as returned undelivered if the notice or other document or information is sent back to the Company or its agent.

# 134. 132. SERVICE OF NOTICE ON PERSON ENTITLED BY TRANSMISSION

A person entitled to a share Share by reason of transmission upon supplying to the Company such evidence as the board may require to show his title to the share Share and upon also supplying a postal address for the service and delivery of notices and other documents or information and, if he so elects, an address for the sending of notices in electronic form shall be entitled to have served upon or delivered to him at any address given by him any notice or other document or information to which he would be entitled if he were the holder of that share Share (or, in the case of joint holders of a share Share, the joint holder whose name appears first in the register in respect of the joint holding) and any such service or delivery shall for all purposes be deemed a sufficient service or delivery of such notice or document or information on all persons interested in the share Share. Otherwise, any notice or other document or information served on or delivered or sent to any shareholder Shareholder pursuant to these Articles shall, notwithstanding that such shareholder

<u>Shareholder</u> is then dead or bankrupt or that any other event giving rise to the transmission of the <u>share-Share</u> by operation of law shall have occurred and whether or not the Company has notice of such death, bankruptcy or other such event, be deemed to have been duly served, delivered or sent in respect of any <u>share-Share</u> registered in the name of such <u>shareholder-Shareholder</u> as sole or first named joint holder.

# 135. 133. AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENTS SENT BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

A document or information sent or supplied in electronic form by electronic means by a shareholder Shareholder or other person to the Company is sufficiently authenticated in any manner authorised by the Statutes or in such other manner approved by the board.

#### **DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

#### **136. 134. DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS**

- 136.1 134.1 The board may authorise or arrange the destruction of documents held by the Company as follows:
  - 136.1.1 134.1.1at any time after the expiration of six years from the date of registration, all instruments of transfer of shares Shares and all other documents transferring or purporting to transfer shares or representing or purporting to represent the right to be registered as the holder of shares Shares on the faith of which entries have been made in the register;
  - 136.1.2 134.1.2 at any time after the expiration of one year from the date of cancellation, all registered share certificates which have been cancelled;
  - <u>136.1.3</u> <u>134.1.3</u> at any time after the expiration of two years from the date of recording them, all dividend mandates and notifications of change of address;
  - 136.1.4 134.1.4at any time after the expiration of one year from the date of actual payment, all paid dividend warrants and cheques; and
  - <u>136.1.5</u> <u>134.1.5</u> at any time after the expiration of one year from the end of the meeting to which it relates, all proxy appointments.
- <u>136.2</u> <u>134.2</u>It shall conclusively be presumed in favour of the Company that:
  - <u>136.2.1</u> <u>134.2.1</u>every entry in the register purporting to have been made on the basis of an instrument of transfer or other document so destroyed was duly and properly made;
  - 136.2.2 134.2.2 every instrument of transfer so destroyed was a valid and effective instrument duly and properly registered;

- 136.2.3 134.2.3 every share certificate so destroyed was a valid certificate duly and properly cancelled;
- 136.2.4 134.2.4 every other document mentioned in Article 134.1 136.1 so destroyed was a valid and effective document in accordance with the particulars of it recorded in the books and records of the Company; and
- 136.2.5 134.2.5 every paid dividend warrant and cheque so destroyed was duly paid.
- 136.3 134.3 The provisions of Article 134.2 136.2 shall apply only to the destruction of a document in good faith and without notice of any claim (regardless of the parties to it) to which the document might be relevant.
- 136.4 Nothing in this Article 134-136 shall be construed as imposing on the Company or the board any liability in respect of the destruction of any document earlier than as stated in Article 134.1 136.1, or in any other circumstances in which liability would not attach to the Company or the board in the absence of this Article 134136.
- 136.5 134.5 References in this Article 134-136 to the destruction of any document include references to its disposal in any manner.

#### WINDING-UP

#### 137. 135. DIRECTORS' POWER TO WIND UP

The board shall have power in the name and on behalf of the Company to present an application to the court for the Company to be wound up on a just and equitable basis.

