Wednesday, 3 November 2021

#### Despatch of entitlement offer booklet

Acorn Capital Investment Fund Limited ACN 167 595 897 (ASX: ACQ) (**Acorn Capital**) is pleased to announce that it has today despatched a copy of the offer booklet (and accompanying personalised entitlement and acceptance form) (**Offer Booklet**) to eligible shareholders of Acorn Capital, which contains information about the pro rata non-renounceable entitlement offer of new fully paid ordinary shares (**New Shares**), details of which were announced to ASX on Wednesday, 20 October 2021 (**Entitlement Offer**). The Entitlement Offer will not be underwritten.

A letter to shareholders who are ineligible to participate in the Entitlement Offer notifying them of the Entitlement Offer and their ineligibility to participate has also been despatched.

A copy of the Offer Booklet and the letter to ineligible shareholders is attached.

A copy of the Offer Booklet is also accessible to eligible shareholders at: https://acqoffer2021.thereachagency.com

#### **Entitlement Offer**

The Entitlement Offer (**Entitlement Offer**) opens Wednesday, 3 November 2021, and is expected to close at 5.00pm (Sydney, Australia time) on Friday, 12 November 2021.

Application monies must be received prior to this time, in accordance with the Offer Booklet and the personalised entitlement and acceptance form.

#### Shareholder enquiries

Eligible shareholders are encouraged to carefully read the Offer Booklet for further details relating to the Entitlement Offer. For further information in regard to the Entitlement Offer, please do not hesitate to contact the Offer Information Line on 1300 850 505 (local call cost within Australia) or +613 9415 4000 (from outside Australia) at any time between 8.30am and 5.00pm (AEDT), Monday to Friday.

#### **Matthew Sheehan**

Company Secretary

#### **Acorn Capital Investment Fund Limited**

This announcement has been authorised for release to ASX by the Board of Directors of Acorn Capital Investment Fund Limited.

#### NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION OR RELEASE IN THE UNITED STATES

This announcement does not constitute an offer to sell, or the solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities in the United States. The New Shares to be offered and sold in the Entitlement Offer have not been, and will not be, registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933 (the **U.S. Securities Act**), or the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States.

Accordingly, the New Shares may not be offered or sold to persons in the United States, unless they have been registered under the U.S. Securities Act, or are offered and sold pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act and applicable U.S. state securities laws.

Forward-looking statements including projections, guidance on future earnings and estimates are provided as a general guide only and should not be relied upon as an indication or guarantee of future performance. This announcement contains such statements that are subject to risk factors associated with an investment in Acorn Capital.



# Offer Booklet

Non-renounceable entitlement offer of 1 new share for every 4 existing shares at A\$1.60 per new share to raise up to A\$27.1 million

The Entitlement Offer opens on Wednesday, 3 November 2021 and closes at 5.00pm (Melbourne time) on Friday, 12 November 2021 (unless extended)

This Offer Booklet is an important document and requires your immediate attention. It should be read in its entirety and before you decide whether to participate in the Entitlement Offer. If you have any questions about any part of the Offer Booklet you should consult your professional adviser

This Offer Booklet may not be released to US wire services or distributed in the United States.

#### **Authorised Intermediary**

Ord Minnett Limited ACN 002 733 048; AFSL 237121

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Offer Booklet

# Important information

The information in this Offer Booklet is not a prospectus, product disclosure statement, disclosure document or other offering document under the Corporations Act (or any other law) and has not been lodged with ASIC.

The information in this Offer Booklet contains an offer of New Shares to Eligible Shareholders in Australia and New Zealand and has been prepared in accordance with section 708AA of the Corporations Act as modified by ASIC Corporations (Non-Traditional Rights Issues) Instrument 2016/84. Please refer to Section 1.1 of this Offer Booklet for Eligible Shareholder criteria.

#### **Foreign Jurisdictions**

This Offer Booklet does not constitute an offer in any jurisdiction in which, or to any person to whom, it would not be lawful to make such an offer. No action has been taken to register or qualify the New Shares, or otherwise permit an offering of the New Shares to existing shareholders in any jurisdiction outside of Australia and New Zealand. This Offer Booklet and accompanying Entitlement and Acceptance Form may not be distributed outside Australia and New Zealand except as may be permitted under Section 1.13 and Section 6 of this Offer Booklet.

#### New Zealand

The New Shares are not being offered to the public within New Zealand other than to existing shareholders of the Company with registered addresses in New Zealand to whom the offer of these securities is being made in reliance on the *Financial Markets Conduct (Incidental Offers) Exemption Notice 2016.* 

This Offer Booklet has been prepared in compliance with Australian law and has not been registered, filed with or approved by any New Zealand regulatory authority under the *Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013*. This Offer Booklet is not a product disclosure statement under New Zealand law and is not required to, and may not, contain all the information that a product disclosure statement under New Zealand law is required to contain.

#### Future performance and forward-looking statements

This Offer Booklet may contain certain *forward looking statements*. The words *anticipate, believe, expect, project, forecast, estimate, likely, intend, should, could, may, target, plan, consider, foresee, aim, will* and other similar expressions are intended to identify forward looking statements. Indications of, and guidance on, future earnings and financial position and performance are also forward looking statements. Such forward looking statements are provided as a general guide only and are not guarantees of future performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside the control of the Company and which are based on change without notice, as are statements about market and industry trends, which are based on interpretations of current market conditions.

#### No Investment advice

This Offer Booklet is not a financial product or investment advice nor a recommendation to acquire New Shares and has been prepared without taking into account the objectives, financial situation or needs of individuals. Before making an investment decision prospective investors should consider the appropriateness of the information having regard to their own objectives, financial situation and needs and seek legal, taxation and financial advice appropriate to their jurisdiction and circumstances.

The Company is not licensed to provide financial product advice in respect of New Shares or any other financial products. No cooling off period applies to the acquisition of the New Shares.

#### **Risks**

An investment in New Shares is subject to investment and other known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions, many of which are beyond the control of the Company and the Board, including the risks described in the accompanying Investor Presentation, which could cause actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by any forward looking statements in this Offer Booklet. Neither the Company, its officers, employees, agents, associates and advisers, nor any other person warrants or guarantees the future performance of the New Shares or any particular rate of return or the performance of the Company,

nor does it guarantee the repayment of capital from the Company or any particular taxation treatment. In considering an investment in New Shares, investors should have regard to (among other things) the risks and disclaimers outlined in this Offer Booklet.

#### Past performance

Past performance information given in this Offer Booklet is provided for illustrative purposes only and should not be relied on as (and is not) an indication of future performance. The historical information in this Offer Booklet is, or is based on, information that has been released to the market. For further information, please see past announcements released to ASX.

#### No representations

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The Authorised Intermediary (as defined below) and its representatives, and MinterEllison and its partners and employees, to the maximum extent permitted by law, expressly disclaim any responsibility or liability for the contents of this Offer Booklet.

#### **Authorised intermediary**

The issuer of this Offer Booklet is the Company. Offers of New Shares under this Offer Booklet will be made under an arrangement between the Company and Ord Minnett Limited ACN 002 733 048; AFSL 237121 (**Authorised Intermediary**), as a holder of an Australian Financial Services Licence, under section 911A(2)(b) of the Corporations Act. The Company has authorised the Authorised Intermediary to make offers to arrange for the issue of the New Shares under this Offer Booklet and the Company will only issue the New Shares in accordance with the offers and no others. Each Eligible Shareholder appoints the Company as its agent to receive on its behalf any Financial Services Guide or other notices (including any updates of those documents) (if any) that the Authorised Intermediary is required to give to the Eligible Shareholder under the Corporations Act in connection with the Entitlement Offer.

#### New Shares quoted on a deferred settlement basis

New Shares will be quoted on a deferred settlement basis from market open on Monday, 15 November 2021 and issued on Thursday, 18 November 2021. It is the responsibility of eligible Shareholders to determine their allocation prior to trading in New Shares. The Company recommends that Shareholders should only sell up to the amount of New Shares applied for under their Entitlement and not trade any Additional New Shares applied for under the Top Up Facility as there is no assurance as to the level of allocations under the Top Up Facility. Shareholders who sell New Shares before they receive confirmation of their allotment will do so at their own risk.

# Key offer terms

Key offer terms	
Issue Price	A\$1.60 per New Share payable in full on Application
Entitlement	1 New Share for every 4 Existing Shares held on the Record Date
Discount to the theoretical ex rights price of A\$1.664 (using the last closing price before the announcement of the Entitlement Offer)	3.8%
Approximate number of New Shares to be issued under the Entitlement Offer (if fully subscribed)	16,912,330 million New Shares
Approximate amount to be raised under the Entitlement Offer (excluding expenses)	A\$27,059,728
Approximate number of Shares on issue following the Entitlement Offer (if fully subscribed)	8,561,650 million Shares

This Offer Booklet is dated Wednesday, 3 November 2021. The following are key indicative dates relating to the Entitlement Offer.

Event	Time
*ASX announcement of the Entitlement Offer, lodgement of Appendix 3B and cleansing notice	Before commencement of trading on Wednesday, 20 October 2021
*Ex Date – date on which Shares commence trading without an entitlement to participate in the Entitlement Offer	Thursday, 28 October 2021
*Record Date (7.00 pm Melbourne time) for entitlements to participate in Entitlement Offer	Friday, 29 October 2021
This Offer Booklet and Entitlement and Acceptance Forms dispatched to Eligible Shareholders and dispatch announced to ASX	Wednesday, 3 November 2021
Opening Date for the Entitlement Offer	Wednesday, 3 November 2021
Closing Date for lodgement of Entitlement and Acceptance Forms and payment	5.00pm on Friday, 12 November 2021
Deferred settlement trading commences	Monday, 15 November 2021
ASX notified of under subscriptions (if any)	Wednesday, 17 November 2021
Allotment of New Shares under the Entitlement Offer	Thursday, 18 November 2021
Dispatch of holding statements for New Shares	Friday, 19 November 2021
New Shares commence normal trading on ASX	Friday, 19 November 2021

The above dates other than those marked with an asterisk (\*) are indicative only and are subject to change. The Company reserves the right to amend this indicative timetable at any time and in particular, subject to the Corporations Act and ASX Listing Rules, to extend the latest date for receipt of Entitlement and Acceptance Forms, to accept late Entitlement and Acceptance Forms either generally or in particular cases, or to cancel the Entitlement Offer without prior notice.

