THIS DOCUMENT IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. It contains proposals relating to EJF Investments Ltd (the "Company") on which you are being asked to vote. If you are in any doubt as to the action you should take or the contents of this document, you are recommended to seek your own personal financial advice immediately from your stockbroker, solicitor, accountant or other independent financial adviser, duly authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 of the United Kingdom (as amended) if you are resident in the United Kingdom or, if not, from another appropriately authorised independent financial adviser.

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.

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.

Notice of the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at IFC1, The Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey, JE1 4BP at 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm (BST) on 13 June 2023 (the "**Annual General Meeting"** or "**AGM**"), is set out at page 14 of this document. The Form of Proxy is enclosed.

#### **EJF INVESTMENTS LTD**

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

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

You are requested to return the Form of Proxy accompanying this document. To be valid the Form of Proxy must be completed, either electronically or in hard copy form, in accordance with the instructions detailed in the Form of Proxy. If a hard copy Form of Proxy is completed then it must be signed and returned to the Registrar, Computershare Investor Services (Jersey) Limited, c/o The Pavilions, Bridgwater Road, Bristol, BS99 6ZY. It is recommended that you complete the Form of Proxy as soon as possible as, to be valid, your completed form must be received by the Registrar not later than 2.00 pm (BST) on 09 June 2023.

If you are a member of CREST, you may be able to make a proxy appointment or instruction using CREST, such CREST Proxy Instruction to be received by no later than 2.00 pm (BST) on 09 June 2023. Further details can be found in the notes to the Notice of Annual General Meeting under the heading "CREST Members".

The completion and return of a Form of Proxy or completing and transmitting a CREST Proxy Instruction will not prevent you from attending and voting at the Annual General Meeting in person if you wish (and are able to do so).

This document should be read as a whole. Your attention is drawn to the letter from the Chair of the Company on page 3 of this document, which includes a recommendation from the Board that you vote in favour of the Resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

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

Latest time and date for receipt of Forms of Proxy 2.00 pm (BST) on 09 June 2023

Latest time and date for receipt of CREST Proxy Instructions 2.00pm (BST) on 09 June 2023

Annual General Meeting 2.00pm (BST) on 13 June 2023

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For your information, ZDP Shareholders do not have the right to receive notice of, or to attend or vote at, the AGM.

# LETTER FROM THE CHAIR OF EJF INVESTMENTS LTD (the "Company")

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

Registered Office: IFC1, The Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey, JE1 4BP

### Directors (all non-executive):

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

18 May 2023

#### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Dear Shareholder,

I am pleased to send to you the notice of the Company's annual general meeting, which is being held at the Company's registered office at IFC1, The Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey, JE1 4BP at 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm (BST) on 13 June 2023 (the "Annual General Meeting" or "AGM").

2022 will be remembered by many investors as being an extremely challenging year, as inflation, interest rate increases, geopolitics and concerns regarding lower economic growth led to significant volatility across many asset classes. It is therefore particularly pleasing that the Portfolio continued to provide strong performance for investors, by generating a Total Return (as defined in the Annual Report) of 13.85% for the year despite the backdrop. Once again, the Company suffered no material write-downs in the creditworthiness of its investments and paid its Target Dividend (as defined in the Annual Report).

The Total Return of 13.85% was predominantly driven by regular interest accruals and payments in addition to some gains on the Company's Securitisation and Related Investments alongside strong mark-to-market gains on the mortgage servicing rights ("MSRs") investment. There continues to be no defaults in underlying collateral backing the Company's securitisation investments, which reflects the diversified nature of the Company's underlying targeted US bank and insurance exposures.

The Company's investment in MSRs continued to perform very strongly in the first three quarters of the year. The valuation of the underlying MSRs, which are a contractual stream of senior cash flows from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac acquired mortgages, are heavily influenced by prepayments on the associated mortgages. As a result of the upward trend in the yields on the US Treasury 10 year for much of 2022, thereby reducing the probability of prepayments, significant mark-to-market gains were generated. The fall in US Treasury yields towards the end of the year, before some of these falls were reversed, led to a reduction in the value of MSRs, but it was undoubtedly a positive year overall, and the Manager continues to believe that the yields and return potential remain attractive as we potentially enter an environment of less dramatic interest rate change. It should also be noted that the Manager added a small US Treasury hedge to the MSRs later in the year in recognition of the changing interest rate environment.