# 138. 136. POWERS TO DISTRIBUTE IN SPECIE

- 138.1 136.1 If the Company is in liquidation, the liquidator may, with the sanction of a special resolution of the Company and any other sanction required by the Statutes:
  - 138.1.1 136.1.1 divide among the shareholders Shareholders in specie the whole or any part of the assets of the Company and, for that purpose, value any assets and determine how the division shall be carried out as between the shareholders Shareholders or different classes of shareholders Shareholders; or
  - 138.1.2 136.1.2 vest the whole or any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of shareholders. Shareholders as the liquidator, with the like sanction, shall think fit but no shareholder. Shareholder shall be compelled to accept any assets upon which there is any liability.

#### INDEMNITY AND FUNDING OF DEFENCE PROCEEDINGS AND LIABILITY INSURANCE

#### 139. 137. INDEMNITY OF OFFICERS

- 139.1 137.1 Insofar as the Statutes allow, every present or former officer of the Company (other than an auditor) shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against any loss or liability incurred by him by reason of being or having been such an officer.
- 139.2 137.2 The directors may without sanction of the Company in general meeting authorise the purchase or maintenance by the Company for any officer (other than an auditor) or former officer (other than an auditor) of the Company of any such insurance as is permitted by the Statutes in respect of any liability which would otherwise attach to such officer or former officer.

#### 140. 138. FUNDING OF DEFENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 140.1 138.1 Subject to the provisions of and so far as may be permitted by the Statutes, the board may exercise all the powers of the Company to:
  - 140.1.1 138.1.1 provide any current or former director or other officer (other than an auditor) of the Company with funds to meet expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him in defending any criminal or civil proceedings in connection with any alleged negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust by him in relation to the Company or an Associated Company, or in connection with any application for relief; and
  - 140.1.2 138.1.2 do anything to enable any such person to avoid incurring such expenditure.

# 141. 139. DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 137139, the board may purchase and maintain for or for the benefit of any person who holds or has at any time held a relevant office (other than an auditor) insurance against any liability or expense incurred by him in relation to the Company or any Associated Company or any third party in respect of any act or omission in the actual or purported discharge of the duties of the relevant office concerned or otherwise in connection with the holding of that relevant office and for this purpose "relevant office" means that of director or other officer (other than an auditor) of the Company or any company which is or was an Associated Company or any predecessor in business of the Company or of any Associated Company or that of trustee of any pension fund or retirement, death or disability scheme or other trust for the benefit of any officer or former officer (other than an auditor) of the Company or any Associated Company or of any such predecessor in business or their respective dependants.

#### **PART V**

#### **DEFINITIONS**

4 April Prospectus has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3.2 of Part I of this Circular

2022 ZDP Final Capital 132.25 pence per 2022 ZDP Share

**Entitlement** 

**2022 ZDP Gross Redemption Yield** 5.75%

**2022 ZDP Repayment Date** 30 November 2022

2022 ZDP Shares the zero dividend preference shares of no par value to be issued pursuant to the

Prospectus

**2022 ZDP Shareholder** the holder of 2022 ZDP Shares

ABS Investments has the meaning given to it in Part II of this Circular

Accrued Capital Entitlement the accrued capital entitlement of a 2022 ZDP Share on any particular date which

shall be calculated on a straight line basis using the First ZDP Placing Price and the

2022 ZDP Final Capital Entitlement

**Administrator** Crestbridge Fund Administrators Limited, the administrator of the Company

Articles the articles of association of the Company in force from time to time

Authorised Operator Euroclear UK and Ireland Limited or such other person as may for the time being

be authorised under the Jersey Uncertificated Securities Order to operate an

**Uncertificated System** 

**Board** the board of directors of the Company from time to time

**Business Day** a day (except Saturday or Sunday) on which banks in the City of London and Jersey

are normally open for business or such other day as the Directors determine

**Capital Solutions** has the meaning given to it in Part III of this Circular

**certificated** or **in certificated form** not in uncertificated form

**Circular** this document

**Class of ZDP Shareholders** in respect of each Class of ZDP Shares, the ZDP Shareholders of such ZDP Shares

Class of ZDP Shares each issue of ZDP Shares by the Company pursuant to the Articles with different