# Chairman's letter

Wednesday, 3 November 2021

#### **Dear Shareholder**

On behalf of the directors of Acorn Capital Investment Fund Limited (**Acorn Capital** or **Company**), I am pleased to invite you to participate in a non-renounceable entitlement offer to subscribe for 1 New Share for every 4 Existing Shares held at an Issue Price of A\$1.60 per New Share (**Entitlement Offer**).

The Entitlement Offer will raise approximately A\$27.1 million. The proceeds of the Entitlement Offer will be used to pay the costs associated with conducting the Entitlement Offer and will be invested in accordance with the Company's proven and disciplined investment process, which has outperformed its benchmark since inception<sup>1</sup>.

New Shares issued under the Entitlement Offer will rank equally in all respects with existing Shares, and in particular will participate equally with existing shares in respect of the final dividend announced to ASX on 27 August 2021 (adjusted record date for the final dividend is now 19 November 2021). New Shares will also participate equally with existing shares in respect of the special dividend announced to ASX on Wednesday, 20 October 2021.

The Record Date for determining eligibility to participate in the Entitlement Offer is 7.00pm (Melbourne time) on Friday, 29 October 2021.

The Issue Price of A\$1.60 per New Share represents:

- a 4.8% discount to the closing price of Acorn Capital's shares (Shares) on ASX on Tuesday, 19
   October 2021, which was the last full day Shares traded on ASX before the announcement of the Entitlement Offer; and
- a 3.8% discount to the theoretical ex-rights price (TERP) of \$1.664.

Eligible Shareholders who accept their Entitlement in full will have the opportunity to apply for Additional New Shares in excess of their Entitlement (subject to scale back at the sole discretion of the Company) under a 'top up' facility (**Top Up Offer**). Please refer to Section 1.3 of this Offer Booklet for further details.

Accompanying this Offer Booklet is your personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form which contains details of your Entitlement. The closing date for the receipt of Application Money is 5.00pm (Melbourne time) on Friday, 12 November 2021. To participate in the Entitlement Offer please ensure that, before this time, you have paid your Application Money by BPAY® in accordance with the instructions set out in the Offer Website at https://acqoffer2021.thereachagency.com or alternatively the Entitlement and Acceptance Form and Required Actions section of this Offer Booklet.

If you do not wish to take up any of your Entitlement, you do not have to take any action.

For further information, I urge you to read the Investor Presentation which is included in this Offer Booklet and which contains a summary of some of the key risks associated with an investment in the Company.

Full details on the Entitlement Offer are set out in this Offer Booklet, which you should read carefully and in its entirety. Additionally, you can call our Share Registry for further information on 1300 850 505 (within Australia) and +613 9415 4000 (outside Australia) between 8.30am and 5.00pm (Melbourne time) Monday to Friday. On behalf of the Board, I thank you for your continued support as a shareholder and I encourage you to consider this investment opportunity.

Yours sincerely

John Steven Chairman

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Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

# **Entitlement Offer**

#### Details of the Entitlement Offer

#### 1.1 The Entitlement Offer

The Entitlement Offer is non-renounceable. This means that Shareholders who do not take up their Entitlements by 5.00pm (Melbourne time) on the Closing Date of Friday, 12 November 2021, will not receive any payment or value for those Entitlements and their proportionate equity interest in the Company will be diluted.

Each Eligible Shareholder is entitled to subscribe for 1 New Share for every 4 Existing Shares held on the Record Date. Fractional entitlements have been rounded up to the nearest whole Share.

The number of New Shares to which you are entitled is shown on the accompanying personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form. Fractional entitlements to New Shares have been rounded down to the nearest whole number of New Shares. If you have more than one registered holding of Shares, you will be sent more than one personalised Entitlement and Acceptance Form and you will have separate Entitlements for each separate holding.

New Shares issued under the Entitlement Offer will be fully paid and rank equally with existing Shares on issue, including with respect to entitlement to dividends declared or paid after the date of issue of the New Shares. The New Shares will be entitled to participate equally with existing shares in relation to the 4 cent per share fully franked final dividend originally announced by the Company to ASX on 27 August 2021 (adjusted record date for the final dividend is 19 November 2021) (**Final Dividend**). The New Shares will also be entitled to participate equally with existing shares in relation to the 4 cent per share special dividend announced by the Company to ASX on Wednesday, 20 October 2021 (**Special Dividend**). If you take no action you will not be allocated any New Shares and your Entitlement will lapse.

To qualify for the Entitlement Offer under this Offer Booklet, a Shareholder must

- (a) be registered as a Shareholder at 7.00pm (Melbourne time) on the Record Date;
- (b) have an address on the company register in Australia or New Zealand; and
- (c) be eligible under all applicable securities laws to receive an offer under the Entitlement Offer without any requirement for a prospectus, disclosure document, or any lodgement, filing, registration or qualification,

(Eligible Shareholder).

#### 1.2 Purpose of the Entitlement Offer

The proceeds of the Entitlement Offer will be used to pay the costs associated with conducting the Entitlement Offer and invested in accordance with the Company's proven and disciplined investment process.

#### 1.3 DRP details

For the purposes of the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (**DRP**), the key dates relevant to the Entitlement Offer are as follows:

- (a) Eligible Shareholders are notified that the price per Share in respect of the Combined Dividend<sup>2</sup> is 8 cents per Share; and
- (b) the 'Closing Date' (as defined in the DRP) for the Combined Dividend is Monday, 22 November 2021.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Being the Final Dividend of 4 cents per Share together with the Special Dividend of 4 cents per Share.

#### 1.4 Top Up Offer

Eligible Shareholders who take up their Entitlement in full are also able to participate in a further offer of Additional New Shares, being the New Shares that have been initially offered to Eligible Shareholders under the Entitlement Offer and have not been taken up by them. Please note that New Shares in excess of Entitlements will only be allocated to Eligible Shareholders if and to the extent that the Company determines in its absolute discretion based on the Allocation Policy outlined below.

Any New Shares in excess of Entitlements will be limited by the Allocation Policy and also to the extent that there are sufficient New Shares from Eligible Shareholders who do not take up their full Entitlements.

#### **Allocation Policy**

The Allocation Policy is that each Eligible Shareholder who:

- (a) has fully taken up their Entitlement;
- (b) has an address in Australia; and
- (c) subscribes for Additional New Shares under the Top Up Facility,

may be allocated that number of Additional New Shares which represents up to 400% of their Entitlement (**Additional New Share Cap**).

In addition, Eligible Shareholders should be aware that:

- (a) allocations of Additional New Shares are at the discretion of the Company and will be subject to the Additional New Share Cap;
- (b) the Company may scale back applications for Additional New Shares having regard to all relevant circumstances, including an Eligible Shareholder's underlying shareholding at the Record Date and in the event that an application for Additional New Shares is received from an Eligible Shareholder in excess of the Additional New Share Cap;
- (c) in the event of a scale back, the difference between the Application Money received, and the number of Additional New Shares allocated to you multiplied by the Issue Price will be refunded following allotment. No interest will be paid on any Application Money received and returned;
- (d) no New Shares or Additional New Shares will be issued to an Eligible Shareholder which would result in the relevant Shareholder having voting power in the Company in excess of 20% of the total issued share capital of the Company;
- (e) there is no guarantee that any Application for Additional New Shares under the Top Up Offer will be successful and the Directors reserve the right to issue any shortfall by way of the Top Up Offer or by other means and reserves the right to satisfy applications in the Top Up Facility at its sole and complete discretion, including by applying the pro rata scale-back mechanism;
- (f) the Top Up Offer has the same Closing Date;
- (g) the Issue Price of Additional New Shares under the Top Up Offer is the same as the Issue Price, which is A\$1.60 per Additional New Share; and
- (h) the Company will not issue Additional New Shares under the Top Up Offer where to do so would be likely to result in a breach of its constitution, the Corporations Act or the ASX Listing Rules.

Note, Listing Rule 10.11 parties in relation to the Company are not entitled to participate in the Top Up Offer.

#### 1.5 Shortfall Offer

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To the extent that there remains any shortfall of Shares taken up by Eligible Shareholders including after the application of the Top Up Offer (**Residual Shortfall**), the Directors of the Company reserve the right to issue all or any of the New Shares comprising the Residual Shortfall at their discretion.

The Directors' allocation policy in respect of any Residual Shortfall is to encourage the introduction of new investors to the Company by placing the New Shares to wholesale and institutional investors.

The Residual Shortfall must be issued not later than 3 months after the Closing Date of the Entitlement Offer and the issue price of New Shares comprising the Residual Shortfall must not be less than the price at which New Shares are offered under the Entitlement Offer.

#### 1.6 No underwriting

The Entitlement Offer, the Top Up Offer and any Shortfall Offer will not be underwritten.

#### 1.7 Authorised Intermediary

A fee of \$20,000 is payable by the Company to the Authorised Intermediary in connection with the Entitlement Offer, the Top Up Offer or any Shortfall Offer.

#### 1.8 Issue of New Shares

New Shares under the Entitlement Offer and the Top Up Offer are expected to be issued on or around Thursday, 18 November 2021 (subject to change at the discretion of the Company).

The Company reserves the right (in its absolute discretion) to reduce the number of New Shares allocated to Eligible Shareholders, or persons claiming to be Eligible Shareholders, if their claims prove to be overstated or otherwise incorrect or if they fail to provide information to substantiate their claims.

#### 1.9 ASX quotation

The Company has applied for quotation of New Shares issued under this Offer Booklet. If permission for quotation is not granted by ASX, the New Shares will not be issued and Application Money will be refunded (without interest) as soon as practicable.

