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If you have sold or otherwise transferred all of your Ordinary Shares, please forward this document, together with the accompanying Form of Proxy (for use by holders of Ordinary Shares) as soon as possible to the purchaser or transferee, or to the stockbroker, bank or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected, for delivery to the purchaser or transferee.

# **Princess Private Equity Holding Limited**

(a closed-ended investment company incorporated in Guernsey with registration number 35241)

### **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

This document should be read as a whole. Your attention is drawn to the letter from the Chairman of Princess Private Equity Holding Limited set out in this document, which contains a recommendation that you vote in favour of the Resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting referred to below.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting of Princess Private Equity Holding Limited, to be held at 09.00 am on 18 June 2021 at Tudor House, Le Bordage, St Peter Port, Guernsey GY1 6BD, Channel Islands is set out at the end of this document.

A Form of Proxy is enclosed for use in connection with the Annual General Meeting. To be valid, the Form of Proxy should be completed, signed and returned in accordance with the instructions printed thereon. Duly completed Forms of Proxy must be returned to the Company's Transfer Agent, Link Group, PXS 1, Central Square, 29 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 4DL, as soon as possible but, in any event, so as to arrive no later than 09.00 am on the 16 June 2021.

#### LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF

### **Princess Private Equity Holding Limited**

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Richard Battey (Chairman)
Felix Haldner
Fionnuala Carvill
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23 April 2021

Dear Shareholder

#### **Annual General Meeting**

I am writing to inform you that the Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at 09.00 am on 18 June 2021 at Tudor House, Le Bordage, St Peter Port, Guernsey GY1 6BD, Channel Islands. The formal notice of Annual General Meeting is set out on page 6 of this document.

With effect from 23 January 2021, the States of Guernsey implemented a full lockdown in Guernsey in light of Covid-19. Whilst restrictions in the Bailiwick of Guernsey have been eased, any persons arriving into the Bailiwick of Guernsey are required to register their journey on a travel tracker and are presently required to complete a period of self-isolation upon arrival. At the time of printing, self-isolation requirements upon arrival into the Bailiwick of Guernsey will be based on country/region categorisations but you are advised to check the latest requirements which can be found at <a href="https://covid19.gov.gg/">https://covid19.gov.gg/</a>. In light of the restrictions currently in place, whilst Guernsey based shareholders are permitted to physically attend the Annual General Meeting (the "AGM"), all shareholders are strongly encouraged to appoint the "Chairman of the meeting" as their proxy and provide voting instructions in advance of the AGM, in accordance with the instructions explained in the Notice of AGM and on the accompanying form of proxy.

If the Board believes that it becomes necessary or appropriate to make alternative arrangements for the holding of the AGM due to COVID-19, we will ensure that shareholders are given as much notice as possible. Copies of the Circular can also be obtained from the Company Secretary or from the Investors' section of the Company's website, at <a href="https://www.princess-privateequity.net/">https://www.princess-privateequity.net/</a>. The Board also encourages shareholders to submit their proxies as early as possible.

#### **Resolutions at the Annual General Meeting**

Details of the ordinary and special business to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting are set out below:

#### **Ordinary Business**

The ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting comprises resolutions 1 to 9 and is to receive and adopt the financial reports of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020 together with the Reports of the Directors and Auditors, to approve the re-appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers CI LLP as Auditors of the Company for the year ending 31 December 2021, and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration, to re-elect certain directors who are all retiring by rotation or otherwise and to approve the Company's dividend policy.

The Company's Articles of Incorporation provide that at each Annual General Meeting of the Company all Directors will retire from office and each Director may offer themselves for election or re-election by the Members.

The Board concurs with the view expressed in the AIC Code that longstanding directors should not be prevented from being considered independent and that "independence stems from the ability to make those objective decisions that may be in conflict with the interests of management." Re-election recommendations have always been subject to an assessment of the independence of the Director in question and their continued satisfactory performance. In view of the long-term nature of the Company's investments, the Board believes that a stable board composition is fundamental to running the Company properly. The Board has not stipulated a maximum term of any directorship.

The biographies for each of the directors standing for re-election can be found on pages 25 and 26 in the Company's Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2020 (available on the Company's website and included with this document).

