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27 September 2019
RECOMMENDED CASH ACQUISITION

of

ATRIUM EUROPEAN REAL ESTATE LIMITED

by

NB (2019) B.V.

(an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of
Gazit-Globe Limited)

to be implemented by means of a scheme of
arrangement under Article 125 of the Companies
Law

Publication of the Scheme Document

On 23 July 2019, the Independent Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Independent Committee") of Atrium European Real Estate Limited (VSE/Euronext: ATRS) ("Atrium" or the "Company") announced that they had reached an agreement with the board of directors of Nb (2019) B.V. ("Bidco"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Gazit-Globe Ltd ("Gazit"), on the terms and conditions of a recommended cash acquisition (the "Acquisition") by Bidco of the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Atrium that is not already owned directly or indirectly by Gazit or its subsidiaries.

Atrium and Gazit are pleased to announce that Atrium has today published a circular in relation to the Acquisition (the "Scheme Document"). The Scheme Document is available, subject to certain restrictions relating to persons in Restricted Jurisdictions, on Atrium's website at <https://www.aere.com> [<https://www.aere.com/>] and on Gazit's website at <http://www.gazitglobe.com> [<http://www.gazitglobe.com/>]. A German translation of the Scheme Document will be made available later today on Atrium's website.

The Scheme Document, together with associated Forms of Proxy for the Court Meeting and the General Meeting, will be sent to registered holders of Atrium Shares today. The Scheme Document, together with associated Forms of Instructions for the Court Meeting and the General Meeting, will be distributed by Euroclear to the account holding banks and brokers (via an intermediary of Euroclear), with the instruction to the account holding banks and brokers to provide the Scheme Document and the associated Forms of Instructions to persons holding interests in Scheme Shares through such account holding banks or brokers. The Scheme Document sets out, among other things, a letter from the

Chairman of the Independent Committee, the full terms and conditions of the Scheme, the expected timetable of principal events, an explanatory statement, notices of the Court Meeting and the General Meeting and details of the actions to be taken by Atrium Shareholders.

Save as otherwise defined, capitalised terms used but not defined in this press announcement shall have the meaning given to them in the Scheme Document.

Recommendation of the Independent Committee

Having taken into account the advice received, the Independent Committee continues to unanimously recommend that Atrium Shareholders vote in favour of the Scheme. The Independent Committee has received a fairness opinion letter from UBS AG London Branch ("UBS") as to the financial terms of the Acquisition, subject to the terms and conditions set out therein.

In addition, Atrium and Bidco have entered into an implementation agreement, which sets out the terms of the Acquisition, including a number of provisions that aim to protect the Independent Scheme Shareholders.

First, the implementation agreement provides for a seven week 'go-shop exercise', which ended on 10 September 2019. Despite engaging with more than 35 potential purchasers, Atrium did not receive any Superior Proposals.

Second, the Acquisition is structured as a court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Jersey law, which means that the Acquisition can only succeed if approved by a majority in number of the Independent Scheme Shareholders, present and voting at the Court Meeting, whether in person or by proxy, representing not less than 75% of the total voting rights voted at the Court Meeting.

Finally, a majority of the Board of Directors of Atrium is expected to remain independent until such time as the Acquisition is completed, which is expected to occur in January 2020.

Furthermore, the Independent Committee notes that:

- * the Consideration Amount represented a premium of 18.3% and 18.0% to both the closing price of 22 July 2019 (EUR3.17) and the volume-weighted average price of EUR3.18 for each Atrium Share for the one-month period ended on that same date;

- * the terms of the Acquisition provide a vehicle for Atrium Shareholders to monetise their Atrium Shares without suffering an illiquidity discount;

- * the Consideration Amount reflects a premium to Atrium's peers^[1] [https://easy.euroadhoc.com/#_ftn1] on various key cash flow metrics^[2] [https://easy.euroadhoc.com/#_ftn2] i.e. c.7.9% 2019 Estimated offer implied FFO yield vs. peer average of c.9.9% and c.7.3% 2019 Estimated offer implied dividend yield vs. peer average of c.8.6%; and

- * peers¹ are currently trading on average at a 31% discount to EPRA NAV so the Gazit offer, which is in cash and without financing or regulatory conditions attached to it, is an attractive opportunity for minority shareholders to exit in full at an implied 26% discount to EPRA NAV.