New Shares will be quoted on a deferred settlement basis from market open on Monday, 15 November 2021 and issued on Thursday, 18 November 2021. It is the responsibility of eligible shareholders to determine their allocation prior to trading in New Shares. The Company recommends that Shareholders should only sell up to the amount of New Shares applied for under their Entitlement and not trade any additional New Shares applied for under the Top Up Facility as there is no assurance as to the level of allocations under the Top Up Facility. Shareholders who sell New Shares before they receive confirmation of their allotment will do so at their own risk.

#### 1.10 Application Money

Until New Shares are issued under the Entitlement Offer, the Company will hold the Application Money in one or more bank accounts in Australia. The account(s) will be established and kept solely for the purpose of depositing Application Money and retaining those funds for as long as required.

Any interest accrued on Application Money will be retained by the Company and will not be paid to the relevant Eligible Shareholder, including if the Entitlement Offer is cancelled or withdrawn.

#### 1.11 Market prices for Shares on ASX

The lowest and highest market prices of Shares on ASX during the 3 months immediately preceding the announcement of the Entitlement Offer on Wednesday, 20 October 2021 were A\$1.4550 and A\$1.6900 respectively.

The Issue Price of A\$1.60 per New Share represents:

- (a) a 4.8% discount to the closing price of the Company's Shares on ASX on Tuesday, 19 October 2021, which was the last full day Shares traded on ASX before the announcement of the Entitlement Offer; and
- (b) a 5.38% discount to the 5 day VWAP to the closing price of the Shares on ASX on Tuesday, 19 October 2021.

#### 1.12 Foreign Shareholders

The New Shares being offered under this Offer Booklet are being offered to Shareholders with a registered address in Australia and New Zealand.

The Entitlement Offer will not be offered to Non-Eligible Foreign Shareholders. The Company has determined that it is not economically viable and/or practicable for it to make offers to Non-Eligible Foreign Shareholders due to the cost of meeting compliance requirements with securities laws in each applicable jurisdiction in which Non-Eligible Foreign Shareholders reside. The Company reserves the right in its absolute discretion to offer the Entitlement Offer to a Shareholder with an address in the Company's share register outside Australia or New Zealand if the Company is satisfied that it is not precluded from lawfully issuing New Shares to that Shareholder either unconditionally or after compliance with conditions which the Directors in their sole discretion regard as acceptable.

For further details see the Foreign Jurisdictions Section 6 of this Offer Booklet.

#### 1.13 Nominees and custodians

The Company is not required to determine whether or not any registered holder or investor is acting as a nominee or custodian or the identity or residence of any beneficial owners of existing Shares. Where any person is acting as a nominee or custodian for a foreign person, that person, in dealing with its beneficiary will need to assess whether the distribution of any documents relating to the Entitlement Offer (including this Offer Booklet) or the indirect participation in the Entitlement Offer by the beneficiary complies with applicable foreign laws.

Nominees and custodians may not distribute any part of this Offer Booklet, and may not permit any beneficial shareholder to participate in the Entitlement Offer, in any country outside Australia or New Zealand, without the consent of the Company, taking into consideration applicable securities laws.

Due to legal restrictions, nominees and custodians may not send copies of this Offer Booklet or any material relating to the Entitlement Offer or accept the Entitlement Offer in relation to any person in any other jurisdiction outside Australia and New Zealand.

#### 1.14 Taxation implications

Shareholders should be aware that there may be taxation implications of participating in the Entitlement Offer and the Top Up Offer and subscribing for New Shares. These taxation consequences may vary depending on the individual circumstances of each Shareholder.

Please refer to Section 7 of this Offer Booklet for a general discussion of the Australian taxation consequences of the Entitlement Offer for Eligible Shareholders resident in Australia and who hold their Shares on capital account.

Shareholders should consult their own professional taxation adviser to obtain advice in relation to the taxation laws and regulations applicable to their personal circumstances.

#### 1.15 Risks

There are a number of risks associated with an investment in the Company which may affect its financial performance, financial position, cash flows and Share price. The key risk factors are set out in the 'Risks' section of the Investor Presentation included in this Offer Booklet.

#### 1.16 Regular reporting and disclosure

The Company is a disclosing entity for the purposes of the Corporations Act and is therefore subject to regular reporting and disclosure obligations under the Corporations Act and ASX Listing Rules. These obligations require the Company to notify ASX of information about specific events and matters as they arise for the purposes of ASX making that information available to the market. In particular, the Company has an obligation (subject to certain limited exceptions) to notify ASX once it is, or becomes, aware of information concerning the Company which a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of the Company's securities. All announcements made by the Company are available from the 'Investors' section of

the Company's website at https://acqfund.com.au/investor-centre/asx-announcements/ or ASX's website www.asx.com.au.

Additionally the Company is also required to prepare and lodge with ASIC yearly and half yearly financial statements accompanied by a directors' statement and report and an audit review or report. These reports are released to ASX and published on the Company and ASX websites.

#### 1.17 Rights and liabilities attaching to New Shares

New Shares issued under this Offer Booklet will be fully paid ordinary shares in the capital of the Company and will rank equally with all Existing Shares.

The rights and liabilities attaching to Shares are set out in the Company's constitution and are regulated by the Corporations Act, the general law, the ASX Listing Rules and the ASX Settlement Operating Rules. The constitution may only be varied by a special resolution which is a resolution passed by at least 75% of the votes cast by Shareholders present (and entitled to vote).

#### 1.18 Disclaimer

No person is authorised to give any information or make any representation in connection with the Entitlement Offer described in this Offer Booklet, which is not contained in this Offer Booklet. Any information or representation not contained in this Offer Booklet may not be relied on as being authorised by the Company or Authorised Intermediary in connection with the Entitlement Offer.

#### 1.19 Financial amounts

Money as expressed in this Offer Booklet is in Australian dollars (\$ or A\$) unless otherwise indicated. Any discrepancies between totals in tables and sums of components in tables in this Offer Booklet and between those figures and figures referred to in other parts of this document may be due to rounding.

#### 1.20 Privacy

Chapter 2C of the Corporations Act requires information about you as a Shareholder (including your name, address and details of your Shares) to be included in the public register of the Company. Information is collected to administer your Shares. Your personal information may be disclosed to the Company. You can obtain access to your personal information by contacting the Share Registry at the address or telephone number listed in the corporate directory.

#### 1.21 Governing Law

This Offer Booklet, the Entitlement Offer and the contracts formed on acceptance of the Entitlement and Acceptance Forms are governed by the laws applicable in Victoria, Australia. Each applicant for New Shares submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Victoria, Australia.

### 2. Required Actions

#### 2.1 Eligible Shareholders

For details in relation to whether or not you are an Eligible Shareholder, see Section 1.1 of this Offer Booklet.

If you are an Eligible Shareholder you may either:

- take up all of your Entitlement in accordance with this Offer Booklet;
- (b) unless you are a Listing Rule 10.11 party in relation to the Company, take up all of your Entitlement and also apply for that number of Additional New Shares in excess of your Entitlement which represents up to 400% of your Entitlement under the Top Up Offer;
- (c) take up some of your Entitlement, in which case the balance of your Entitlement will lapse and you will receive no value for your lapsed Entitlement; or

(d) do nothing, in which case your Entitlement will lapse and you will receive no value for your lapsed Entitlement.

Before you decide whether to accept the Entitlement Offer, the Board recommends that Eligible Shareholders:

- (e) read this Offer Booklet in full; and
- (f) consider the risks associated with the Entitlement Offer, as summarised in the *Key Risks* section of the Investor Presentation included in this Offer Booklet, in light of your personal circumstances.

If you decide to participate in the Entitlement Offer, whether by taking up all or some of your Entitlement, you will need apply for New Shares and arrange payment for the New Shares by the methods described immediately below.

#### **BPAY®**

Make payment by BPAY® in accordance with the instructions in this Offer Booklet, via the Offer Website at https://acqoffer2021.thereachagency.com or on the Entitlement and Acceptance Form.

By paying via BPAY®, you do not need to return the Entitlement and Acceptance Form to the Share Registry.

#### 2.2 Payment

The Issue Price of A\$1.60 per New Share is payable on exercise of your Entitlement. For all Eligible Shareholders, payments must be received by 5.00pm (Melbourne time) on the Closing Date (or such other date as may be determined by the Company).

Shareholders should be aware of the time required to process payment by BPAY®.

Payment will only be accepted in Australian currency and must be (other than with the express consent of the Company) through the BPAY® facility according to the instructions set out in the Offer Website at https://acqoffer2021.thereachagency.com, on the Entitlement and Acceptance Form and in this Offer Booklet. If you are a New Zealand shareholder, and unable to pay via BPAY®, electronic funds transfer details will be available via the Offer Website or by calling the Share Registry on +61 3 9415 4000.

Cash will not be accepted. Receipts for payment will not be issued. If you provide insufficient funds to meet the Application Money due to take up all or part of your Entitlement, you may be taken by the Company to have applied for such lower number of New Shares as your cleared Application Money will pay or your Application may be rejected.

Any Excess Amount may be treated as an application to apply for Additional New Shares under the Top Up Offer to the value of your Excess Amount. Your application for the Additional New Shares may not be successful (wholly or partially). Any surplus Application Money received for more than your final allocation of any Additional New Shares will be refunded (only where the amount is A\$5.00 or greater). You are not entitled to any interest that accrues on any Application Money received or returned (wholly or partially).

#### Eligible Shareholders may pay through BPAY®

Eligible Shareholders with an Australian bank account may pay through BPAY®. Payment by BPAY® should be made in accordance with the instructions set out in the Offer Website or the Entitlement and Acceptance Form using the reference number shown and must be received by no later than 5.00pm (Melbourne time) the Closing Date (or such other date as may be determined by the Company). Applicants should be aware that their own financial institution may implement earlier cut off times with regard to electronic payment. Applicants should therefore take this into consideration when making payment. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure that funds submitted through BPAY® are received by this time.

The reference number is used to identify your holding. If you have multiple holdings you will also have multiple reference numbers. You must use the reference number shown on each Entitlement and Acceptance Form to pay for each holding separately. If you pay by BPAY® and do not pay for your full Entitlement, your remaining Entitlements will lapse.

If you make your payment by BPAY® you do not need to return the Entitlement and Acceptance Form to the Share Registry.