Elsewhere, in line with the Company's regulated financials and specialty finance mandate, further investments were made to put cash to work in contiguous investment areas. The Armadillo Portfolio remained largely flat and final distributions were received post the year end.

The Board approved an increase in the level of the Company's FX hedge, from approximately 40% of the Company's US Dollar assets being hedged against relevant FX movements, to between up to 60% of the value of US Dollar denominated assets and the final capital entitlement of the ZDP Shares only.

Following the fall of Sterling against the US Dollar, the Company utilised this approved increase to protect against a reversal in the value of the USD with a hedge of approximately 55% at the year end. The Total Return net of FX effects was 5.44%.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

The full wording of each of the Resolutions summarised below is set out in the Notice of Annual General Meeting at page 14 of this document.

The following Resolutions will be proposed as Ordinary Resolutions at the AGM:

**Resolution 1:** To receive and adopt the report of the Directors and the Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Resolution 2:** To approve the Directors' remuneration report (which is set out in the Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022).

**Resolution 3:** To re-elect Joanna Dentskevich as a director of the Company.

**Resolution 4:** To re-elect Alan Dunphy as a director of the Company.

**Resolution 5:** To re-elect Nick Watkins as a director of the Company.

**Resolution 6:** To re-elect Neal J. Wilson as a director of the Company.

**Resolution 7:** To approve the Company's dividend policy.

**Resolution 8:** To appoint KPMG LLP as the Company's auditor.

**Resolution 9:** Conditional upon Resolution 8 being passed, to authorise the Audit and Risk Committee, for and on behalf of the Board, to determine the remuneration of KPMG LLP as the Company's auditor.

The following Resolutions will be proposed as Special Resolutions at the AGM:

**Resolution 10:** To authorise the Company to purchase up to 9,165,665 of its own Ordinary Shares, representing approximately 14.99 per cent. of the Company's total issued ordinary share capital (exclusive of Ordinary Shares held in treasury) and to either cancel or hold in treasury any Ordinary Shares so purchased.

**Resolution 11:** To authorise the Directors to allot and issue (or to sell Ordinary Shares from treasury) up to 7,695,370 Ordinary Shares, representing approximately 10 per cent. of the Company's total issued ordinary share capital (inclusive of Ordinary Shares held in treasury) as if the pre-emption rights in the Articles did not apply.

A notice convening the AGM and setting out details of the Resolutions in full is set out at page 14 of this document. Below is an explanation in respect of the Resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

# **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

The following Resolutions are all proposed as Ordinary Resolutions. Ordinary Resolutions each require a simple majority of votes cast at the AGM in order to be passed.

### Resolution 1: Annual Report and financial statements.

The Directors are required to present the report of the Directors and the Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022 to the Annual General Meeting.

### Resolution 2: Directors' remuneration report.

Although it is not a requirement under Companies Law to have the annual report on remuneration approved by Shareholders, the Board believes that, as a company whose shares are admitted to trading on the Specialist Fund Segment of the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange, it is good practice to do so.

The annual remuneration report (as set out at pages 32-33 of the Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022) provides details on Directors' remuneration during the period and is subject to an advisory shareholder vote (however, no Director's remuneration is conditional upon passing this Resolution 2).

#### Resolutions 3 to 6: Re-election of directors.

The Board comprises four Directors, three of whom are independent. The Board has adopted a policy that all Directors shall be put forward for re-election at each annual general meeting.

### Directors' Biographies

The Directors' biographical details are set out below for your information:

## Joanna Dentskevich, independent non-executive director and Chair

Joanna Dentskevich has over 35 years of finance, risk and investment banking experience gained in London and Asia. She started her career in 1986 in the financial services group of a London accountancy firm before moving into investment risk at Bankers Trust. Prior to moving to Jersey in 2008, she was director of risk at Deutsche Bank and Morgan Stanley and chief risk officer and a co-founder of a London based systematic hedge fund. Joanna sits on the board of a number of regulated investment companies and financial institutions. Joanna was appointed as a director of the Company on 17 March 2017.