Mr Battey has served on the Board for more than eleven years. It is the opinion of the other members of the Board that Mr Battey continues to demonstrate objective and independent thought processes during his leadership of the Board and his dealings with the Investment Manager and they therefore consider him as independent, despite his long service. It should be noted that the average tenure for the members of the Board is five years and two months or three years and ten months excluding Mr Battey. The Board has concluded that his knowledge of the Company, built up over his service with it, contributes to the effectiveness of an otherwise quite new Board and his continued service is in the best interests of shareholders. Additionally, he has no other significant business commitments and the Board is satisfied that he has sufficient time available to discharge fully his responsibilities as Chairman of the Company. The Board's recommendation that Mr Battey be reappointed at the AGM is in line with the Company's Board Tenure Policy that was adopted at their Board meeting of 19 March 2021.

Mr Haldner is not considered independent because he is a Partner at Partners Group and responsible for strategic client development in Europe and public affairs globally. Previously, he served as Head of the Investment Structures business department and was a member of the Global Executive Board. He has been with Partners Group since 2001 and has 30 years of industry experience. The Board continues to be satisfied with the performance of all the Directors, with Mr Haldner being able to provide additional insight into the private markets industry and, in particular, both investor relations and investment activity.

#### **Dividend Policy**

As a non-UK issuer domiciled in Guernsey, whilst the Company is not obligated to seek approval from shareholders for the payment of dividends (either interim or final), pursuant to The Companies (Guernsey) Law, 2008, the Board recognises that best practice, corporate governance and shareholder expectations may be such that it would be appropriate for shareholders to be provided with an opportunity to review and, if appropriate, approve the Company's dividend policy on an ongoing basis.

Accordingly, shareholders are being asked to approve the Company's policy with respect to the payment of dividends for the year ending 31 December 2021.

The Company is targeting an aggregate dividend of 5% of opening net asset value per share for the year to 31 December 2021 to be paid in half yearly instalments. The first interim dividend is expected to be paid in June 2021 and the other interim dividend with respect to the year ending 31 December 2021 is expected to be paid in December 2021. The above dividend payments are targets only and not profit forecasts. There can be no assurance that these targeted payments can or will be met and they should not be seen as an indication of the Company's expected or actual results or returns.

#### Special Business

The special business of the Annual General Meeting comprises resolutions 10 and 11.

Resolution 10 will be proposed as a special resolution to give the Directors the general power to allot equity securities for cash or to sell treasury shares for cash as if article 5 of the Articles of Incorporation (which provides for pre-emption rights) did not apply to any such allotment.

The general power granted by this resolution shall be limited to:

- (a) the allotment of equity securities in connection with an offer of equity securities:
  - (i) to the holders of Ordinary Shares in the Company in proportion (as nearly as may be practicable) to their respective holdings; and
  - (ii) to holders of other equity securities as required by the rights of those securities or as the Directors otherwise consider necessary;

but subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Board may deem necessary or expedient in relation to treasury shares, fractional entitlements, record dates, legal or practical problems in or under the laws of any territory or the requirements of any regulatory body or stock exchange; and

(b) the allotment (otherwise than pursuant to paragraph (a) above) of equity securities up to an aggregate nominal amount of EUR 6,915, representing 10 per cent. of the Company's issued ordinary share capital as at the date of the notice of the Annual General Meeting to be issued at a price no less that the net asset value per share determined on the date of the issue (this equates to 6,915,116 Ordinary Shares as at the date of the notice of the Annual General Meeting);

Such authority shall expire on the date of the Annual General Meeting of the Company in 2022, unless such authority is revoked prior to such date by a resolution of the Company in a general meeting.

Resolution 11 will be proposed as an ordinary resolution to authorise the Company in accordance with section 315 of the Companies (Guernsey) Law, 2008, to make market acquisitions of Ordinary Shares in the Company provided that:

- (a) the maximum number of Ordinary Shares authorised to be acquired is the number equal to 14.99 per cent. of the Ordinary Shares in issue as at the date of passing of the resolution (excluding Ordinary Shares of that class held in treasury) (this equates to 10,365,760 Ordinary Shares as at the date of the notice of the Annual General Meeting);
- (b) the minimum price (exclusive of expenses) to be paid for an Ordinary Share will be EUR 0.001 (being the nominal value of an ordinary share); and
- (c) the maximum price (exclusive of expenses) which may be paid for each Ordinary Share is the higher of (i) an amount equal to 105 per cent. of the average market value of the Ordinary Shares for the five business days immediately preceding the day on which the share is contracted to be purchased; and (ii) an amount equal to the higher of the last independent trade and the highest current independent bid on the trading venue where the purchase is carried out.