ZDP Repayment Dates and ZDP Gross Redemption Yields, in each case with each ZDP Share with the same ZDP Repayment Date being in the same class (and

"Classes of ZDP Shares" shall be construed accordingly)

#### **Companies Law**

the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991, as amended, and any subsidiary legislation from time to time made thereunder, including any statutory modifications or reenactments for the time being in force

#### Company

EJF Investments Ltd, a closed-ended investment company incorporated with limited liability in Jersey under the Companies Law on 20 October 2016 with registered number 122353

#### Cover

in respect of each Class of ZDP Shares, a fraction calculated as at the applicable ZDP Calculation Date, where:

- (a) the denominator is equal to the sum of:
  - (i) the aggregate applicable ZDP Final Capital Entitlement in respect of such Class of ZDP Shares;
  - (ii) the aggregate applicable ZDP Final Capital Entitlement in respect of all other ZDP Shares ranking in priority to or pari passu with such Class of ZDP Shares; and
  - (iii) the aggregate amount of other borrowings; and
- (b) the numerator is equal to the Net Asset Value, adjusted to:
  - add back any liability which has accrued in relation to the ZDP Final Capital Entitlement in respect of such Classes of ZDP Shares referred to in (a) above;
  - (ii) add back the aggregate amount of other borrowings; and
  - (iii) make such other adjustments as may be required to give effect to the relevant proposed action described in paragraphs 3.2.3, 3.2.5, 3.2.6(a), 3.2.8, 3.2.9 and 3.2.10 of Part II of this Circular (as applicable) as if such action had occurred.

In calculating the Cover the Directors shall:

- (a) use the most recent monthly Net Asset Value published by the Company by way of a Regulatory News Service announcement;
- (b) where applicable, aggregate the applicable ZDP Final Capital Entitlements of the ZDP Shares already in issue at that time and the capital entitlements of the new ZDP Shares or securities or rights to be issued as aforesaid; and
- (c) make such other adjustments as the Directors consider appropriate.

**Cover Test** 

in respect of each Class of ZDP Shares, if the proposed actions described in paragraphs 3.2.3, 3.2.5, 3.2.6(a), 3.2.9 and 3.2.10 (as applicable) of Part II of this Circular were to take place in full on the applicable ZDP Calculation Date, whether the Cover would be not less than the applicable Minimum Cover Amount

#### **CREST**

the facilities and procedures for the time being of the relevant system of which Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited has been approved as operator pursuant to the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 of the United Kingdom (SI No. 2001/3755) and the Jersey Uncertificated Securities Order

**CREST Proxy Instruction** a proxy instruction message submitted through CREST in accordance with the

CREST Manual (available via www.euroclear.com/CREST)

**C Shareholder** the holder of one or more C Shares

C Shares the non-redeemable "C" shares of no par value in the capital of the Company

which, for the avoidance of doubt includes all classes of C Shares (denominated in such currency as the Directors may determine in accordance with the Articles) having the rights and subject to the restrictions set out in the Articles and which will convert into Ordinary Shares in accordance with the terms of the Articles

**Directors** the directors of the Company from time to time

**Dividends Cover Test** in respect of each Class of ZDP Shares, if the proposed actions described in

paragraph 3.2.8 of Part II of this Circular were to take place in full on the applicable ZDP Calculation Date, whether the Cover would be not less than the applicable

**Dividends Minimum Cover Amount** 

Dividends Minimum Cover

Amount

in respect of each Class of ZDP Shares, an amount calculated with reference to a multiple of the Cover, and which will be set out in the prospectus issued by the

Company in relation to the applicable Class of ZDP Shares

**Extraordinary General Meeting** or

**EGM** 

the extraordinary general meeting of the Ordinary Shareholders to be held at 1 pm

(GMT) on 30 November 2017

Final Cover the ratio of (a) the NAV as at 30 September 2017, adjusted to: (i) add back the net

proceeds of the First ZDP Placing and (ii) deduct the dividend for the period to 30 September 2017; to (b) the sum of the assets required to pay the aggregate 2022 ZDP Final Capital Entitlement in respect of the 2022 ZDP Shares issued pursuant to

the First ZDP Placing and other borrowings

First ZDP Admission admission to trading on the London Stock Exchange's Specialist Fund Segment of

the 2022 ZDP Shares becoming effective in accordance with the London Stock

**Exchange Admission Standards** 

First ZDP Placing the first placing of 2022 ZDP Shares, as described at page 5 of this Circular