Your BPAY® acceptance, once received cannot be withdrawn. No cooling off period applies.

If you are a New Zealand shareholder, and unable to pay via BPAY®, electronic funds transfer details will be available via the Offer Website or by calling the Share Registry on +61 3 9415 4000.

#### 2.3 Applying for additional shares under Top Up Offer

If you have applied for your full Entitlement and you are not a Listing Rule 10.11 party in relation to the Company, you may wish to apply for Additional New Shares under the Top Up Offer. The total amount of Entitlement Shares and Additional New Shares you may apply for are set out in the Offer Website and the Entitlement and Acceptance Form.

Applications for Additional New Shares under the Top Up Offer may be considered if and to the extent that not all Shareholders take up their full Entitlement. Applications for Additional New Shares under the Top Up Offer are capped at that number of Additional New Shares which represents 400% of an Eligible Shareholder's Entitlement. No Eligible Shareholder may receive any New Shares which would result in the relevant Shareholder having voting power in the Company in excess of 20% of the total issued share capital of the Company and any Application may be capped or scaled back at the sole and complete discretion of the Directors. The Directors reserve the right to issue any shortfall by way of the Top Up Offer or by other means. There is no guarantee that any Applications under the Top Up Offer will be successful.

#### 2.4 Declining all or part of your Entitlement

If you decide not to take up all or part of your Entitlement, the Entitlements which are unexercised will lapse and may be taken up by other Eligible Shareholders under the Top Up Offer. Your Entitlement to participate in the Entitlement Offer is non-renounceable and cannot be traded on the ASX nor any other financial markets, nor can it be privately transferred. Shareholders who do not take up their Entitlements in full will not receive any payment or value for those Entitlements they do not take up.

If you decide not to participate in the Entitlement Offer, you do not need to fill out or return the accompanying Entitlement and Acceptance Form. Although you will continue to own the same number of Shares as you held prior to the Entitlement Offer, your percentage shareholding in the Company will be diluted by the issue of New Shares under the Entitlement Offer.

#### 2.5 Non-Eligible Foreign Shareholders

If you are a Non-Eligible Foreign Shareholder, other than certain institutional shareholders and investors in foreign jurisdictions determined by the Directors, you may not take up any of, or do anything in relation to, your Entitlement under the Entitlement Offer. See Section 1.12 for further information in relation to foreign Shareholders who may be Eligible Shareholders.

#### 2.6 Warranties made on acceptance of Entitlement Offer

By making a payment by BPAY®, you will be deemed to have acknowledged, represented and warranted that you, and each person on whose account you are acting, are an Eligible Shareholder or otherwise eligible to participate in the Entitlement Offer.

By making a payment by BPAY®, you will also be deemed to have acknowledged, represented and warranted on your own behalf and on behalf of each person on whose account you are acting that:

- you are (or the person on whose account you are acting is) an Eligible Shareholder and are not otherwise a person to whom it would be illegal to make an offer of or issue of New Shares under the Entitlement Offer and under any applicable laws and regulations;
- (b) you are subscribing for or purchasing Entitlements or New Shares in an *offshore* transaction (as defined in Rule 902(h) under the US Securities Act) in reliance on Regulation S under the US Securities Act;

- (c) you and each person on whose account you are acting have not and will not send any materials, or copies thereof, relating to the Entitlement Offer to any person in any other country outside Australia or New Zealand;
- (d) you acknowledge that you have read and understand this Offer Booklet and your Entitlement and Acceptance Form in their entirety;
- you agree to be bound by the terms of the Entitlement Offer, the provisions of this Offer (e) Booklet and the Company's constitution:
- you authorise the Company to register you as the holder of New Shares allotted to you; (f)
- you declare that all details and statements in your Entitlement and Acceptance Form are (g) complete and accurate;
- (h) you declare you are over 18 years of age and have full legal capacity and power to perform all of your rights and obligations under your Entitlement and Acceptance Form and as described in this Offer Booklet;
- (i) you acknowledge that after the Company receives your payment of Application Money by BPAY®, you may not withdraw your application or funds provided except as allowed by law;
- you agree to apply for and be issued up to the number of New Shares for which you have (j) submitted payment of any Application Money by BPAY®, at the Issue Price;
- (k) you authorise the Company, Authorised Intermediary, the Share Registry and their respective officers or agents to do anything on your behalf necessary for New Shares to be issued to you, including to act on instructions of the Share Registry on using the contact details set out in your Entitlement and Acceptance Form;
- you declare that you were the registered holder at the Record Date of the Shares (l) indicated on your Entitlement and Acceptance Form as being held by you on the Record Date;
- (m) you acknowledge that the information contained in this Offer Booklet and your Entitlement and Acceptance Form is not investment advice nor a recommendation that New Shares are suitable for you given your investment objectives, financial situation or particular needs:
- you acknowledge that this Offer Booklet is not a prospectus, does not contain all of the (n) information that you may require in order to assess an investment in the Company and is given in the context of the Company's past and ongoing continuous disclosure announcements to ASX;
- (0)you acknowledge the statement of risks in the Key Risks section of the Company's Investor Presentation included in this Offer Booklet and that investments in the Company are subject to risk;
- you acknowledge that none of the Company, Authorised Intermediary, or their respective (p) Related Bodies Corporate and affiliates and their respective directors, officers, partners, employees, representatives, agents, consultants or advisers, guarantees the performance of the Company, nor do they guarantee the repayment of capital;
- you agree to provide (and direct your nominee or custodian to provide) any requested (q) substantiation of your eligibility to participate in the Entitlement Offer and of your holding of Shares on the Record Date;
- (r) you authorise the Company to correct any errors in your Entitlement and Acceptance Form or other form provided by you;
- (s) you represent and warrant that the law of any place does not prohibit you from being given this Offer Booklet and your Entitlement and Acceptance Form, nor does it prohibit you from making an application for New Shares and that you are otherwise eligible to participate in the Entitlement Offer;







- (t) if in the future you decide to sell or otherwise transfer the New Shares, you will only do so in regular transactions on the ASX or otherwise where neither you nor any person acting on your behalf know, or has reason to know, that the sale has been pre-arranged with, or that the purchaser is, a person in the United States or is acting for the account or benefit of a person in the United States; and
- (u) if you are acting as a nominee or custodian, each beneficial holder on whose behalf you are accepting the Entitlement Offer is resident in Australia or New Zealand as applicable, and you have not sent this Offer Document, the Entitlement and Acceptance Form or any information relating to the Entitlement Offer to any such person.

#### 2.7 Refunds

Any Application Money received for more than your final allocation of New Shares will be refunded as soon as practicable after the Closing Date (except for where the amount is less than A\$5.00). No interest will be paid to applicants on any Application Money received or refunded.

#### 2.8 Withdrawals

You cannot, in most circumstances, withdraw your application once it has been accepted. Cooling off rights do not apply to an investment in New Shares.







#### 3. Investor Presentation

# ACORN CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND LTD

**SHAREHOLDER PRESENTATION**20 OCTOBER 2021

ASX: ACQ



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## **FY2021 Highlights**

# **NET PROFIT AFTER TAX** \$26.8 million

#### Strong Investment Returns

- Gross portfolio returns of 63.7%(2)(3)
- Material outperformance over 1,2,3,5 and since inception over the fund performance  $benchmark^{(2)(4)(7)}$
- The investment strategy as deployed by the investment manager has demonstrated itself to outperform over the long term(8)
- Investment manager sees attractive opportunities to deploy additional capital

#### **DIVIDENDS ANNOUNCED(1)**

# 4.00 cps Final 4.00 cps Special

#### Increased Dividends

- Ordinary fully franked final dividend of 4.00cps
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- 2021 ordinary dividends increased 7%(6)
- 66 cps in dividend reserves

- Dividends paid are estimated to be franked at a rate of 30% (subject to availability of franking credits)

  For the year ended 30 June 2021. Net reported portfolio return for same period +56.6% p.a. Refer 30 June 2021 monthly investment update released to the ASX on 13 July 2021 for more inform Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance

  S8P/Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index

  Investment approach is implemented by Acorn Capital (ACQ's investment manager) who through deployment of a similar investment approach has outperformed the S8P/Small Ordinaries Active basa 11 2 vers\* Investment approach is implemented by Acom Capital (ACQ's investment manager) wno through deployment of a summer the past 12 years

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  Similar investment strategies to ACQ have been deployed by Acorn Capital Ltd, these strategies have (based on unaudited pre-fee composite performance) outperformed the S&P/Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index from February 2009 to 30 September 2021

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## Pro rata Non-Renounceable Entitlement Offer

**PRO RATA ENTITLEMENT**  **ABILITY TO APPLY** FOR ADDITIONAL **SHARES** 

**OFFER PRICE** 

**ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE** FINAL FY21 AND SPECIAL FULLY FRANKED DIVIDEND

1 for 4

Guaranteed 1 New Share for every 4 shares owned at Record Date

400%

Shareholders can apply for additional shares equal to 400% of their entitlement

\$1.60

Per share with no brokerage

8cps

On new shares(2)

- Offer to raise up to \$27.1 million
- Buy ACQ shares at a 4.8% discount<sup>(1)</sup> to market price, with no brokerage payable
- New shares will receive 8cps (4cps 2021 ordinary final dividend and 4cps special dividend) in fully franked dividends by 30 November 2021
- Equitable way in which ACQ can grow, increasing liquidity and relevance in the LIC sector
- Reduces fixed expense ratio(3)
- Calculated using ACQ share price of \$1.68 as at 19 October 2021 as compared to the offer price of \$1.60 \$0.04 per share final ordinary dividend declared on 27 August 2021 and \$0.04 per share special dividend announced on 20 October 2021. Both fully franked and both payable on 29 November 2021 Assumes that 2021 fixed costs remain constant and that the pro rate non-remounceable entitlement offer increased the gross assets of ACQ



# ACQ investment strategy has demonstrated its ability to deliver positive investment outcomes(1)

- 1. Dividend income
- 2. Capital growth
- 3. Portfolio diversification(2)







