

### **INDUSTRIALS REIT LIMITED**

(Registered in Guernsey)
(Registration number 64865)
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("Industrials REIT" or the "Company")

### RESULTS OF COURT MEETING AND GENERAL MEETING

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31 May 2023

### **RECOMMENDED FINAL\* CASH OFFER**

for

## **Industrials REIT Limited**

by

### Sussex Bidco LP

(a newly-formed limited partnership indirectly owned by investment funds advised by affiliates of Blackstone Inc.)

to be effected by means of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part VIII of the Companies (Guernsey) Law 2008, as amended

Industrials REIT Limited ("Industrials") announces that at the Court Meeting and the General Meeting held earlier today in connection with the recommended final cash offer made by Sussex Bidco LP ("Bidco") to acquire the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Industrials (the "Acquisition"), all resolutions were duly passed.

As previously announced, the Acquisition is to be effected by means of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part VIII of the Companies (Guernsey) Law, 2008 (as amended) (the "**Scheme**") and today:

- (A) the requisite majority of Scheme Shareholders voted in favour of the Scheme at the Court Meeting; and
- (B) the requisite majority of Industrials Shareholders voted to pass the special resolution to implement the Scheme, including the amendment of Industrials' articles of association, at the General Meeting.

Details of the resolutions passed are set out in the notices of the Court Meeting and General Meeting contained in the scheme document published by Industrials on 9 May 2023 in connection with the Acquisition (the "Scheme Document").

Capitalised terms used but not otherwise defined in this announcement (the "**Announcement**") have the meanings given to them in the Scheme Document.

The total number of Industrials Shares in issue at the Scheme Voting Record Time was 298,775,175 (including 1,914,727 treasury shares). Therefore, the total voting rights in Industrials at the Scheme Voting Record Time were 296,860,448.

# **Voting Results of the Court Meeting**

The table below sets out the results of the poll at the Court Meeting. Each Scheme Shareholder, present in person or by proxy, was entitled to one vote per Scheme Share held at the Scheme Voting Record Time.

Results of Court Meeting	Scheme Shares Voted		Scheme Shareholders who voted***		Number of Scheme Shares voted as a %
	Number	% *	Number	% *	of Scheme Shares eligible to be voted*
For	122,899,265	99.81%	106	100.00%	41.40%
Against	231,422	0.19%	7	6.60%	0.07%
Total	123,130,687	100.00%	106	106.60%	41.47%

<sup>\*</sup>Rounded to two decimal places.

## **Voting Results of the General Meeting**

The table below sets out the results of the poll at the General Meeting. Each Industrials Shareholder, present in person or by proxy, was entitled to one vote per Industrials Share held at the Scheme Voting Record Time.

	FOR	**	AGAI	NST	тоти	AL	WITHHELD***
Special Resolution	Number of votes	% of votes*	Number of votes against	% of votes*	Number of votes	Number of votes as a % of Shares eligible to be voted*	Number of votes
Approving implementat ion of the Scheme, including amendment to articles of association	128,199,455	99.80%	262,193	0.20%	128,461,648	43.27%	53,802

<sup>\*</sup>Rounded to two decimal places.

<sup>\*</sup> The financial terms of the Acquisition are final and will not be increased, except that Bidco reserves the right to increase the Final Offer Price where: (i) there is an announcement of a possible offer or a firm intention to make an offer for Industrials by any third party; or (ii) the Panel otherwise provides its consent.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Excluding the 1,914,727 treasury shares in issue.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Where a Scheme Shareholder has cast some of their votes "for" and some of their votes "against" the resolution, such Scheme Shareholder has been counted as having voted both "for" and "against" the resolution for the purposes of determining the number of Scheme Shareholders who voted as set out in this column. This also results in the percentages in the fifth column of the above table being, in total, over 100%.

A copy of the Resolution passed at the General Meeting will be submitted today to the National Storage Mechanism and will be available for inspection at <a href="https://data.fca.org.uk/#/nsm/nationalstoragemechanism">https://data.fca.org.uk/#/nsm/nationalstoragemechanism</a>.