The Board believes that Mrs Dentskevich continues to demonstrate effective leadership of the Board, promoting a culture of openness and debate as well as facilitating constructive Board relations and the effective contribution of all Directors. The Board considers the Chair to have exercised her judgement and expressed her opinion in an independent manner.

### Alan Dunphy, independent non-executive director and Audit and Risk Committee Chair

Alan Dunphy has over 25 years of experience in the offshore financial industry moving to Jersey in 1998 to join the Assurance and Business Advisory Division of PricewaterhouseCoopers. Since 2014 Alan has worked for Altum Group as a director on fund and corporate client structures before which he was managing director of fund management group Bennelong Asset Management for 8 years. Prior to this Alan was a director of Capita Fiduciary Group and also worked at Abacus Financial Services Group. Alan is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountant in Ireland. Alan was appointed as a director of the Company on 12 December 2016.

The Board believes that Mr Dunphy has used his accounting skills and finance industry and funds experience to competently lead the Audit and Risk Committee and provide valuable input to the Board on all issues.

# Nick Watkins, independent non-executive director and Management Engagement Committee Chair

Nick Watkins started his career as a corporate tax lawyer with Dechert LLP in London in 1997. He is currently a partner and director of Altair Partners Limited, which provides independent directors to funds

and regulated entities. Prior to joining Altair in 2014, he was global head of transaction management for Deutsche Bank's Alternative Fund Services division in Jersey and prior to that was assistant managing director and senior in-house legal counsel at Citco in the Cayman Islands. Nick is a qualified solicitor in England and Wales. Nick was appointed as a director of the Company on 17 March 2017.

The Board believes that Mr Watkins' legal skills and business experience continues to provide a relevant and complementary skillset which strengthens and provides valuable insight to the Board.

#### Neal J. Wilson, non-executive director

Neal Wilson has over 30 years of capital market and asset management experience and is co-CEO of EJF which he cofounded in 2005. Neal is also the CEO of the Manager. Prior to EJF, Neal was in charge of the Alternative Asset Investments and Private Wealth Management divisions at FBR, a senior securities attorney at Dechert LLP and Branch Chief of the Division of Enforcement at the SEC in Washington, D.C. Neal is a non-active member of the bars of Pennsylvania and Washington, DC. Neal was appointed as a director of the Company on 27 January 2017.

The Board believes that Mr. Wilson, as a co-founder of EJF, is able to provide the Board with the benefit of his extensive experience in asset management, and his U.S. legal and regulatory knowledge also gives valuable insight to the Board.

Any election (or retirement) of Directors will be made in accordance with Jersey regulatory requirements.

## Resolution 7: Approval of the Company's dividend policy.

The Company's policy is to pay dividends on a quarterly basis shortly after each dividend is declared in April, July, October and January in each financial year. As the last dividend in respect of any financial period is payable prior to the relevant annual general meeting, it is declared as an interim dividend and accordingly, there is no final dividend payable.

The Board is conscious that this means that Shareholders will not be given the opportunity to vote on the payment of a final dividend. Accordingly, it has been decided that Shareholders will be asked to confirm their approval of the Company's current dividend policy to continue to pay quarterly interim dividends.

The Board has an objective of targeting an annual dividend of 10.7 pence per share for the financial year to 31 December 2023, to be distributed evenly in four quarterly payments, which equates to a yield of approximately 5.8% per cent per annum based on the Company's NAV per Ordinary Share on 31 December 2022. For the avoidance of doubt, this dividend policy does not form part of the Company's investment policy.

The Company declared and paid interim dividends totalling 10.7 pence per Ordinary Share in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2022 and declared, on 25 April, an interim dividend of 2.675 pence per Ordinary Share in respect of the financial quarter ended 31 March 2023, to be paid on or around 31 May 2023.

As at the date of this Circular, there have been no changes to the Company's dividend policy. The Board will continue to monitor market conditions when determining future dividends. If the Board deems it to be in the best interests of the Company's Shareholders to adjust the Company's dividend policy, this will be communicated by way of an announcement to Shareholders at the appropriate time.

### Resolution 8: Appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's auditor.

At each annual general meeting the Company is required to appoint an auditor to serve from the conclusion of that meeting until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company. The Board, on the recommendation of the Audit and Risk Committee, recommends the appointment of KPMG

LLP as the Company's auditor to hold office from the end of the AGM until the end of the Company's next annual general meeting.