- As at 30 September 2021 the ACQ gross portfolio return has outperformed the S&P/Small Ordinaries Accumulation Index by 7.7% p.a. since ACQ listed on the ASX on 1 May 2014. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. Accorn Capital believes that the ACQ investment strategy should provide diversification benefits to an already diversified investment portfolio

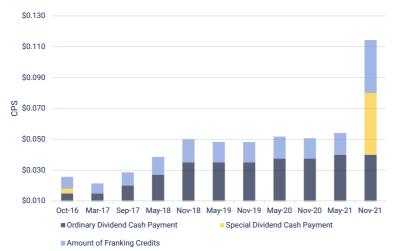
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#### Income

ACQ shareholders who invested at listing 1 will have received a fully franked dividend of \$0.38 per share (\$0.53 per share grossed up for franking credits) by 29 November 2021



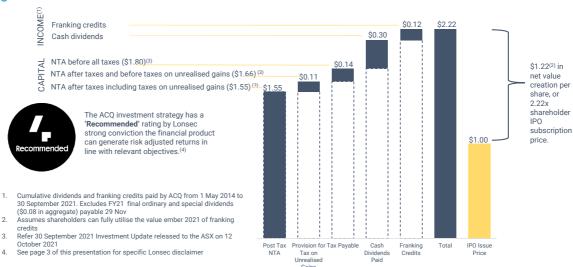
66 cps (2)

- ASX listing date 1 May 2014 Cents Per Share (CPS) based on 67.7m shares outstanding as at 15 October 2021 As at 30 June 2021, before payment of 2021 final ordinary dividend and special dividend



#### ACQ value creation

As at 30 September 2021 IPO investors have received \$0.42 per share in grossed up dividends (1)(2) and have a beneficial interest in \$1.80 per share in NTA before all taxes, equating to 2.22x their original IPO investment



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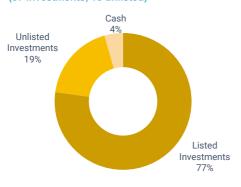
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#### Portfolio overview

ACQ PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION(1) (87 investments, 15 unlisted) (1)(2)



#### **SECTOR WEIGHTS**(1)



#### TOP 10 INVESTMENTS (in alphabetical order) (1)

Australian Rare Earths Aroa Biosurgery Calix Elenium Automation (UL) Jervois Global

Marketplacer (UL) Moula Money (UL) Sandfire Resources Shine Justice Telix Pharmaceuticals

Acorn Capital, as at 30 September 2021 Stock numbers consolidate positions where multiple securities are held and excludes positions with nil value



## ACQ generated a reported portfolio return of +35.8%<sup>1</sup> for the 12 months to 30 September 2021

Return periods	3 Months	6 months	1 year	2 years p.a.	3 years p.a.	5 years p.a.	Since inception p.a. <sup>2</sup>
ACQ (Post Fees & Op Costs) <sup>1</sup>	+8.5%	+16.9%	+35.8%	+25.7%	+19.1%	+16.0%	+14.3%
S&P/ASX Small Ords Acc. Index <sup>3</sup>	+3.4%	+12.2%	+30.4%	+12.3%	+9.4%	+10.2%	+9.9%

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Acorn Capital Investment Fund Limited (ASX: ACQ)



### The opportunity in emerging companies

In our experience smaller companies quickly innovate and respond to changing patterns in demand....in many different sectors



Acorn Capital classifications

policies
(2) Inception is 1 May 2014
(3) Source: Factset





#### ASX: AR3

#### **Sector: Materials - Resources**

- Unique early stage ionicclay rare-earths project in South Australia
- The paucity of rare-earth ionic clay deposits outside of China gives AR3 a potentially important advantage in terms of supply chain security. Also, low uranium and thorium contents give its project a major ESG advantage over many of its peers
- AR3 has generated ACQ investors a  $27x^{(1)(2)}$  uplift (on a per share basis)



#### **ASX: TLX Sector: Healthcare**

- Telix is a health technology company that focused on pharmaceuticals
- Telix's research pipeline aims to address significant unmet medical need in prostate, kidney, brain (glioblastoma), and hematologic cancers as well as a range of immunologic and rare diseases
- ACQ first invested in TLX in February 2017 at \$0.17<sup>(2)</sup> per share compared to a current \$6.17(1) share price



#### **ASX: CHL**

#### **Sector: Consumer Discretionary**

- Camplify operates a marketplace platform focused on the global caravan and campervan (RV) sharing market
- CHL has grown its global RV owner community to over 6,100 vans
- CHL has generated ACQ investors a 4.04x(1)(2) uplift (on a per share basis)

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# Acorn Capital Investment Fund Limited (ASX: ACQ)



#### Proven strategy

- ACQ Investment strategy has outperformed its Benchmark since inception(1)
- Strategy has delivered a return of +35.8%(2) in 12 months to 30 September 2021
- Recommended by Lonsec(6)

# Attractive dividend

- 8.0 cents in fully franked ordinary dividends declared in past 12 months
- 4.0 cent 2021 special dividend declared and payable on 29 November
- 66 cents per share in dividend reserves<sup>(3)</sup> ACQ has a policy of
- paying a dividend of at least 5% of the 30 June Post-Tax NTA



#### Attractive market opportunity

ACQ investment strategy has generated strong market returns Acorn Capital continues to see attractive unlisted investments for deployment of ACQ capital

# shareholders

- An opportunity to acquire shares in ACQ at a discount to prevailing share price<sup>(4)</sup> and access to the final 2021 and special dividend
- Increased benefit of scale for the Company including: lower fixed costs<sup>(5)</sup> as a percentage of total assets; increased market awareness; improved prospect of broker and research coverage; and interest from financial planners

- Date of listing 1 May 2014
  Portfolio performance is unaudited and calculated as the movement in NTA before tax effects, which is post all management fees, performance fees and operating costs. Performance includes dividends paid and payable but has not been grossed up for franking credits received by shareholders. All figures include unlisted valuations performed by Acorn Capital in accordance with ACQ Board approved policies. Assumes re-investment of dividends. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

  Estimated by Acorn Capital as at 30 June 2021
  As at 19 October 2021

- As at 19 October 2021
  Assumes that 2021 fixed costs remain constant and that the pro rata non—renounceable entitlement offer increased the gross assets of ACQ
  See page 3 of this presentation for specific Lonsec disclaimer



### Benefits to ACQ shareholders of entitlement offer



Increased scale

#### **Use of Funds**

The entitlement offer is an offer of up to 16,912,330 shares at a price per share of \$1.60. The funds raised under the offer will be deployed into the Company's investment strategy.



Increased market awareness

Capital structure following the entitlement offer assuming the maximum number of new shares are subscribed for under the offer



Dividend income

Shares on issue at the date of this Offer 67.649.320

**Booklet** 

New Shares to be issued under the 16,912,330 Entitlement Offer (if fully subscribed)

Shares on issue after completion of the Entitlement Offer (if fully subscribed)

84,561,650

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# Other information & key dates

#### Key dates(1)

Announcement of Entitlement Offer	Wednesday, 20 October 2021
Ex-Date for Entitlement Offer	Thursday, 28 October 2021
Record Date for Entitlement Offer	Friday, 29 October 2021
(7.00pm AEST)	
Entitlement Offer closes (5.00pm	5.00pm, Friday 12 November
AEST)	2021
New Shares under the Entitlement	Monday,15 November 2021
Offer quoted on a deferred settlement	
basis	
Announcement of results of issue	Wednesday, 17 November 2021
Allotment of New Shares issued	
under the Entitlement Offer and	Thursday , 18 November 2021
despatch of	Thursday , 16 November 2021
holding statements	
Final FY21 dividend and special	Thursday , 18 November 2021
dividend ex-date	
Trading of New Shares issued under	Friday , 19 November 2021
the Entitlement Offer on a normal	
basis	
Dividend Payment Date	Monday, 29 November 2020

#### Application of additional shares

Existing shareholders will also have the opportunity to apply for additional shares (up to 400% of their entitlement) that are available in the entitlement offer shortfall.

#### **Shortfall facility**

Directors reserve the right in their absolute discretion to issue all or any of the shortfall through a placement to eligible professional and sophisticated investors at the same price and the same terms as the Entitlement Offer

The above dates are subject to change and are indicative only. ACO reserves the right to amend this indicative timetable subject to the Corporations Act and the Listing Rules



### Important: Risks associated with Entitlement Offer

New Shares acquired under this Entitlement Offer referred to in this document are considered speculative because of the inherent risks associated with a listed investment company like ACQ. In addition, there are risks inherent in investing in the share market in general.

This investment is regarded as highly speculative. Neither the Company nor any of its Directors nor any other party associated with the preparation of the Entitlement Offer guarantees that any specific objectives of the Company will be achieved or that any particular performance of the Company or of its Shares, including those offered by the Critical will be achieved.

There are risks associated with an investment in Shares. The risks associated with an investment in APS. There are risks associated with an investment in APS. The Company should not be seen as a predictable, low risk investment. The Company's investments are principally in listed and unlisted microcap and other companies and the Company should therefore be viewed as having a significantly higher risk profile than cash assets.

New Shares acquired under the Entitlement Offer entitle the Recipient to participate in an increase in the value of ACQ, by way of dividends that may be declared by ACQ in the future (refer to the ASX announcement dated 20 October 2021 for information on the Company's dividend policy) and in the assets of ACQ if it is wound up.

ACQ, being a company listed on ASX, is subject to the market forces that influence the broad share market trends and the price of securities of individual companies. Recent global political and economic events, including the continuing threat of terrorism and the global financial climate, may cause share price fluctuations in the Australian share market and globally. Fluctuations in the price of the New Shares are therefore a key risk for Recipients.

Reliance on the Investment

The success and profitability of the Company in part will largely depend the ability of Acom Capital Limited ACN 082 694 531, being the manager of the Company's investment portfolio (Portfolio and investment Manager) to manage the Portfolio in a manner that complies with the Company's objectives, strategies, policies, guidelines and permitted investments set out in the Entitlement Offer. Even if the Company does not perform as expected, it may be difficult to remove the investment Manager.