## **Effective Date and Timetable**

The Scheme remains subject to the satisfaction or (where applicable) waiver of the remaining Conditions set out in the Scheme Document, including the Court sanctioning the Scheme at the Sanction Hearing, which is expected to be held on 20 June 2023, with the Scheme becoming effective thereafter on 21 June 2023.

The expected timetable of principal events for the implementation of the Scheme remains as set out in the Scheme Document and is also set out below. The dates are indicative only and are subject to change. The dates will depend, among other things, on the date upon which (i) the Conditions set out in Part 4 of the Scheme Document are satisfied; and (ii) the Court sanctions the Scheme. If any of the dates and/or times in the expected timetable change, the revised dates and/or times will be notified by announcement through a Regulatory Information Service and SENS with such announcement being made available on Industrials' website at www.industrialsreit.com.

EVENT	TIME AND/OR DATE(1)
Results of the Court Meeting and the General Meeting published on a Regulatory Information Service and SENS	Wednesday 31 May 2023
No transfers between the Guernsey Register and South African Register can be processed after	Friday 2 June 2023
Court Hearing	Tuesday 20 June 2023
Application for the delisting of shares lodged with the JSE	Tuesday 20 June 2023
Announcement of GBP/Rand Exchange Rate and finalization announcement in respect of the Scheme to be published on a Regulatory Information Service and on SENS	Tuesday 20 June 2023
Last day to trade on the JSE	Tuesday 20 June 2023
Last day of dealings in, and for registration of transfers of, Industrials Shares on the LSE, and disablement of Industrials Shares in CREST	Tuesday 20 June 2023
Scheme Record Time	6.00 pm (7.00 pm SAST) on
	Tuesday 20 June 2023
Dealings in Industrials Shares suspended on the	9.00 am SAST on
JSE	Wednesday 21 June 2023
Dealings in Industrials Shares suspended on the	7.30 am (8.30 am SAST) on
LSE	Wednesday 21 June 2023
Effective Date of the Scheme	Wednesday 21 June 2023
Cancellation of listing of Industrials Shares on LSE	By 8.00 am (9.00 am SAST) on
	Thursday 22 June 2023
Last day for settlement of trades prior to Scheme Record Time on the South African Register	Friday 23 June 2023

<sup>\*\*</sup>Includes discretionary votes.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>A vote withheld is not a vote in law and is not counted in the calculation of the proportion of votes 'For' or 'Against' the Resolution.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>Excluding the 1,914,727 treasury shares in issue.

Payment made to Industrials Shareholders on the
South African Register

Delisting of Industrials Shares from the JSE

By 9.00 am SAST on
Tuesday 27 June 2023

Latest date for dispatch of cheques, electronic

Wednesday 5 July 2023

Latest date for dispatch of cheques, electronic payment and/or settlement through CREST to Industrial Shareholders on the Guernsey Register in respect of the Cash Consideration

Long Stop Date<sup>(2)</sup> Sunday 31 December 2023

- (1) These dates and times are indicative only and will depend, among other things, upon the date upon which: (i) the Conditions set out in Part 4 of the Scheme Document are satisfied or (if applicable) waived; and (ii) the Court sanctions the Scheme. Industrials will give notice of the change(s) by issuing an announcement through a Regulatory Information Service and SENS, with such announcement being made available on Industrials' website at <a href="https://www.industrialsreit.com">www.industrialsreit.com</a>.
- (2) This is the latest date by which the Scheme may become Effective. However, the Long Stop Date may be extended to such later date as may be agreed between Bidco and Industrials (and, if required, subject to the Panel's consent and approval by the Court.

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Java Capital is acting as JSE sponsor to Industrials.

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Neither the US Securities and Exchange Commission nor any US state securities commission or regulatory authority has reviewed or approved this announcement or the Scheme. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the United States.

## Overseas shareholders

The implications of the Scheme for Overseas Shareholders may be affected by the laws of their relevant jurisdictions. Overseas Shareholders should inform themselves about and observe any applicable legal requirements. It is the responsibility of each Overseas Shareholder to satisfy himself as to the full observance of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction in connection with the Scheme, including the obtaining of any governmental, exchange control or other consents which may be required, or the compliance with other necessary formalities which are required to be observed and the payment of any issue, transfer or other taxes due in such jurisdiction.