First ZDP Placing Price 100 pence

**Form of Proxy** the form of proxy which accompanies this document for use by Shareholders who

hold their Ordinary Shares in certificated form in relation to voting at the

**Extraordinary General Meeting** 

**GMT** Greenwich Mean Time

**Group** the Company, EJF Investments Holdings Limited and a 49 per cent. non-controlling

interest in the CDO Manager, but excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, EJF

Investments LP

Hurdle Rate the minimum annual growth rate from the date of First ZDP Admission of the

Group's assets required to cover fully the 2022 ZDP Final Capital Entitlement and

other borrowings

Initial Cover the ratio of (a) the NAV as at 30 September 2017 adjusted to (i) add back the net

proceeds of the First ZDP Placing and (ii) deduct the dividend for the period to 30

September 2017; to (b) the gross proceeds of the First ZDP Placing

**Investment Policy** the investment policy set out in the 4 April Prospectus

Jersey Uncertificated Securities

Order

Companies (Uncertificated Securities) (Jersey) Order 1999 (as amended from time

to time)

Latest Practicable Date the latest practicable date prior to publication of this Circular, namely 9 November

2017

Link Asset Services Link Market Services (Jersey) Limited

**London Stock Exchange** the London Stock Exchange plc

Manager EJF Investments Manager LLC

**Memorandum** the memorandum of association of the Company in force from time to time

Minimum Cover Amount in respect of each Class of ZDP Shares, an amount calculated with reference to a

multiple of the Cover, and which will be set out in the prospectus issued by the

Company in relation to the applicable Class of ZDP Shares

Net Asset Value or NAV in relation to the Company, the value, as at any date, of the assets of the Company

after deduction of all liabilities of the Company

New Articles has the meaning given to it in paragraph 2 of Part I of this Circular

Notice of Extraordinary General

Meeting

the notice of the Extraordinary General Meeting set out at the end of this Circular

**Ordinary Resolution** a resolution of the Company in general meeting adopted by a simple majority of

the votes cast at that meeting

Ordinary Shares non-redeemable ordinary shares of no par value in the capital of the Company

which, for the avoidance of doubt, includes all classes of Ordinary Shares (denominated in such currency as the Directors may determine in accordance with the Articles) having the rights and subject to the restrictions set out in the Articles,

and does not include C Shares

Ordinary Shareholder the holder of one or more Ordinary Shares

Placing Programme the First ZDP Placing and subsequent placings of Shares as further described in the

Prospectus

**Portfolio** the Group's portfolio of investments from time to time

**Proposals** has the meaning given to it at page 6 of Part I of this Circular

Prospectus the prospectus published by the Company on 9 November 2017

Registrar Link Market Services (Jersey) Limited

**Risk Retention Investments** has the meaning given to it in Part III of this Circular

Risk Retention and Related

**Investments** 

has the meaning given to it in Part III of this Circular

Rules the rules, including any manuals, issued from time to time by an Authorised

Operator governing the admission of securities to and the operation of the

Uncertificated System managed by such Authorised Operator

Shares Ordinary Shares, C Shares and ZDP Shares, as the context may require

Shareholders any Ordinary Shareholders, any C Shareholders and any ZDP Shareholders

**Specialty Finance Investments** has the meaning given to it in Part III of this Circular

**Special Resolution** a resolution of the Company passed as a special resolution in accordance with the

Companies Law

Statutes the Companies Law and every other statute, statutory instrument, regulation or

order for the time being in force concerning companies registered under the

Companies Law

**Sterling** or **£** the lawful currency of the United Kingdom

**Subsequent ZDP Placing** any placing of ZDP Shares pursuant to the Placing Programme

**Target Investment** has the meaning given to it in paragraph 3.2 of Part I of this Circular

**U.S. Dollar** or **U.S.\$** the lawful currency of the United States of America

**U.S. Persons** "U.S. persons" as defined in Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act

**U.S. Securities Act** the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended

United States or U.S. the United States of America, its territories and possessions, any state of the