Investment Strategy Risk

The staff of the Investment Manager consists of ten investment professionals. The Company is exposed to the risk that certain or all of these investment professionals cease to be involved with the Investment Manager

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### Important: Risks associated with Entitlement Offer (Continued)

The success and profitability of the Portfolio in part will depend upon the ability of the Investment Manager to make investments that increase in value over time and the retention of the Investment Manager as manager of the Portfolio (together with the retention of the Investment Manager's investment professionals).

The following factors may affect the Investment Manager's performance.

The following factors may affect the Investment Manager's performance that the Investment Manager was be unable to construct a Portfolio in accordance with the Company's investment strategy, strategy guidelines and permitted investments and even if it does so, there can be no guarantent strategy will be successful or that the Investment Manager will not make investment decisions that result in unprofitable outcomes;

changing conditions such as:

I. negative changes in market sentiment to microcap companies or equities in general; and in changes in a specific sector of microcap companies which adversely effects such sector's financial and market performance, in the prosporation of the Investment Manager and Its funds management business;

In anxiety personnel;

market perception of the Investment Manager and Its funds management business;

market and systemic risk, and

loss of imposition of restrictions on the Investment Manager's AFSL.

Unlisted Security Risk

Impact of COVID-

There is continued uncertainty as to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on the Australian economy and share markets including in relation to governmental action, work stoppages, university and school stoppages, lockdowns, quarantines, travel restrictions and the impact on the Australian economy and equity and debt capital markets. Any of these events and resulting market fluctuations may materially adversely impact ACQTs earnings or the materially adversely impact ACQTs earnings or price of ACQTs endings yearnes, particularly considering that there is a real possibility that any of ACQTs microcapi investments may face pressures if the unemployment rate increases in Australia or Australian economic conditions. Such impacts of the pandemic on ACQ may materially and adversely impact the net tangible asset of the Portfolio.

From time to time ACQ evaluates acquisition opportunities. Any acquisition would lead to a change in ACQ's net tangible asset and could increase the volatility of its earnings. Integration of new investments into the Portfolio may be costly, may not generate expected earnings and may occupy a large amount of management's time. There is no guarantee that future potential acquisitions will be available on favourable terms or that they will be successfully integrated.

mpensation based on the performance of the Portfolio. Performance fee arrangements may create an incentive for the Investment Manager to make more speculative or higher risi Compensation Fee Structure Risk

All investments carry the risk that their value may be affected by changes in laws and regulations, especially taxation laws. Regulatory risk includes risk associated with variations in the taxation laws of Australia or other jurisdictions in which the Company holds investments. Future changes in taxation law may impact the future tax liabilities or ACQ or may affect taxation treatment of an investment in ACQ shares, or the holding or disposal of those shares. Tax liabilities are the responsibility of each individual shareholder. Regulatory Risk

Interest Rate Rick Interest rate movements may adversely affect the value of the Company through their effect on the price of a security and the cost of borrowing.



# Important: Risks associated with Entitlement Offer (Continued)

are markets tend to move in cycles, and share prices may fluctuate and underperform other asset classes over extended periods of time. The value of the New Shares quoted on the ASX may rise or fall depending on a tge of factors beyond the control of the Company. Shareholders of the Company are exposed to this risk both through their holding in new Shares as well as through the Company's Portfolio.

The Company is a listed entity, therefore the ability to sell shares will be a function of the turnover of the shares at the time of sale. Turnover itself is a function of the size of the Company and also the cumulative investment intentions of all current and no sible investors in the company at any one point in time. The Company is listed on the ASX and shares may not trade in line with the underlying value of the Portfolio. Shares may trade at a discount or a premium to NTA.

Time Frame for

Factors such as inflation, currency fluctuations, interest rates, legislative changes, political decisions and industrial disruption have an impact on operating costs.
The Company's future income, asset values and Share price can be affected by these factors and, in particular, by the market price for any products or services that the Company may acquire or sell.

There are general risks associated with an investment in the share market. As such, the value of New Shares may rise above or fall below the offer price, depending on the financial position and performance of the Portfolio and other factors. Further, the market price of ACQ shares will fluctuate due to various factors, many of which are non-specific to ACQ, including:

In the future, these factors may cause ACQ shares to trade at a lower price

No assurances can be given that the New Shares will trade at or above the Offer Price. None of ACO, its Board, the Authorised Intermediary, or any other person guarantees the market performance of the New Shares

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## Important: Risks associated with Entitlement Offer (Continued)

The Company will appropriately monitor and assess such risks and may from time to time implement measures, such as foreign exchange currency hedging, to assist managing these risks. However, the implementation of such measures may not eliminate all such risks and the measures themselves may expose the Company to related risks.

The above list of risk factors ought not to be taken as exhaustive of the risks faced by the Company or by investors in the Company. The above factors, and others not specifically referred to above, may in the future materially affect the financial performance of the Company and the value of the New Shares.

Therefore, the New Shares carry no guarantee with respect to the payment of dividends, returns of capital or the market value of those New Shares.

Potential investors should consider that the investment in the Company is speculative



#### 4. Effect of the Entitlement Offer

#### 4.1 Effect of the Entitlement Offer on capital structure

The capital structure of the Company assuming that the maximum number of New Shares are issued under the Entitlement Offer, will be as follows:

Shares	Number
Shares on issue as at the Record Date	67,649,320
New Shares offered under the Entitlement Offer as per this Offer Booklet (if fully subscribed)	16,912,330
Total Shares on issue on close of the Entitlement Offer (if fully subscribed)	84,561,650*

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Exact number of Shares issued under the Entitlement Offer depends on fractional Entitlements on the Record Date.

#### 4.2 Financial effect of the Entitlement

Please see slide 15 of the Investor Presentation for the financial effect of the Entitlement Offer on the Company.

#### 4.3 Impact on control

The potential effect that the Entitlement Offer will have on the control of the Company and the consequences of that effect, will depend on a number of factors, including Eligible Shareholders' interest in taking up their Entitlements. The Entitlement Offer is not expected to have a material impact on the control of the Company.

#### 4.4 Directors and directors interests

All Directors currently intend to participate, in whole or in part, in the Entitlement Offer. Each director reserves the right not to participate or to only participate in part. Note that, as Listing Rule 10.11 parties, the Directors cannot participate in the Top Up Offer.

As at 3 November 2021, the Directors have a relevant interest in the Company's securities as follows:

Director	Shares	Other securities
John Steven	93,750	-
Judith Smith	81,250	-
David Trude	37,500	-
Robert Brown	73,185	-
Barry Fairley	1,158,008	-

#### Risk factors

#### 5.1 Introduction

The Company's operations are subject to a number of risks which may impact on its future performance and forecasts. Before subscribing for New Shares, Shareholders should carefully consider and evaluate the Company and its business and whether the New Shares are suitable to acquire having regard to their own investment objectives and financial circumstances and taking into consideration the material risk factors.

In particular, Shareholders should consider the risk factors outlined in the *Key Risks* section of the Investor Presentation included in this Offer Booklet, any of which could affect the operating and financial performance of the Company or the value of an investment in the Company. The risk factors set out in the *Key Risks* section of the Investor Presentation are not exhaustive.

You should consult your stockbroker, accountant, solicitor or other independent professional adviser to evaluate whether or not to participate in the Entitlement Offer. The Company has applied to ASX for the grant of official quotation of the New Shares. It is expected that normal trading on ASX will commence in relation to New Shares issued under the Entitlement Offer on Friday, 19 November 2021. The Company will have no responsibility and disclaims all liability (to the maximum extent permitted by law, including for negligence) to persons who trade New Shares before the New Shares are listed on the official list of ASX or before they receive their written confirmation of issue, whether on the basis of confirmation of the allocation provided by the Company, the Share Registry or Authorised Intermediary. ASX accepts no responsibility for any statement in this Offer Booklet.

#### 5.2 New Zealand Shareholders

New Zealand Shareholders should also consider the taxation and currency risks associated with investing in New Shares.

#### 6. Foreign jurisdictions

This Offer Booklet does not constitute an offer in any jurisdiction in which, or to any person to whom, it would not be lawful to make such an offer. No action has been taken to register or qualify the New Shares or otherwise permit the offering of the New Shares in any jurisdiction outside of Australia or New Zealand.

Making your BPAY® payment will be taken by the Company to constitute a representation by you that there has been no breach of any such laws.

The distribution of this Offer Booklet (including an electronic copy) outside Australia and New Zealand may be restricted by law. If you come into possession of this Offer Booklet, you should observe such restrictions. Any non-compliance with these restrictions may contravene applicable securities laws.

Due to legal restrictions, nominees and custodians may not send copies of this Offer Booklet or any material relating to the Entitlement Offer or accept the Entitlement Offer in relation to any person in in any other jurisdiction outside Australia or New Zealand except as the Company may otherwise permit in compliance with applicable law.

This Offer Booklet may not be distributed to any person, and the New Shares may not be offered or sold, in any country outside Australia and New Zealand except to the extent permitted below.

#### 6.1 New Zealand

The New Shares are not being offered to the public within New Zealand other than to existing Shareholders with registered addresses in New Zealand to whom the offer of New Shares is being made in reliance on the *Financial Markets Conduct (Incidental Offers) Exemption Notice* 2016.

This Offer Booklet has been prepared in compliance with Australian law and has not been registered, filed with or approved by any New Zealand regulatory authority under the *Financial* 

Markets Conduct Act 2013 (New Zealand). This Offer Booklet is not a product disclosure statement or other disclosure document under New Zealand law and is not required to, and may not, contain all the information that a product disclosure statement or other disclosure document under New Zealand law is required to contain.

The taxation treatment of Australian financial products is not the same as for New Zealand financial products. The offer of New Shares may involve a currency exchange risk as they will be quoted on the ASX in Australian dollars.

If you are uncertain about whether this investment is appropriate for you, you should seek the advice of an appropriately qualified financial adviser.

#### 7. Taxation

Taxation is only one of the matters that must be considered when making a decision whether or not to participate in the Entitlement Offer and subscribe for New Shares.

Set out below is a summary of the Australian taxation implications of participating in the Entitlement Offer for Eligible Shareholders who are residents of Australia for taxation purposes and who hold their Shares (and any New Shares acquired on exercise of their Entitlements) on capital account.

