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# **EJF Investments Ltd**

### **Proposed Placing of New Ordinary Shares**

EJF Investments Ltd ("EJFI" or the "Company") is pleased to announce a proposed placing of new ordinary shares of no par value (the "New Ordinary Shares") of at least 10 per cent. of the Company's existing issued share capital (the "Placing"). The New Ordinary Shares will be issued at 146 pence per share (the "Placing Price"). The New Ordinary Shares will be issued pursuant to the Company's existing general authority to issue up to 60 million ordinary shares and/or C shares on a non-preemptive basis and pursuant to the Placing Programme detailed in the Prospectus.

The Placing Price represents a premium of 1.67 per cent. to the unaudited net asset value ("NAV") per existing ordinary share (146 pence as at 31 May 2017), net of the interim dividend of 2.4 pence per ordinary share declared on 22 June 2017, resulting in an adjusted NAV per existing ordinary share of 143.6 pence as at today's date.

#### **Background**

EJFI seeks to generate attractive risk adjusted returns for its shareholders by investing in opportunities created by regulatory and structural changes impacting the financial services sector. The Company was admitted to the Specialist Fund Segment of the London Stock Exchange plc (the "London Stock Exchange") ("Admission") on 7 April 2017 and since Admission has declared two interim dividends of 2.4 pence each. The diluted NAV total return to 31 May 2017 (the last available unaudited NAV) since Admission is 6.9 per cent. (including dividends).

The board of directors of the Company (the "Board"), as advised by EJF Investments Manager LLC (the "Manager"), believes that the current economic and market environment provides a good opportunity for further investment in accordance with EJFI's investment policy. The Manager sees

continued opportunities in investments with underlying exposure to smaller U.S. banks, asset-backed situations and bank disintermediation. Accordingly, the Company, through its interest in EJF Investments LP, intends to utilise the net proceeds of the Placing to invest primarily in further EJF Capital LLC-sponsored securitizations as its risk retention partner. In addition, the Company intends to utilise a portion of the net proceeds of the Placing to invest in the equity tranche of a related securitization collateralized by bank and insurance debt. In light of the above, the Board believes that the Placing is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole.

Liberum Capital Limited ("**Liberum**") has been appointed as Sole Bookrunner to procure places to participate in the Placing. Emanuel J. Friedman (Chairman and Co-Chief Investment Officer of the Manager), on behalf of a subsidiary of the Friedman-French Foundation, and Neal J. Wilson (Chief Executive Officer of the Manager and director of the Company) intend to invest a total of \$5 million in the Placing. In addition, Joanna Dentskevich (Chair of the Company) intends to invest £30,000 in the Placing through a self-invested personal pension plan. The Company and Liberum reserve the right to amend the size of the Placing in their absolute discretion.

## **Expected Timetable**

The Placing has opened today and prospective investors are invited to contact Liberum for further details of the Placing. The Placing is expected to close at 12.00 pm on 6 July 2017 but may close earlier or later at the discretion of the Company and Liberum. Admission and settlement of the New Ordinary Shares is expected at 8:00 am on 10 July 2017.

All New Ordinary Shares will, when issued and fully paid, rank *pari passu* with the Company's existing ordinary shares (the "**Shares**"). Potential investors should note that any New Ordinary Shares issued in respect of the Placing will not be entitled to the second interim dividend of 2.4 pence per existing ordinary share declared by the Company on 22 June 2017.

#### Terms and Conditions of the Placing

The terms and conditions of the Placing are included in the Prospectus which is available for inspection at the Company's registered office and via the Company's website (<a href="www.EJFI.com">www.EJFI.com</a>), subject to applicable securities laws.

#### **About the Company**

EJFI is a registered closed-ended limited liability company incorporated in Jersey under the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991, as amended, on 20 October 2016 with registered number 122353. The Company is regulated by the Jersey Financial Services Commission (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.

This announcement contains inside information for the purposes of Article 7 of EU Regulation 596/2014. Upon publication of this announcement, this inside information is now considered to be in the public domain.

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