Resolution 9: Authorising the Audit and Risk Committee to determine the remuneration of KPMG LLP as the Company's auditor.

Conditional upon Resolution 8 being passed, the Board is seeking authority for the Audit and Risk Committee (for and on behalf of the Directors) to determine the remuneration of KPMG LLP as the Company's auditor.

#### **SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

The following Resolutions are all proposed as Special Resolutions. Special Resolutions each require a two-thirds majority of votes cast at the AGM in order to be passed.

Resolution 10: To authorise the Company to purchase its own Ordinary Shares and to either cancel or hold in treasury any Ordinary Shares so purchased.

Under Resolution 10, the Company seeks Shareholder approval to authorise the Company to make market purchases of its Ordinary Shares for up to 9,165,665 Ordinary Shares, representing approximately 14.99 per cent. of the Company's issued ordinary share capital (exclusive of Ordinary Shares held in treasury) as at the Latest Practicable Date.

Resolution 10 (which is set out in the Notice of Annual General Meeting) specifies the minimum and maximum prices at which such Ordinary Shares may be purchased under this authority.

The authority sought would, if approved, replace the authority granted by Resolution 10 of the Shareholder Resolutions passed at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 22 June 2022, which will expire on the conclusion of the AGM.

The Company will only exercise this authority to purchase Ordinary Shares in the market in compliance with the Articles and the Companies Law, and after careful consideration by the Directors (taking into account, among other things, the Manager's recommendation, market conditions, other investment opportunities, appropriate gearing levels and the overall financial position of the Company) and in circumstances where it would be in the best interests of Shareholders and the Company generally (as determined by the Directors).

Subject to the Articles and the Companies Law, the Directors intend that any Ordinary Shares purchased in the market under this authority will be cancelled or held in treasury. Any Ordinary Shares held in treasury may in the future be cancelled, transferred or sold for cash, or used to meet the Company's payment obligations under the Management Agreement. Whilst any Ordinary Shares are held in treasury, such Ordinary Shares are not entitled to receive any dividends and have no voting rights.

The Directors believe that it is appropriate for the Company to have the option to hold its own Ordinary Shares in treasury and that doing so enables the Company to re-sell or transfer the Ordinary Shares quickly and cost effectively or use them to satisfy obligations under the Management Agreement and provides the Company with additional flexibility in the management of its capital base. The decision whether to cancel any Ordinary Shares purchased by the Company or hold in treasury such Ordinary Shares will be made by the Directors at the time of purchase, on the basis of what they consider to be the Company's and Shareholders' best interests. The Directors will have regard to any investor group guidelines which may be in force at the time of any such purchase, cancellation, holding or re-sale of Ordinary Shares held in treasury. As at the Latest Practicable Date before publication of this Notice of Annual General Meeting, 15,808,509 Ordinary Shares were held in treasury by the Company.

If approved, the authority sought under Resolution 10 will expire at the end of the Company's next annual general meeting, or on 12 June 2024, whichever is sooner. The Directors intend to seek renewal of this authority at each annual general meeting of the Company.

Purchases of Ordinary Shares may be made only in accordance with the Companies Law, the Articles and the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules. Although the Company is not required to comply with the provisions of Chapter 12 of the Listing Rules regarding market repurchases by the Company of its Shares, the Company has adopted a policy consistent with the provisions of Listing Rules 12.4.1 and 12.4.2. Shareholders should note that the purchase of Ordinary Shares by the Company is at the absolute discretion of the Directors and is subject to the working capital requirements of the Company and the amount of cash available to the Company to fund such purchases.

The Directors have considered any potential conflicts of interest which may arise through any repurchase of the Ordinary Shares and do not believe they are conflicted in recommending that shareholders vote in favour of this resolution.

## Resolutions 11: Additional resolution authorising the disapplication of pre-emption rights.

The Articles contain pre-emption rights (the "**Pre-Emption Rights**") which mean that, in order for the Directors to have the authority, in certain circumstances, to issue equity securities (as defined in the Articles) (or sell equity securities from treasury) for cash free of the Pre-Emption Rights, such Pre-Emption Rights must be disapplied.