This section does not consider the Australian taxation consequences for particular types of Eligible Shareholders, including those who:

- (a) hold their Shares as assets used in carrying on a business or who may carry on the business of share trading, banking or investment; or
- (b) hold their Shares through an employee share scheme; or
- (c) who hold their Shares as revenue assets or trading stock; or
- (d) may be subject to special taxation rules, such as insurance companies, partnerships, income tax exempt organisations, trusts (except where expressly stated), superannuation funds (except where expressly stated) or temporary residents; or
- (e) are tax residents of any jurisdiction other than Australia (including New Zealand); or
- (f) who are foreign resident shareholders who hold their Shares in carrying on a business through a permanent establishment in Australia.

The summary below is based on the law in effect as at the date of this Offer Booklet, is general in nature and should not be relied on by Eligible Shareholders as tax advice. Eligible Shareholders should seek specific advice applicable to their own particular circumstances from their own financial or tax advisers. Shareholders who are tax residents of a country other than Australia (whether or not they are also residents or temporary residents of Australia for tax purposes) should also take into account the tax consequences under the laws of their country of residence.

#### 7.1 Australian Income tax

#### **Issue of Entitlements**

Subject to the qualifications noted above and assuming that the Eligible Shareholder continues to hold their Shares until the issue of the Entitlements, the issue of the Entitlements will not, of itself, result in any amount being included in the assessable income of an Eligible Shareholder on the basis that the Entitlements satisfy the requirements in section 59-40 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (Cth) and will therefore be treated as non-assessable non-exempt income of the Eligible Shareholder.

#### **Exercise of Entitlements and cost base of New Shares**

Eligible Shareholders who exercise their Entitlements and subscribe for New Shares will acquire those New Shares with a cost base and reduced cost base for CGT purposes equal to the Issue Price payable by them for those New Shares plus any non-deductible incidental costs they incur in acquiring them. Eligible Shareholders will not make any capital gain or loss, or derive assessable income, from exercising the Entitlements or subscribing for the New Shares.

#### Lapse of Entitlements

On the basis that no proceeds will be received by Eligible Shareholders who allow their Entitlements to lapse, no income tax consequences should arise for those Eligible Shareholders.

#### 7.2 New Shares

#### **Taxation of income for Eligible Shareholders**

Eligible Shareholders who exercise their Entitlements will acquire New Shares. Any future dividends or other distributions made in respect of those New Shares will be subject to the same taxation treatment as dividends or other distributions made on any other Shares held in the same circumstances.

#### Dividends

There are certain limitations imposed which may prevent a Shareholder from obtaining the benefit of any franking credits. In this regard, Shareholders seeking to claim tax offsets for franking credits must be "qualified persons" in respect of the relevant dividends. This will include the ability of the shareholders of the New Shares to obtain the benefit of any franking credits attached to the adjusted Final Dividend and Special Dividend (**Combined Dividend**) announced to ASX on Wednesday, 20 October 2021.

In broad terms, Australian resident Shareholders that have held their Shares "at risk" for at least 45 days (excluding the dates of acquisition and disposal) should be "qualified persons" and should be able to claim a tax offset for the amount of franking credits attached to a franked dividend.

A share is generally held "at risk" for the purposes of these rules if at least 30% of the risks and rewards, measured by the financial concept of 'delta' are present in relation to the share on that day.

Special rules apply to arrangements which involve the making of related payments to pass on the benefit of any dividends paid, or in the context of franked dividends received via trusts or partnerships. Under the 'related payment' rule, a different testing period applies where an investor or an associate of the investor has made, or is under an obligation to make, a related payment in relation to a dividend. A 'related payment' is one where an investor or their associate effectively passes on the benefit of the dividend to another person, such as when a franked dividend is paid in connection with an acquisition of the Shares and that dividend reduces the acquisition price.

Individual Australian Shareholders whose total franking tax offsets (for all franked distributions received in the income year) do not exceed A\$5,000 for the income year should generally be deemed to be qualified persons (provided also that no related payments are made with respect to the dividend).

#### Special dividend

The Company has set the Record Date for the Combined Dividend announced to ASX on Wednesday, 20 October 2021 as 19 November 2021. Shareholders who acquire their New Shares on 18 November 2021 will be required to hold their New Shares "at risk" until at least the end of 2 January 2022 in order to benefit from the attached franking credits (if any).

Investors should seek professional advice to determine if these requirements, as they apply to them, have been satisfied.

#### Integrity rules

A specific integrity rule prevents taxpayers from obtaining a tax benefit from franking credits where dividends are received as a result of "dividend washing". Dividend washing is a practice through which taxpayers seek to claim two sets of franking credits by selling shares held on the ASX ex-dividend and then effectively re-purchasing a substantially equivalent parcel of shares cum-dividend on a special ASX trading market.

Shareholders should consider the impact of these provisions (and other dividend tax and franking credit integrity provisions) having regard to their own personal circumstances.

#### Taxation of disposals for Eligible Shareholders

The disposal of New Shares will give rise to a CGT event for Eligible Shareholders. Eligible Shareholders may make a capital gain or capital loss, depending on whether the capital proceeds of that disposal are more than the cost base (in relation to a capital gain) or less than the reduced cost base (in relation to a capital loss) of the New Shares. The cost base of the New Shares will include the Issue Price payable by Eligible Shareholders for those shares plus any non-deductible incidental costs they incur in acquiring, holding and disposing of the New Shares, such as certain non-deductible interest and costs associated with defending title to the New Shares. The CGT cost base of the New Shares may be reduced as a result of receiving non-assessable distributions from the Company, such as returns of capital. The CGT reduced cost base is broadly calculated in the same manner as the CGT cost base, but excludes certain costs, such as interest.

All capital gains and losses recognised by an Australian tax resident Shareholder for an income year are aggregated. To the extent that a net gain exists, such Shareholders should be able to reduce the net gain by any amount of unapplied net capital losses or revenue losses carried forward from previous income years (provided the relevant loss recoupment tests are satisfied) or current year revenue losses.

Any remaining net gain (after the application of any carried forward tax losses or current year revenue losses) will then be required to be included in the Australian tax resident Shareholder's assessable income and taxable at the Shareholder's applicable rate of tax.

Where a net capital loss is incurred, the loss is only deductible against capital gains and is capable of being carried forward indefinitely, provided the relevant loss recoupment tests are satisfied. The tax loss utilisation tests do not apply to carry forward capital losses of trusts.

#### CGT discount

Generally, Australian resident Shareholders that are individuals, trusts or complying superannuation funds that have held their Shares for at least 12 months at the time of their disposal should be entitled to the CGT discount in calculating the amount of capital gain on disposal of their Shares.

The CGT discount is applied after available capital losses have been offset to reduce the capital gain.

The applicable CGT discount which should reduce a capital gain arising from the disposal of Shares is as follows:

- 50% for individuals and trusts; and
- 33⅓% for a complying superannuation fund.

The CGT discount is not available for Australian resident Shareholders that are companies (or are deemed to be companies for tax purposes).

In relation to trusts, the rules surrounding capital gains and the CGT discount are complex, but the benefit of the CGT discount may flow through to relevant beneficiaries, subject to certain requirements being satisfied.

Australian tax resident investors that hold Shares on revenue account should seek separate independent professional advice.

#### Taxation of a return of capital by the Company

Where a return of capital is made by the Company, the cost base and reduced cost base of the Eligible Shareholder's New Shares for CGT purposes will be reduced by the amount of the return of capital. Any excess returned over the cost base may trigger a capital gain. The amount returned may also include a dividend component, or be deemed under taxation law to include a dividend component, which will be subject to tax as set out above.

#### 7.3 Goods and Services Tax and Stamp Duty

No Australian GST or stamp duty is payable in respect of the issue or exercise of the Entitlement Offer, nor in respect of the acquisition of New Shares under the Entitlement Offer as set out in this Offer Booklet. Eligible Shareholders may be charged GST on costs (such as third party brokerage or advisor costs) in respect of the issue or exercise of the Entitlement Offer or the acquisition of New Shares, however may not be entitled to claim full input tax credits for the GST included in such costs. Eligible Shareholders should obtain independent advice in relation to the impact of GST on their individual circumstances.

#### Information availability

Eligible Shareholders in Australia and New Zealand can obtain a copy of this information during the period of the Entitlement Offer by calling the Share Registry on 1 300 850 505 (within Australia) and +613 9415 4000 (outside Australia) between 8.30am to 5.00pm (Melbourne time) Monday to Friday during the Entitlement Offer period. A replacement Entitlement and Acceptance Form can be requested by calling the Share Registry.

# Glossary

Term	Definition
Authorised Intermediary	Ord Minnett Limited ACN 002 733 048; AFSL 237121.
Additional New Share	A New Share offered and issued under the Top Up Offer.
Applicant	An Eligible Shareholder who applies for New Shares (and if applicable, Additional New Shares) under this Offer Booklet.
Application	An application for a specified number of New Shares (and if applicable, Additional New Shares) by an Applicant under this Offer Booklet.
Application Money	Funds paid by BPAY®.
ASIC	Australian Securities and Investments Commission.
ASX	ASX Limited ACN 008 624 691 or the financial market operated by it, as the context requires.
ASX Listing Rules	The listing rules of ASX.
Board	The Directors acting as a board of the Company.
Business Day	A day on which both the ASX and major trading banks are open for trading in Sydney.
CGT	Capital Gains Tax.
Closing Date	The date on which the Entitlement Offer closes, expected to be 5.00pm (Melbourne time) on Friday, 12 November 2021.
Company or Acorn Capital	Acorn Capital Investment Fund Limited ACN 167 595 897.
Corporations Act	Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).
Directors	The directors of the Company.
Eligible Shareholder	As defined in Section 1.1 of the Entitlement Offer overview section of this Offer Booklet.
Entitlement	The number of New Shares each Eligible Shareholder is offered under the Entitlement Offer as specified on their Entitlement and Acceptance Form.
Entitlement and Acceptance Form	The personalised form attached to or accompanying this Offer Booklet.
Entitlement Offer	The non-renounceable entitlement offer to Eligible Shareholders as at the Record Date to subscribe for 1 New Share for every 4 Existing Shares at the Issue Price.