This announcement does not constitute an offer to sell or issue or the solicitation of an offer to buy or subscribe for shares in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful.

This announcement has been prepared for the purposes of complying with English law, Guernsey law, the Takeover Code, requirements of the Panel, the London Stock Exchange, the Listing Rules, the FCA, the South African Financial Markets Act 19 of 2012 (as amended) and the JSE Listings Requirements and the information disclosed may not be the same as that which would have been disclosed if this announcement had been prepared in accordance with the laws of any other jurisdiction.

# **Forward-looking statements**

This announcement (including information incorporated by reference in this announcement), oral statements made regarding the Acquisition, and other information published by Bidco and Industrials contain certain statements, beliefs or opinions, with respect to the financial condition, results of operations and business of Bidco and Industrials which are, or may be deemed to be, "forward-looking statements" and which are prospective in nature. These forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate only to historical or current facts. These statements are based on assumptions and assessments made by Industrials and/or Bidco, in light of their experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions, future developments and other factors they believe appropriate. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty, because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will occur in the future and the factors described in the context of such forward-looking statements in this announcement could cause actual results and developments to differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Although it is believed that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, no assurance can be given by Industrials and Bidco that such expectations will prove to have been correct and you are therefore cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements which speak only as at the date of this announcement. Often, but not always, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as "plans", "goals", "hopes", "expects", "is expected", "envisages", "continue", "is subject to", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "predicts", "intends", "anticipates", "believes", "targets", "aims", "projects", "future-proofing" or words or terms of similar substance or the negative of such words or terms, as well as variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "should", "would", "might" or "will" (or words of similar meaning) be taken, occur or be achieved. Such statements are qualified in their entirety by the inherent risks and uncertainties surrounding future expectations. Forward-looking statements may include statements relating to the following: (i) future capital expenditures, expenses, revenues, earnings, synergies, economic performance, indebtedness, financial condition, dividend policy, losses and future prospects; (ii) business and management strategies and the expansion and growth of Bidco's or any member of the Wider Bidco Group's, Industrials' or any member of the Wider Industrials Group's operations; and (iii) the effects of global economic conditions and governmental regulation on Bidco's, any member of the Wider Bidco Group's, Industrials' or any member of the Wider Industrials Group's business.

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Except as expressly provided in this announcement, no forward-looking or other statements have been reviewed by the auditors of Industrials, Blackstone or the Wider Bidco Group or their respective financial advisers. All subsequent oral or written forward-looking statements attributable to Industrials or any member of the Wider Bidco Group, or any of their respective associates, directors, officers, employees or advisers, are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statement above.

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### Publication on website

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# Electronic communications

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# Dealing disclosure requirements

Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Takeover Code, any person who is interested in 1 per cent. or more of any class of relevant securities of an offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror (being any offeror other than an offeror in respect of which it has been announced that its offer is, or is likely to be, solely in cash) must make an Opening Position Disclosure following the commencement of the Offer Period and, if later, following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified.

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If two or more persons act together pursuant to an agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal, to acquire or control an interest in relevant securities of an offeree company or a securities exchange offeror, they will be deemed to be a single person for the purpose of Rule 8.3 of the Takeover Code.

Opening Position Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company and by any offeror and Dealing Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company, by any offeror and by any persons acting in concert with any of them (see Rules 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4 of the Takeover Code).

Details of the offeree and offeror companies in respect of whose relevant securities Opening Position Disclosures and Dealing Disclosures must be made can be found in the disclosure table on the Panel's website at www.TheTakeoverPanel.org.uk, including details of the number of relevant securities in issue, when the Offer Period commenced and when any offeror was first identified. You should contact the Panel's Market Surveillance Unit on +44 (0)20 7638 0129 if you are in any doubt as to whether you are required to make an Opening Position Disclosure or a Dealing Disclosure.