Resolution 11 is the disapplication authority sought and is to authorise the Directors to allot and issue (or to sell Ordinary Shares from treasury) up to 10 per cent. of the Company's issued ordinary share capital (inclusive of Ordinary Shares held in treasury) as at the Latest Practicable Date as if the pre-emption rights in the Articles did not apply.

Resolution 11 would, if approved, replace the authority granted by Resolution 11 of the Shareholder Resolutions passed at the annual general meeting of the Company on 22 June 2022, which will expire on the conclusion of the AGM.

It is noted that the additional disapplication of Pre-Emption Rights of up to a further 10 per cent. of the Company's issued ordinary share capital, as set out in Resolution 12 of the Shareholder Resolutions passed at the annual general meeting of the Company on 22 June 2022, which will expire on the conclusion of the AGM, will not be replaced at this AGM.

In the Directors' opinion, the disapplication of the Pre-Emption Rights as proposed in Resolution 11 will have the following benefits for Shareholders:

- the Company may be able to raise additional capital promptly, enabling it to take advantage of current and future investment opportunities, thereby further diversifying its investment portfolio;
- an increase in the market capitalisation of the Company may help to make the Company attractive to a wider investor base;
- it is expected that the liquidity of the Company's Ordinary Shares on the secondary market may be further enhanced as a result of a larger and more diversified shareholder base; and
- the Company's fixed running costs would be spread across a wider shareholder base, thereby reducing the total expense ratio.

New Ordinary Shares will only be issued (or sold from treasury) under Resolution 11 at a minimum issue price equal to the last published NAV per Ordinary Share at the time of allotment together with a

premium intended to at least cover the costs and expenses of the issue or sale from treasury of such Ordinary Shares (including without limitation any commissions), thereby avoiding any dilution of NAV per Ordinary Share.

Whilst existing Shareholders' voting rights will be diluted (to the extent that existing Ordinary Shareholders do not subscribe for or purchase further Ordinary Shares), the Directors believe this consideration is offset by the benefits set out above.

The Directors will use the authority granted under Resolution 11 (if passed) only when they consider it to be in the best interests of Shareholders and the Company generally.

Any Ordinary Shares issued pursuant to the authorities granted by Resolution 11 (if passed) will be issued in registered form and may be held in certificated or uncertificated form. Temporary documents of title will not be issued pending the dispatch of definitive certificates for the Ordinary Shares. The new Ordinary Shares will rank equally with existing Ordinary Shares, including as to any right to receive dividends (save for any dividends or other distributions declared, made or paid on the Ordinary Shares by reference to a record date prior to the allotment of the relevant new Ordinary Shares).

An application will be made to the London Stock Exchange for any new Ordinary Shares issued pursuant to Resolution 11 to be admitted to trading on the Specialist Fund Segment of the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange.

If approved, this authority will expire at the end of the Company's next annual general meeting, or on 12 June 2024, whichever is sooner. The Directors may seek a renewal of this authority at each annual general meeting of the Company.

Please contact the Company Secretary (jersey.bp2s.ejf.cosec@bnpparibas.com) prior to 2.00 pm (BST) on 9 June 2023 if you are considering attending the AGM in person to ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place to facilitate your attendance at the AGM.

Please also contact the Company Secretary prior to 2.00 pm (BST) on 9 June 2023 if you are considering appointing someone other than the chair of the meeting to act as your proxy.

Shareholders who wish to ask a question of the Board relating to the business of the meeting can do so by sending an email to the Company Secretary (jersey.bp2s.ejf.cosec@bnpparibas.com) prior to 2.00 pm (BST) on 9 June 2023.

In the event that changes are made to the AGM arrangements contained in the Notice of AGM, then updated information will be communicated via the Company's website (https://www.ejfi.com/) and the London Stock Exchange.

### Action to be taken

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

# **Certificated Shareholders**

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

You are strongly encouraged to complete your Form of Proxy, either electronically or in hard copy form, in accordance with the instructions printed thereon. Certificated Shareholders may vote online by visiting www.investorcentre.co.uk/eproxy. Please note you will require the control number, PIN and shareholder reference number detailed on your Form of Proxy form to access online voting.

If a hard copy Form of Proxy is completed then it must be signed and returned to the Registrar, Computershare Investor Services (Jersey) Limited, c/o The Pavilions, Bridgwater Road, Bristol, BS99 6ZY.