United States and the District of Columbia

uncertificated or uncertificated

form

in relation to a Share, that title to the share is recorded on the register as being

held in uncertificated form

**ZDP Calculation Date** any date on which a proposed corporate action as described in paragraphs 3.2.3,

3.2.5, 3.2.6(a), 3.2.8, 3.2.9 and 3.2.10 of Part II of this Circular (as applicable) is to

take place

**ZDP Exempted Resolution** a ZDP Liquidation Resolution, a ZDP Recommended Resolution or a ZDP

Reconstruction Resolution, in each case in the context of the 2022 ZDP Shares

**ZDP Final Capital Entitlement** in respect of each ZDP Share in each Class of ZDP Shares, the applicable ZDP

Placing Price increased at an annual rate equal to the applicable ZDP Gross Redemption Yield from and including the date of issue until (and including) the

applicable ZDP Repayment Date

**ZDP Gross Redemption Yield** in respect of each Class of ZDP Shares, the maximum annualised return that can be

achieved, before taxation, from purchasing a ZDP Share at a specified ZDP Placing Price, and which will be a percentage amount determined by the Directors and notified to the prospective Class of ZDP Shareholders in writing on or before

issuing the ZDP Shares of that Class for the first time

**ZDP Liquidation Resolution** has the meaning given to it in paragraph 5.1 of Part II of this Circular

**ZDP Payment Date** the date 14 days after the applicable ZDP Repayment Date, and in the context of

the 2022 ZDP Share, is the date 14 days after the 2022 ZDP Repayment Date

**ZDP Placing** each placing of ZDP Shares with the same ZDP Repayment Date

**ZDP Placing Price** in respect of each Class of ZDP Shares, the price at which such ZDP Shares are first

issued (as may be determined by the Directors acting in their absolute discretion)

**ZDP Recommended Resolution** has the meaning given to it in paragraph 5.2 of Part II of this Circular

**ZDP Reconstruction Resolution** has the meaning given to it in paragraph 5.3 of Part II of this Circular

**ZDP Repayment Date** in respect of each Class of ZDP Shares, the date on which such ZDP Shares will be

redeemed in accordance with paragraph 4.1 of Part II of this Circular with each

Class of ZDP Shares having its own date for redemption

**ZDP Shareholders** the holders of one or more ZDP Shares of any class

**ZDP Shares** the redeemable zero dividend preference shares of no par value in the capital of

the Company which, for the avoidance of doubt, includes all Classes of ZDP Shares (denominated in such currency as the Directors may determine in accordance with the Articles) having the rights and subject to the restrictions set out in the Articles

#### **PART VI**

#### NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

#### **EJF INVESTMENTS LTD**

(a company incorporated in Jersey under The Companies (Jersey) Law, 1991 (as amended) with registered number 122353)

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Ordinary Shareholders of the Company will be held at the offices of the Administrator, Crestbridge Fund Administrators Limited, at 47 Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey, JE1 OBD at 1 pm (GMT) on 30 November 2017 to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following Resolutions, of which Resolution 1 will be proposed as an Ordinary Resolution, and Resolutions 2 to 4 (inclusive) will be proposed as Special Resolutions of the Ordinary Shareholders.

#### **ORDINARY RESOLUTION**

1. **THAT** the changes shown in the blackline of the investment policy set out at Part III of the Circular be approved and that such amendments be made, and a clean version of the Investment Policy incorporating such changes (as tabled to the meeting and initialled by the Chair for the purposes of identification) be adopted as the Investment Policy of the Company.