Such authority shall expire on the date of the Annual General Meeting of the Company in 2022, unless such authority is varied, revoked or renewed prior to such date by a resolution of the Company in a general meeting or the Company has made a contract to acquire its own shares under such authority prior to its expiry which will or may be executed wholly or partly after its expiration.

#### Action to be taken by Shareholders

You will find enclosed with this document a Form of Proxy for use at the Annual General Meeting by holders of Ordinary Shares.

Registered holders of Ordinary Shares are requested to complete and sign the Form of Proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon. Duly completed Forms of Proxy must be returned to the Company's Transfer Agent, Link Group, PXS 1, Central Square, 29 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 4DL, as soon as possible but, in any event, so as to arrive no later than 09.00 am on the 16 June 2021. CREST members should use the CREST electronic appointment service and refer to Note 5 of the Notice

of the Annual General Meeting in relation to the submission of a proxy appointment via CREST

If you have any questions regarding these instructions, or the other contents of this circular, please do not hesitate to contact the Company Secretary on +44 (0) 1481 748 863. Please note that financial advice will not be given on this helpline.

#### Recommendation

The Board considers that the Resolutions to be put to the Annual General Meeting are in the best interests of Shareholders as a whole and unanimously recommends that you vote in favour of the Resolutions.

The Directors intend to vote in favour of the Resolutions in respect of the 293,054 Ordinary Shares (approximately 0.423 per cent. of the Company's current issued ordinary share capital holding voting rights) in respect of which they are, as at the date of the publication of this letter, entitled to exercise the voting rights. If the Directors acquire the right to exercise voting rights over any further Ordinary Shares in the capital of the Company prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting, it is their intention that such voting rights would be exercised in favour of the Resolutions.

Yours sincerely

**Richard Battey** 

Chairman

## **Princess Private Equity Holding Limited**

(the "Company")

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at 09.00 am on 18 June 2021 at Tudor House, Le Bordage, St Peter Port, Guernsey GY1 6BD to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions:

#### **Ordinary Resolutions**

- (1) THAT the financial reports of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020 together with the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon be received and adopted.
- (2) THAT the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers CI LLP as Auditors of the Company for the year ending 31 December 2021 be and is hereby approved and that the directors be authorised to fix their remuneration.
- (3) THAT Mr Felix Haldner be re-elected as a Director of the Company.
- (4) THAT Ms Fionnuala Carvill be re-elected as a Director of the Company.
- (5) THAT Mr Henning von der Forst be re-elected as a Director of the Company.
- **THAT** Ms Merise Wheatley be re-elected as a Director of the Company.
- (7) THAT Mr Richard Battey be re-elected as a Director of the Company.
- (8) THAT Mr Steve Le Page be re-elected as a Director of the Company.
- (9) THAT the Company's dividend policy for the year ending 31 December 2021 be approved.

#### **Special Business**

### **Special Resolution:**

- (10) THAT the Directors be given the general power to allot equity securities for cash or sell treasury shares for cash, as if article 5 of the Articles of Incorporation did not apply to any such allotment, provided that this power shall be limited to:
- 10.1 the allotment of equity securities in connection with an offer of equity securities:
  - (a) to the holders of Ordinary Shares in the Company in proportion (as nearly as may be practicable) to their respective holdings; and
  - (b) to holders of other equity securities as required by the rights of those securities or as the Directors otherwise consider necessary;

but subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Board may deem necessary or expedient in relation to treasury shares, fractional entitlements, record dates, legal or practical problems in or under the laws of any territory or the requirements of any regulatory body or stock exchange; and

- 10.2 the allotment (otherwise than pursuant to paragraph 10.1 above) of equity securities up to an aggregate nominal amount of EUR 6,915, to be issued at a price no less that the net asset value per share determined on the date of the issue.
  - Such authority shall expire on the date of the Annual General Meeting of the Company in 2022,

unless such authority is revoked prior to such date by a resolution of the Company in a general meeting.