It is recommended that you complete the Form of Proxy as soon as possible as, to be valid, your completed form must be received by the Registrar (either in hard copy, or electronically) not later than 2.00 pm (BST) on 9 June 2023.

Submission of the Form of Proxy will enable your vote to be counted at the AGM 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 AGM or any adjournment thereof, in person should you wish to do so and are able to do so.

If you have any queries relating to the completion of the Form of Proxy, please contact Computershare Investor Services (Jersey) Limited on +44(0)370~707~4040. Calls are charged at the standard geographic rate and may vary depending on the provider. Calls outside the United Kingdom will be charged at the applicable international rate. The helpline is open between 9.00~am-5.30~pm (BST), Monday to Friday excluding public holidays in England and Wales. Please note that Computershare Investor Services (Jersey) Limited can only provide information regarding the completion of the Form of Proxy and cannot provide any financial, legal or tax advice. Calls may be recorded and monitored for security and training purposes.

## **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).

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, 3RA50, no later than 2.00 pm (BST) on 9 June 2023.

This will enable your vote to be counted at the AGM 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 AGM, or any adjournment thereof, in person should you wish to do so and are able to do so.

#### 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 EJF Investments Ltd

### **DEFINITIONS**

The following definitions apply throughout this document, unless otherwise specified:

**2025 ZDP Shares** 2025 ZDP Shares zero dividend preference shares with a repayment date of

18 June 2025

**Annual General Meeting or** 

**AGM** 

the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at IFC1, The Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey, JE1 4BP at 2.00 pm (BST) on 13 June 2023, convened by the Notice of Annual General Meeting (including any adjournment thereof), and at which the Resolutions will be proposed

Annual Report the Company's annual report for the year ending December 2022, as set

out: https://www.ejfi.com/media/1664/ejfi-annual-report-31-december-

2022.pdf

Audit and Risk Committee the audit and risk committee of the Company appointed in accordance with

the Articles

Articles the articles of association of the Company in force at the date of this

Circular

**Board** the board of Directors of the Company

**BST** British Summer 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

Circular this document

Companies Law the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991, as amended, extended or replaced and

any ordinance, statutory instrument or regulation made thereunder

Company EJF Investments Ltd, a closed-ended investment company incorporated

with limited liability in the Bailiwick of Jersey under the Companies Law on 20 October 2016 with registered number 122353, whose registered office is

the Registered Office

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 Companies (Uncertificated Securities

(Jersey) Order 1999

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

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

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

Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules

the disclosure guidance and transparency rules made by the Financial

Conduct Authority under Part VI of FSMA

**EJF** EJF Capital LLC

Financial Conduct Authority the UK Financial Conduct Authority and any successor regulatory authority

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 Annual General Meeting

FSMA the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 of the United Kingdom, as

amended

JFSC Jersey Financial Services Commission

KPMG LLP a limited liability partnership whose registered office is at 15 Canada

Square, London, E14 5GL

Latest Practicable Date 12 May 2023

Listing Rules the listing rules made by the Financial Conduct Authority under Part VI of

**FSMA** 

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

Management Agreement the amended and restated management agreement dated 17 September

2019 between the Company, EJF Investments LP, EJF Investments GP Inc., the Manager and EJF Capital LLC, as may be amended and/or restated from

time to time

Manager EJF Investments Manager LLC

NAV the value, as at any date, of the assets of the Company after deduction of

all liabilities of the Company, as more particularly defined in the Articles and determined in accordance with the accounting policies adopted by the

Company from time to time

NAV per Ordinary Share the NAV, as at any date, attributable to the Ordinary Shares divided by all of

the Ordinary Shares in issue at the relevant date (other than Ordinary

Shares held in treasury)

**Notice of Annual General** 

Meeting

the notice of the Annual General Meeting set out at the end of this

document

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

**Pre-Emption Rights** pre-emption rights provided pursuant to the Articles

Registered Office the registered office of the Company at IFC1, The Esplanade, St Helier,

Jersey, JE1 4BP

Registrar Computershare Investor Services (Jersey) Limited

**Resolutions** the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM

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

Shareholder(s) any Ordinary Shareholder(s), C Shareholder(s) and any ZDP Shareholder(s,)

as the context may require

Shareholder Resolution an Ordinary Resolution or a Special Resolution

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

with the Companies Law

**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

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

**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

#### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that an Annual General Meeting of EJF Investments Ltd (the "**Company**") will be held at the IFC1, The Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey, JE1 4BP on 13 June 2023 at 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm (BST) to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following) will be proposed as Ordinary Resolutions and Resolutions 10 to 11 (inclusive) will be proposed as Special Resolutions.