#### **SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

# 2. **THAT:**

- (a) the Company be and is hereby authorised to create the 2022 ZDP Shares, and the Shareholders hereby sanction any variation to their rights as a class occasioned by the creation of the ZDP Shares; and
- (b) the changes shown in the blackline of the Articles set out at Part IV of the Circular be approved and that such amendments be made, and a clean version of the New Articles incorporating such changes (as tabled to the meeting and initialled by the Chair for the purposes of identification) be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company and be filed with the Jersey Registrar of Companies.
- 3. **THAT,** conditional on Resolution 2 above being passed, in substitution for the authority granted in Resolution 2 of the Shareholder Resolutions passed on 9 February 2017, the directors of the Company be and are hereby generally and unconditionally authorised to allot and issue an aggregate of up to 100 million Ordinary Shares and/or C Shares and up to 50 million 2022 ZDP Shares in whatever currency and at whatever price they may determine in connection with the placing programme detailed in the Prospectus issued on 9 November 2017 as if any pre-emption rights conferred by the New Articles did not apply to such allotment and issue, such authority to expire on 8 November 2018, save that the Company may, at any time prior to the expiry of such authority, make an offer or enter into an agreement which would or might require the allotment of Ordinary Shares and/or C Shares and/or 2022 ZDP Shares in pursuance of such an offer or agreement as if such authority had not expired. For the avoidance of doubt this authority:
  - (a) is independent of and separate to the authority granted in Resolution 3 of the Shareholder Resolutions passed on 9 February 2017; and

- (b) shall not limit or prevent any issue of Ordinary Shares consequent upon the conversion of any C Shares issued pursuant to the foregoing and any such Ordinary Shares so converted or issued shall not count towards the 100 million limit in relation to Ordinary Shares and C Shares set out in this Resolution 3.
- 4. **THAT,** conditional on Resolutions 2 and 3 above being passed, in substitution for the authority granted in Resolution 8 of the Shareholder Resolutions passed on 26 June 2017, but in addition to Resolution 3 above and any other authorities currently in place, and in accordance with the New Articles, the Directors be generally empowered to allot and issue (or sell from treasury) Ordinary Shares and/or C Shares for cash, as if the pre-emption rights contained in the New Articles did not apply to any such allotment and issue (or sale from treasury), such authority to be limited to the allotment and issuance (or sale from treasury) of Ordinary Shares and/or C Shares for cash in an aggregate amount of up to 2,693,733 Ordinary Shares and/or C Shares (calculated, in the case of securities which are rights to subscribe for, or to convert securities into, Ordinary Shares by reference to the aggregate amount of relevant shares which may be allotted and issued pursuant to such rights):
  - (a) after the final closing date of the Placing Programme (or, if earlier, the date on which all authorities previously granted to allot and issue (or sell from treasury) Ordinary Shares and/or C Shares on a non pre-emptive basis have been exhausted and/or fully utilised); and
  - (b) at any time in favour of the Manager in satisfaction of any incentive fees due to it under and in accordance with the terms of the Management Agreement,

such authority to apply until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company (or, if earlier, until the close of business on 31 July 2018) unless previously renewed, varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting but, in each case, so that the Company may make offers and enter into agreements before the authority expires which would, or might, require Ordinary Shares and/or C Shares to be allotted and issued (and/or sole from treasury) after the authority expires and the Directors may allot and issue Ordinary Shares and/or C Shares (and/or sell from treasury) under any such offer or agreement as if the authority had not expired.

Furthermore, for the avoidance of doubt, this authority shall not limit or prevent any issue of Ordinary Shares consequent upon the conversion of any C Shares issued pursuant to the foregoing and any such Ordinary Shares so converted or issued shall not count towards the limitation set out in this Resolution 4.

By Order of the board of directors of the Company: Registered Office:

Company Secretary 47 Esplanade
Crestbridge Fund Administrators Limited St. Helier
Jersey JE1 0BD

Date: 10 November 2017

Defined terms used in this notice shall bear the same meanings as those ascribed to them in the Circular issued by the Company to the Ordinary Shareholders dated 10 November 2017.