#### **Ordinary Resolution:**

- (11) THAT the Company be and is hereby authorised in accordance with section 315 of the Companies (Guernsey) Law, 2008, to make market acquisitions of Ordinary Shares in the Company provided that:
  - (a) the maximum number of Ordinary Shares authorised to be acquired is the number equal to 14.99 per cent. of the Ordinary Shares in issue at the date of the passing of this resolution (excluding any Ordinary Shares held in treasury);
  - (b) the minimum price (exclusive of expenses) which may be paid for an Ordinary Share is EUR 0.001 (being the nominal value of an ordinary share);
  - (c) the maximum price (exclusive of expenses) which may be paid for each Ordinary Share is the higher of (i) an amount equal to 105 per cent. of the average market value of the Ordinary Shares for the five business days immediately preceding the day on which the share is contracted to be purchased; and (ii) an amount equal to the higher of the last independent trade and the highest current independent bid on the trading venue where the purchase is carried out; and
  - (d) such authority shall expire on the date of the Annual General Meeting of the Company in 2022, unless such authority is varied, revoked or renewed prior to such date by a resolution of the Company in a general meeting or the Company has made a contract to acquire its own shares under such authority prior to its expiry which will or may be executed wholly or partly after its expiration.

By Order of the Board

#### **Princess Private Equity Holding Limited**

Tudor House Le Bordage St Peter Port Guernsey

23 April 2021

#### **Notes**

- 1. Shareholders will only be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting if they are registered as holders of Ordinary Shares at 09.00 am on the 16 June 2021. This record time is being set for voting at the Annual General Meeting because the procedures for updating the register of members in respect of Ordinary Shares held in uncertificated form require a record time to be set for the purpose of determining entitlements to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting. The Ordinary Shares are included for trading in uncertificated (electronic) form in CREST.
- 2. A Shareholder entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting is entitled to appoint one or more persons as proxy to vote at the meeting instead of such Shareholder provided that if two or more proxies are appointed, each proxy must be appointed to exercise the rights attaching to different shares. A proxy need not also be a Shareholder. The delivery of an appointment of proxy shall not preclude a Shareholder from voting at the Meeting or at any adjournment thereof.
- 3. To be valid, a duly completed proxy form (and any power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which the proxy form is signed (or a notarially certified copy thereof)) must be returned to the Company's Transfer Agent Link Group, PXS 1, Central Square, 29 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 4DL, as soon as possible but, in any event to arrive no later than 09.00 am on the 16 June 2021. A proxy form is enclosed.
- 4. Where there are joint registered holders of any Ordinary Share such persons shall not have the right of voting individually in respect of such Ordinary Share, but shall elect one of their number to represent them and to vote, by proxy in their name.
- 5. CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies through the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for the Annual General Meeting and any adjournment(s) of the Annual General Meeting by using the procedures described in the CREST Manual. 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. 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 CRESTCo's specifications and must contain the information required for such instructions, as described in the CREST Manual. 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 (ID RA10) 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. CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service provider(s) should note that Euroclear does not make available special procedures in CREST for any particular messages. Normal system timings 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 CREST personal member or sponsored member or has appointed a voting service provider(s), to procure that his 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 any particular time. In this connection, CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service provider(s) are referred, in particular, to those sections of the CREST Manual concerning practical limitations of the CREST system and timings.
- 6. The Company may treat as invalid a CREST Proxy Instruction in the circumstances set out in Regulation 34 of The Uncertificated Securities (Guernsey) Regulations 2009.
- 7. To allow the effective constitution of the Annual General Meeting, if it is apparent to the Chairman that no Shareholders will be present in person or by proxy, other than by proxy in the Chairman's favour, the Chairman may appoint a substitute to act as proxy in his stead for any Shareholder, provided that such substitute proxy shall vote on the same basis as the Chairman.
- At the time of giving this notice of Annual General Meeting, the Company's issued and outstanding share capital totals 69,151,168 Ordinary Shares with a nominal value of EUR 0.001 each, with all shares giving the registered holder thereof the right to vote.