### **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

- 1. **THAT** the report of the directors of the Company and the Annual Report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 be received and adopted.
- 2. **THAT** the Directors' remuneration report (which is set out in the Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022) be approved.
- 3. **THAT** Joanna Dentskevich be re-elected as a director of the Company.
- 4. **THAT** Alan Dunphy be re-elected as a director of the Company.
- 5. **THAT** Nick Watkins be re-elected as a director of the Company.
- 6. **THAT** Neal J. Wilson be re-elected as a director of the Company.
- 7. **THAT** the Company's dividend policy to continue to pay quarterly interim dividends per financial year (which, in the financial year ending 31 December 2022, have totalled 10.7 pence per Ordinary Shares) be approved.
- 8. **THAT** KPMG LLP be appointed as auditor of the Company to hold office from the conclusion of the AGM to the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company.
- 9. **THAT**, conditional on Resolution 8 above being passed, the Audit and Risk Committee be authorised for and on behalf of the Board to determine remuneration of KPMG LLP as the Company's auditor.

### **SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

- 10. **THAT**, in substitution for Resolution 10 of the Shareholder Resolutions passed at the annual general meeting of the Company on 22 June 2022, the Company be generally and unconditionally authorised in accordance with Article 57 of the Companies Law (subject to any applicable legislation and regulations) to make market purchases of its own Ordinary Shares in accordance with the Articles and on such terms as the Directors think fit, provided that:
  - (a) the maximum aggregate number of Ordinary Shares authorised to be purchased is 9,165,665 (representing approximately 14.99 per cent. of the total issued ordinary share capital (exclusive of Ordinary Shares held in treasury) as at the Latest Practicable Date prior to the publication of this Notice of Annual General Meeting);
  - (b) the minimum price, exclusive of any expenses, which may be paid for an Ordinary Share is one pence per Ordinary Share (or equivalent in any other currency); and
  - (c) the maximum price, exclusive of any expenses, which may be paid for an Ordinary Share is an amount equal to the higher of:
    - (i) 105 per cent. of the average of the middle market quotations for an Ordinary Share (as derived from the Daily Official List of the London Stock Exchange) for the five Business Days immediately preceding the day on which such Ordinary Share is contracted to be purchased; and

- (ii) the higher of:
  - I. the price of the last independent trade of an Ordinary Share; and
  - II. the highest current independent bid for an Ordinary Share on the trading venue where the purchase is carried out,

and the authority hereby conferred shall expire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company (or, if earlier, close of business on 12 June 2024) (unless previously revoked, varied, renewed or extended by the Company in general meeting), save that (i) the Company may make a contract to purchase Ordinary Shares under this authority before the expiry of the authority which will or may be executed wholly or partly after the expiry of such authority, and may make a purchase of Ordinary Shares in pursuance of any such contract; and (ii) the Company be generally and unconditionally authorised to cancel or hold in treasury any of the Ordinary Shares purchased pursuant to this Resolution 10 and the Directors may, at their discretion, subsequently cancel, sell or transfer such Ordinary Shares held in treasury in accordance with Article 58A of the Companies Law.

- 11. THAT the Directors of the Company be and are hereby generally and unconditionally authorised to allot and issue (or to sell Ordinary Shares from treasury) an aggregate of up to 7,695,370 Ordinary Shares, representing approximately 10 per cent. of the Company's total issued ordinary share capital (inclusive of Ordinary Shares held in treasury) as at the Latest Practicable Date prior to the publication of this Notice of Annual General Meeting, for cash in whatever currency and at whatever price they may determine as if any pre-emption rights conferred by the Articles did not apply to such allotment and issue (or sale from treasury), such authority to expire on conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company (or, if earlier, 12 June 2024) 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 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 to and shall replace the authorities granted by Resolution 11 of the Shareholder Resolutions passed at the annual general meeting of the Company on 22 June 2022;
  - (b) may be used 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.