#### **NOTES**

- 1. A proxy need not be a Shareholder of the Company. A Shareholder may appoint more than one proxy in relation to a meeting to attend, speak and vote on the same occasion, provided that each proxy is appointed to exercise the rights attached to a different Share or Shares held by a Shareholder. To appoint more than one proxy, the proxy form should be photocopied and the name of the proxy to be appointed indicated on each form together with details of the Shares (including Share numbers) that such proxy is appointed in respect of.
- 2. A Form of Proxy is enclosed with this Circular. In order to be valid any proxy form or other instrument appointing a proxy must be returned duly completed by one of the following methods no later than 1 pm (GMT) on 28 November 2017:
  - (*for certificated shareholders*) In hard copy form by post, by courier, or by hand to the following address: Link Asset Services, PSX 1, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, BR3 4ZF, United Kingdom.
  - (*for uncertificated shareholders only)* In electronic form through CREST please see the heading 'CREST Members' below.
- 3. Submission of a proxy appointment will not preclude a Shareholder from attending and voting at the EGM should they wish to do so.
- 4. To direct your proxy on how to vote on the resolutions, mark the appropriate box on your proxy form with an 'X'. To abstain from voting on a resolution, select the relevant "Vote withheld" box. A vote withheld is not a vote in law, which means that the vote will not be counted in the calculation of votes for or against the resolution. If no voting indication is given, your proxy will vote or abstain from voting at his or her discretion. Your proxy will vote (or abstain from voting) as he or she thinks fit in relation to any other matter which is put before the EGM.
- 5. Pursuant to the Companies (Uncertificated Securities) (Jersey) Order 1999, the Company specifies that only those Shareholders registered in the register of members of the Company by close of business on the date which is two days before the meeting or adjourned meeting shall be entitled to attend and vote at the EGM (or appoint a proxy) in respect of the number of Shares registered in their name at that time. Changes to entries on the register of members after close of business on the date which is two days before the meeting or adjourned meeting shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend or vote at the EGM (or appoint a proxy).
- 6. **Joint holders** In the case of joint holders, where more than one of the joint holders purports to appoint a proxy, only the appointment submitted by the most senior holder will be accepted. Seniority is determined by the order in which the names of the joint holders appear in the Company's register of members in respect of the joint holding (the first-named being the most senior).
- 7. **Power of attorney** Any power of attorney or any other authority under which your proxy form is signed (or a duly certified copy of such power or authority) must be returned to the registered office with your proxy form.
- 8. **Corporate representatives** Any corporation which is a Shareholder can appoint one or more corporate representatives who may exercise on its behalf all of its powers as a Shareholder. In the event that a corporation authorises more than one person and more than one of them purports to exercise powers as a Shareholder (a) if they purport to exercise a power in the same way, the power is treated as exercised in that way; and (b) if they do not purport to exercise the power in the same way, the power is treated as not exercised (unless the corporate representatives are appointed in relation to different Shares held by the Shareholder).

# **CREST Members**

- 9. CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies through the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for the EGM and any adjournment(s) of the EGM by using the procedures described in the CREST Manual (available via <a href="www.euroclear.com/CREST">www.euroclear.com/CREST</a>). CREST personal members or other CREST sponsored members and those CREST members who have appointed a voting service provider(s) should refer to their CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s), who will be able to take the appropriate action on their behalf.
- 10. In order for a proxy appointment or instruction made using the CREST service to be valid, the appropriate

CREST message (a "CREST Proxy Instruction") must be properly authenticated in accordance with Euroclear UK and Ireland Limited's specifications and must contain the information required for such instructions, as described in the CREST Manual (available via <a href="www.euroclear.com/CREST">www.euroclear.com/CREST</a>). The message, regardless of whether it constitutes the appointment of a proxy or an amendment to the instruction given to a previously appointed proxy must, in order to be valid, be transmitted so as to be received by the Company's agent (RA10) by the latest time(s) for receipt of proxy appointments specified in the Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting. For this purpose, the time of receipt will be taken to be the time (as determined by the timestamp applied to the message by the CREST Applications Host) from which the Company's agent is able to retrieve the message by enquiry to CREST in the manner prescribed by CREST. After this time any change of instructions to proxies appointed through CREST should be communicated to the appointee through other means.

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- 12. The Company may treat as invalid a CREST Proxy Instruction in the circumstances set out in Regulation 35(5)(a) of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 of the United Kingdom (SI No. 2001/3755), or the relevant provisions of the Companies (Uncertificated Securities) (Jersey) Order 1999.