Term	Definition
Excess Amount	Any money in excess of the full amount of Application Money for an Eligible Shareholder's whole Entitlement.
Existing Shares	Shares on issue at the Record Date.
GST	Goods and Services Tax.
Investor Presentation	The investor presentation released to ASX on Wednesday, 20 October 2021 and included and forming part of this Offer Booklet.
Issue Price	The price payable for one New Share under this Offer Booklet being A\$1.60.
Listing Rule 10.11 party	A related party of the Company.
	A person who is, or was at any time in the 6 months before the issue of New Shares under this Offer Booklet, a substantial (30%+) holder in the Company.  A person who is, or was at any time in the 6 months before the issue of New Shares under this Offer Booklet, a substantial (10%+) holder in the Company and who has nominated a director to the board of the Company pursuant to a relevant agreement which gives them a right or expectation to do so.  An associate of any of the above.
Melbourne time	The legal time in Melbourne, Australia.
New Share	A Share offered and issued under this Offer Booklet, the terms and conditions of which are set out in this Offer Booklet.
Non-Eligible Foreign Shareholder	A Shareholder with an address in the Company's share register outside Australia or New Zealand unless the Company is satisfied that it is not precluded from lawfully issuing New Shares to that Shareholder either unconditionally or after compliance with conditions which the Board in its sole discretion regards as acceptable and not unduly onerous.
Offer Booklet	This document which was given to ASX on Wednesday, 3 November 2021.
Offer Period	Wednesday, 3 November 2021 to Friday, 12 November 2021 or any other date as may be determined by the Company.
Opening Date	Wednesday, 3 November 2021.
Record Date	7.00pm (Melbourne time) on Friday, 29 October 2021.
Related Body Corporate	The meaning given to that term in section 50 of the Corporations Act.
Share	A fully paid ordinary share in the capital of the Company.
Shareholder	A holder of at least one Share as recorded on the Company's share register.
Share Registry	Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited ABN 48 078 279 277.
Shortfall	New Shares offered under the Entitlement Offer for which valid Applications have not been received from Eligible Shareholders under their Entitlement on or before the Closing Date.
Subsidiary	Has the meaning given to that term in the Corporations Act.
Top Up Offer	The offer described in Section 1.4 of this Offer Booklet.
Timetable	The Entitlement Offer timetable.
US Securities Act	US Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

# **Corporate Directory**

#### **DIRECTORS**

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**Barry Fairley** 

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#### **COMPANY SECRETARY**

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#### Make your payment:



See overleaf for details of the Offer and how to make your payment

# Entitlement Offer — Entitlement and Acceptance Form

Your payment must be received by 5:00pm (Melbourne Time) Friday, 12 November 2021

This is an important document that requires your immediate attention. It can only be used in relation to the shareholding represented by the details printed overleaf. If you are in doubt about how to deal with this form, please contact your financial or other professional adviser.

#### Step 1: Registration Name & Offer Details

Details of the shareholding and entitlements for this Offer are shown overleaf.

Please check the details provided and update your address via www.investorcentre.com if any of the details are incorrect.

If you have a CHESS sponsored holding, please contact your Controlling Participant to notify a change of address.

#### Step 2: Make Your Payment

You can apply to accept either all or part of your Entitlement. If you accept your full Entitlement, you can also apply for Additional New Shares up to a maximum of 400% of your Entitlement. Enter the number of New Shares you wish to apply for and the amount of payment for those New Shares.

By making your payment you confirm that you agree to all of the terms and conditions as detailed in the Offer Booklet dated Wednesday 3 November 2021.

Turn over for details of the Offer



Acorn Capital Investment Fund Limited Entitlement Offer Payment must be received by 5:00pm (Melbourne Time) Friday, 12 November 2021

# **Entitlement and Acceptance Form**

STEP 1

# **Registration Name & Offer Details**

For your security keep your SRN/ HIN confidential.

Registration	Name:
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Entitlement No:

Offer Details:	Existing shares entitled to participate as at 5.00pm (Melbourne time), Friday, 29 October 2021:	
	Entitlement to New Shares on a 1 for 4 basis:	
	Amount payable on full acceptance at \$1.60 per New Share:	
	Maximum number of Additional New Shares you may apply for under the Top Up Facility (400% of your Entitlement):	0
	Amount payable on full acceptance of Entitlement and application for the maximum Additional New Shares:	\$0.00
STEP 2 Make Y	our Payment by 5:00pm (Melbourne Time) Friday, 12 No	vember 2021
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completed BPAY payments. It is the customer reference number  Privacy Notice The personal information you prosecurityholders, facilitating distril marketing material or include surabove or emailing privacy@com Operating Rules. We may disclowho perform functions on our be administration of your securityhocountries: Canada, India, New Z	•	ne. Eligible Shareholders should use e of maintaining registers of e us on their behalf to send you ng CIS using the details provided ct 2001 (Cth) and ASX Settlement o assist us in supplying our services of uer where related to the issuer's Australia, including in the following ding how to access and correct your
Frivacy Policy at www.computer  Detach here	share.com/au/privacy-policies.	
Acorn Capital Inv	estment Fund Limited Entitlement And Additional New S	 Shares
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Entitlement taken up:		
Number of additional New Shares applied for:	N	
Amount enclosed at \$1.6	0 per <b>A.S</b>	



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Wednesday, 3 November 2021

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Dear Shareholder

#### Acorn Capital Investment Fund Limited Entitlement Offer – Notification to ineligible shareholders

On Wednesday, 20 October 2021, Acorn Capital Investment Fund Limited ACN 167 595 897 (ASX: ACQ) (ACQ) announced a non-renounceable pro rata entitlement offer to eligible shareholders of ACQ to subscribe for 1 new fully paid ordinary share in ACQ (New Share) for every 4 existing fully paid ordinary shares in ACQ (Share) held as at 7.00 pm (Melbourne, Australia time) on the record date (being, Friday, 29 October 2021) (Record Date) (Entitlement) at an issue price of \$1.60 per New Share (Issue Price) to raise up to \$27.1 million (Entitlement Offer). The Entitlement Offer will not be underwritten.

The Offer is being made by ACQ in accordance with section 708AA of the Corporations Act 2001 (Corporations Act) as modified by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Corporations (Non-Traditional Rights Issues) Instrument 2016/84 and ASIC Corporations (Disregarding Technical Relief) Instrument 2016/73).

Documents relating to the Entitlement Offer were lodged with the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) today and are being mailed to Eligible Shareholders.

This letter has been sent to you to inform you about the Entitlement Offer and to explain why you will not be able to subscribe for New Shares under the Entitlement Offer. This letter is not an offer to issue New Shares to you, nor an invitation for you to apply for New Shares. You are not required to do anything in response to this letter but there may be financial implications for you as a result of the Offer that you should be aware of.

#### **Details of the Entitlement Offer**

The Entitlement Offer is being made to Eligible Shareholders on the basis of 1 New Share for every 4 existing Shares held at 7.00 pm (Melbourne, Australia time) on the Record Date, being Friday, 29 October 2021.

#### Eligibility criteria

ACQ has determined, pursuant to section 9A(3) of the Corporations Act and Listing Rule 7.7.1(a) of the ASX Listing Rules, that it would be unreasonable to make offers to ACQ shareholders in all countries in connection with the Entitlement Offer. Accordingly, in compliance with section 9A(3) of the Corporations Act and ASX Listing Rule 7.7.1(b), ACQ wishes to inform you that it will not be extending the Entitlement Offer to you and you will not be able to subscribe for New Shares under the Entitlement Offer.

Shareholders who are eligible to participate in the Entitlement Offer (**Eligible Shareholders**) are those shareholders of ACQ who:

- (a) are registered as a holder of Shares as at the Record Date, being 7.00pm (Melbourne, Australia time) on Friday, 29 October 2021;
- (b) have a registered address on ACQ's share register that is in Australia or New Zealand;
- (c) are not in the United States and are not acting for the account or benefit of a person in the United States (to the extent such shareholders hold securities in ACQ for the account or benefit of such persons in the United States); and
- (d) other than those holders of Shares who have an address in Australia or New Zealand on ACQ's share register, are eligible under all applicable laws to receive an offer under the Entitlement Offer without a prospectus, disclosure document, product disclosure statement or any lodgement, filing, registration or qualification.

Shareholders who are not Eligible Shareholders are ineligible shareholders and are consequently unable to participate in the Entitlement Offer.

#### Non-renounceable offer

As the Entitlement Offer is non-renounceable, entitlements in respect of the New Shares you would have been entitled to if you were an Eligible Shareholder will lapse and you will not receive any payment or value for your entitlements in respect of any New Shares that would have been offered to you if you had been eligible. New Shares equivalent to the number of New Shares you would have been entitled to if you were an Eligible Shareholder may be allocated to other Eligible Shareholders who subscribe for New Shares in excess of their entitlement under the Entitlement Offer.

#### **Further information**

If you have any questions in relation to any of the above matters, please contact the Matthew Sheehan, Company Secretary.

On behalf of the Board and management of ACQ, thank you for your continued interest in ACQ.

Yours sincerely

#### Matthew Sheehan Company Secretary Acorn Capital Investment Fund Limited

This letter is not a prospectus or offering document under Australian law or under any other law. No action has been or will be taken to register, qualify or otherwise permit a public offering of the New Shares in any jurisdiction outside Australia and New Zealand. This letter is for information purposes only and does not constitute or form part of an offer, invitation, solicitation, advice or recommendation with respect to the issue, purchase or sale of any New Shares in ACQ.

This notice does not constitute an offer to sell, or the solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities in the United States. Neither the entitlements nor the New Shares have been or will be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 (the **Securities Act**) or the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States. Accordingly, the Entitlements may not be taken up by, and the New Shares may not be offered or sold in the United States or to any person acting for the account or benefit of a person in the United States unless they are registered under the Securities Act or unless they are offered or sold pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act and any applicable U.S. state securities laws. The New Shares to be offered and sold in the Entitlement Offer may only be offered and sold outside the United States in "offshore transactions" (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act) in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act.

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