By Order of the board of directors of the Company:

Registered Office:

Company Secretary

BNP Paribas Securities Services S.C.A., Jersey Branch

IFC1 The Esplanade St Helier Jersey JE1 4BP

Date: 18 May 2023

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 18 May 2023.

#### **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, if applicable) that such proxy is appointed in respect of.
- 2. A Form of Proxy is enclosed with this document. 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 2.00 pm (BST) on 9 June 2023:
  - (for certificated Shareholders) if submitted electronically, in accordance with the instructions set out on the Form of Proxy. In particular, certificated Shareholders may vote online by visiting www.investorcentre.co.uk/eproxy. Please note you will require the control number, PIN and shareholder reference number detailed on your Form of Proxy form to access online voting. If a hard copy form is completed, it should be signed and sent by post, by courier, or delivered by hand to the following address: Computershare Investor Services (Jersey) Limited, c/o The Pavilions, Bridgwater Road, Bristol, BS99 6ZY.
  - (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 AGM should they wish to do so and are able 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 AGM.
- 5. In accordance with Article 40 of the Companies (Uncertificated Securities) (Jersey) Order 1999, the Company has fixed 6.00 pm (BST) on the Latest Practicable Date as the record date for determining the uncertificated members entitled to receive notice of the meeting and the Form of Proxy, so that such persons entered on the Company's register of members at that time are the persons so entitled.
- 6. 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 AGM (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 AGM (or appoint a proxy).
- 7. **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).
- 8. **Power of attorney** Any power of attorney or any other authority under which your Form of Proxy is signed (or a duly certified copy of such power or authority) must be returned to the Registered Office with your Form of Proxy.

9. **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**

- 10. CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies through the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for the AGM and any adjournment(s) of the AGM by using the procedures described in the CREST Manual (available via www.euroclear.com/CREST). 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.
- 11. In order for a proxy appointment or instruction made using the CREST service to be valid, 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 www.euroclear.com/CREST). 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 (3RA50) by the latest time(s) for receipt of proxy appointments specified in the Notice of Annual 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.
- 12. CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service provider(s) should note that Euroclear UK and Ireland Limited does not make available special procedures in CREST for any particular messages. Normal system timing and limitations will therefore apply in relation to the input of CREST Proxy instructions. It is the responsibility of the CREST member concerned to take (or, if the CREST member is a personal CREST member or sponsored member or has appointed a voting service provider(s), to procure that his/her CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s) take(s)) such action as shall be necessary to ensure that a message is transmitted by means of the CREST system by sections of the CREST Manual (available via www.euroclear.com/CREST) concerning practical limitations of the CREST system and timings.
- 13. 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.

# Changing or revoking your proxy

- 14. 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 Registrar, Computershare Investor Services (Jersey) Limited, c/o The Pavilions, Bridgwater Road, Bristol, BS99 6ZY. 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.
- 15. 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 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 this Notice of Annual General Meeting or in any related documents (including the Form of Proxy).
- 16. The revocation notice must be received by the Registrar, Computershare Investor Services (Jersey) Limited, c/o The Pavilions, Bridgwater Road, Bristol, BS99 6ZY by no later than 2.00 pm (BST) on 9 June 2023.
- 17. If you attempt to revoke your proxy appointment but the revocation is received after the time specified then your proxy appointment will remain valid.
- 18. Latest Practicable Date As at the Latest Practicable Date before the publication of this Notice of Annual General Meeting, the Company's issued ordinary share capital consisted of 76,953,707 Ordinary Shares (of which 15,808,509 Ordinary Shares were held in treasury). There were no C Shares in issue. Any Ordinary Shares held in treasury do not carry voting rights and so, as at the Latest Practicable Date, 76,953,707 Ordinary Shares carry one vote each. In addition, there were 19,273,903 2025 ZDP Shares in issue, but the limited voting rights relating to the 2025 ZDP Shares do not entitle any holders of 2025 ZDP Shares to vote on the Resolutions. Therefore, the total voting rights in the Company as at the Latest Practicable Date are 61,145,198.
- 19. **Directors' appointment letters** Copies of the Directors' letters of appointment are available for inspection at the Registered Office of the Company during normal business hours on any Business Day and will be available for inspection at the place where the AGM is being held from 15 minutes prior to and during the meeting.