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- 13. To change your proxy, simply submit a new proxy appointment using the methods set out above. Where you have appointed a proxy using the hard-copy Form of Proxy and would like to make a change using another hardcopy Form of Proxy, please contact the Company's Registrar, c/o Link Asset Services, PSX 1, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, BR3 4ZF, United Kingdom. If you submit more than one valid proxy appointment, the appointment last received before the latest time for the receipt of proxies will take precedence.
- 14. In order to revoke a proxy appointment you will need to inform the Company by sending a signed hard copy notice clearly stating your intention to revoke your proxy appointment to the Company's Registrar. In the case of a Shareholder which is a company, the revocation notice must be executed under its common seal or signed on its behalf by an officer of the company or an attorney or other representative of the company. Any power of attorney or any other authority under which the revocation notice is signed (or a duly certified copy of such power or authority) must be included with the revocation notice. No other methods of communication will be accepted. In particular, you may not use any electronic address provided either in the Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting or in any related documents (including the Form of Proxy).
- 15. The revocation notice must be received by the Company's Registrar, c/o Link Asset Services, PSX 1, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, BR3 4ZF, United Kingdom by no later than 1 pm (GMT) on 28 November 2017.
- 16. If you attempt to revoke your proxy appointment but the revocation is received after the time specified then your proxy appointment will remain valid.
- 17. Latest Practicable Date As at the Latest Practicable Date before the publication of this Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting, the Company's issued share capital consisted of 53,874,670 Ordinary Shares carrying one vote each. There were no C Shares in issue. Therefore, the total voting rights in the Company as at the Latest Practicable Date are 53,874,670.

# **EJF INVESTMENTS LTD (the "Company")**

(a company incorporated in Jersey under The Companies (Jersey) Law 1991 (as amended) with registered number 122353)

Registered Office: 47 Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey, JE1 OBD

# **FORM OF PROXY**

(relating to the extraordinary general meeting of the Company to be held at the offices of Crestbridge Fund Administrators Limited, at 47 Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey, JE1 0BD at 1 pm (GMT) on 30 November 2017 (the "extraordinary general meeting" or "**EGM**"))

BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM,	PLEASE READ THE NOTES O	VERLEAF					
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(Your address in full including your post code)							
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The Chair of the meeting							
Other:							
Name of Proxy:			-				
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as my/our proxy to vote in my/our name(s) and on my/our behalf in the manner indicated below at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company to be held at the offices of Crestbridge Fund Administrators Limited, at 47 Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey JE1 OBD on 30 November 2017 at 1 pm (GMT) and at any adjournment thereof.							
I/We direct my/our proxy to vote appropriate box with an 'X'. If no indic discretion and I/we authorise my/our any other matter (including amendment)	cation is given, my/our proxy v proxy to vote (or abstain from	will vote or abstain from voting voting) as he or she thinks fit	at his or her in relation to				
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Signed:		Date:	2017				
Name/Canacity:							

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This Form of Proxy is to be used in respect of the resolutions set out in the Notice of EGM sent to Shareholders dated 10 November 2017 (the "Notice"). The resolutions set out in the Notice have been summarised below for administrative reasons. You should not rely on this summary and should consult the full text of the resolutions in the Notice before completing this Form of Proxy.

ORDINARY RESOLUTION	FOR	AGAINST	VOTE
			WITHELD
1. To approve the changes shown in the blackline of the Investment Policy set out at Part III of the Circular and authorise such amendments and adopt a clean version of the Investment Policy incorporating such changes.			

SPEC	SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS			AGAINST	VOTE
					WITHELD
2.	(a)	To authorise the Company to create the 2022 ZDP Shares and for Shareholders to sanction any variation to their rights as a class occasioned by the creation of the ZDP Shares; and			
	(b)	To approve the changes shown in the blackline of the Articles set out at Part IV of the Circular and authorise such amendments and adopt a clean version of the New Articles incorporating such changes and file the New Articles with the Jersey Registrar of Companies.			
3.	To authorise the Directors to allot and issue up to 100 million additional Ordinary Shares and/or C Shares and up to 50 million 2022 ZDP Shares as if the pre-emption rights in the Articles did not apply.				
4.	To authorise the Directors to allot and issue Ordinary Shares and/or C Shares as if the pre-emption rights in the Articles did not apply, such authority to be limited to the allotment and issue of up to 2,693,733 million Ordinary and/or C Shares:				
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