Action required

As further described in the Scheme Document, in order for the Scheme to become Effective, the Scheme must be approved by a majority in number of the Independent Scheme Shareholders, present and voting at the Court Meeting, whether in person or by proxy, representing not less than 75% of the total voting rights voted at the Court Meeting. The Scheme must also be sanctioned by the Royal Court of Jersey (the "Court"). In addition, Atrium Shareholders representing at least two thirds of the votes cast at the General Meeting in person or by proxy need to vote in favour of the Resolution at the General Meeting.

The Court Meeting and the General Meeting to approve the Scheme (and the steps contemplated by the Scheme) are scheduled to be held at 10.00 a.m. and 10.30

a.m. (or as soon thereafter as the Court Meeting has concluded or been adjourned), respectively, on 25 October 2019 at the offices of Aztec Financial Services (Jersey) Limited at 11-15 Seaton Place St Helier JE4 0QH.

Accompanying the Scheme Document, registered holders of Atrium Shares will find two Forms of Proxy, for the Court Meeting and General Meeting respectively. The Forms of Instruction will be provided by Euroclear to the account holding banks and brokers (via an intermediary of Euroclear) with an instruction to provide the Forms of Instruction to persons holding interests in Scheme Shares through such account holding banks or brokers. The Form of Instruction titled "Form A1 - Scheme Court Meeting on 25 October 2019" and the Form of Proxy titled "Form A2 - Scheme Court Meeting on 25 October 2019" are to be used in connection with the Court Meeting. The Form of Instruction titled "Form B1 - Extraordinary General Meeting" and the Form of Proxy titled "Form B2 - Extraordinary General Meeting" are to be used in connection with the General Meeting. Both Forms of Instruction (A1 and B1) and both Forms of Proxy (A2 and B2) are available on Atrium's website at <https://www.aere.com/pressreleases.aspx>. The deadlines for submitting the Forms of Instruction and the Forms of Proxy for the Court Meeting and the General Meeting are set out below.

It is important that as many votes as possible are cast, in particular during the Court Meeting, so that the Court may be satisfied that there is a fair and reasonable representation of the Independent Scheme Shareholders opinion. Independent Scheme Shareholders and persons holding interests in Scheme Shares through Euroclear are, therefore, strongly urged to complete, sign and return the Forms of Instruction (A1 and B1) or the Forms of Proxy (A2 and B2) (as applicable) in accordance with the notes contained therein.

The expected timetable of principal events for the implementation of the Scheme is set out below. All references in this document to times are to London time unless otherwise stated. The dates and times given are indicative only and are based on Atrium's current expectations and may be subject to change (including as a result of changes to the regulatory timetable). If any of the expected times and/or dates above change, the revised times and/or dates will be notified to Atrium Shareholders by announcement through a Regulatory Information Service.

Expected timetable of principal events

Event	Time and/or date
Voting Record Time for the Court Meeting and the General Meeting	6.00 p.m. on 23 October 2019(1)
Latest time for lodging Forms of Instruction by persons holding an interest in Atrium Shares through Euroclear for the:	
Court Meeting (Form A1)	10.00 a.m. on 21 October 2019(2)
General Meeting (Form B1)	10.30 a.m. on 21 October 2019(3)
Latest time for lodging Forms of Proxy by Atrium Shareholders for the:	
Court Meeting (Form A2)	10.00 a.m. on 23 October 2019(4)
General Meeting (Form B2)	10.30 a.m. on 23 October 2019(5)
Court Meeting	10.00 a.m. on 25 October 2019
General Meeting	10.30 a.m. on 25 October 2019(6)
The following dates are indicative only and are subject to change:(7)	
Court Hearing	5 November 2019(8)
Special Dividend Record Time	November 2019 (9)
Special Dividend Payment Date	November 2019(9)
Last day of dealings in Atrium Shares	2 January 2020
Dealing in Atrium Shares suspended in Amsterdam	By 8.00 a.m. on 3 January 2020(10)
Dealing in Atrium Shares suspended in Vienna	By 8.00 a.m. on 3 January 2020(10)
Scheme Record Time	6.00 p.m. on 7 January 2020
Effective Date of the Scheme	8 January 2020
De-listing of Atrium Shares in Amsterdam and Vienna	By 8.00 a.m. on 9 January 2020

Despatch of Cash Consideration Amount
due under the Scheme
Long Stop Date

By 22 January 2020
23 April 2020(11)

Notes:

- (1) If either the Court Meeting or the General Meeting is adjourned, the Voting Record Time for the relevant adjourned meeting will be 6.00 p.m. on the day which is two Business Days before the date of the adjourned meeting.
- (2) It is requested that Forms of Instruction for the Court Meeting (Form A1) be lodged not later than 10.00 a.m. on 21 October 2019 (or in the case of an adjourned meeting, not less than 96 hours before the time set for an adjourned meeting, excluding any part of a day that is not a working day in Jersey).
- (3) It is requested that Forms of Instruction for the General Meeting (Form B1) be lodged not later than 10.30 a.m. on 21 October 2019 (or in the case of an adjourned meeting, not less than 96 hours before the time set for an adjourned meeting, excluding any part of a day that is not a working day in Jersey).
- (4) It is requested that Forms of Proxy for the Court Meeting (Form A2) be lodged not later than 10.00 a.m. on 23 October 2019 (or in the case of an adjourned meeting, not less than 48 hours before the time set for an adjourned meeting, excluding any part of a day that is not a working day in Jersey).
- (5) Forms of Proxy for the General Meeting (Form B2) must be lodged not later than 10.30 a.m. on 23 October 2019 (or in the case of an adjourned meeting, not less than 48 hours before the time set for an adjourned meeting, excluding any part of a day that is not a working day in Jersey).
- (6) Or as soon as the Court Meeting shall have concluded or been adjourned.
- (7) These dates are indicative only and will depend, among other things, on the date upon which: (i) the Conditions are satisfied or (if capable of waiver) waived; (ii) the Court sanctions the Scheme; and (iii) the Scheme Court Order is delivered to the Registrar of Companies.
- (8) The Court Hearing to sanction the Scheme is expected to be held on or after satisfaction, or, where applicable, waiver of Conditions 1.2(a), 1.2(b) and 1.2(d) to 1.2(g) (inclusive), as set out in Part Three (Conditions and further terms to the Implementation of the Scheme and to the Acquisition) of the Scheme Document. Atrium will give adequate notice of the date and time of the Court Hearing, once known, by issuing an announcement through a Regulatory Information Service.
- (9) These dates are subject to change. However, the Special Dividend Record Time and Special Dividend Payment Date will be confirmed as soon as reasonably practicable following the Court Hearing and, assuming the Court sanctions the Scheme, by issuing an announcement through a Regulatory Information Service.
- (10) There is a gap between the suspension dates and the Scheme Record Time to allow for trades made on the last day of dealing in interests in Atrium Shares held through Euroclear to settle.
- (11) This is the latest date by which the Scheme may become Effective unless Bidco and Atrium agree (and, if required, the Court permits) a later date.

If you have any questions about the Scheme Document, the Court Meeting or the General Meeting, please refer to the FAQs which are available on Atrium's website (<https://www.aere.com/pressreleases.aspx> [<https://www.aere.com/pressreleases.aspx>]). If you have any questions on how to complete the Forms of Proxy or the Forms of Instruction, please refer to Atrium's website.

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Neither the SEC nor any US state securities commission has approved or disapproved any offer, or passed comment upon the adequacy or accuracy of this document. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the US.

It may be difficult for US Holders of Atrium Shares to enforce their rights and any claim arising out of the US federal securities laws, since Atrium and Bidco are each located in a non-US jurisdiction, and some or all of their officers and directors are residents of non-US jurisdictions. US Holders of Atrium Shares may not be able to sue a non-US company or its officers or directors in a non-US court for violations of US securities laws. Further, it may be difficult to compel a non-US company and its affiliates to subject themselves to a US court's judgement.

The settlement procedure with respect to the Acquisition will be consistent with Jersey practice, which differs from US domestic tender offer procedures in certain material respects, particularly with regard to the date of payment.

The receipt of cash pursuant to the Scheme by a US Holder of Atrium Shares as consideration for the cancellation of its Atrium Shares pursuant to the terms of the Scheme is a taxable transaction for US federal income tax purposes and under applicable US state and local tax laws, as well as foreign and other tax laws.

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This document (including information incorporated by reference in this document), oral statements made regarding the Acquisition, and other information published by Bidco, Gazit and Atrium contain statements which are, or may be deemed to be, "forward-looking statements". Forward-looking statements are prospective in nature and are not based on historical facts, but rather on current expectations and projections of the management of Bidco, Gazit and Atrium about future events, and are therefore subject to risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from the future results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements.

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[1] [https://easy.euroadhoc.com/#_ftnref1] Atrium peer group includes Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield, Klépierre, NEPI Rockcastle, Deutsche EuroShop, Eurocommercial, Citycon, Wereldhave, Mercialis, EPP, Hammerson

[2] [https://easy.euroadhoc.com/#_ftnref2] Calculation based on broker consensus

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