

– ASX Announcement –

**Market Up-Date**

Directors are happy to report that the values of London City's Investment Portfolio have improved markedly in recent months. This is due to the combination of both resilient worldwide stock-market conditions and solid share price performances of our two key portfolio holdings.

**The Investment Portfolio – Market Value Surplus has risen by \$4 million**

While the All-Ordinaries Index has shown a growth of 9.1% since the start of the calendar year, the Investment Portfolio of London City has appreciated \$3.8 million over the same period. Adjusting for reinvested dividend income since 31 December for comparative purposes, the London City Portfolio has shown a growth in value of 18.1% over the four months – well ahead of the key market index. Following the receipt of near record interim dividends the portfolio presently stands at \$24.0 million.

**The Key Investments – Fiducian and Excelsior**

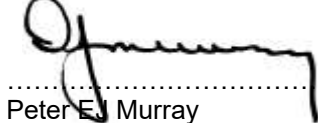
**Fiducian Group** (7% owned), had a good half year and the Interim Dividend paid in March was 48% higher than the previous year's interim payout. This cash flow input has been excellent for London City. Clearly the improvement in worldwide stock-market conditions have been a key factor in the enhancement of conditions in the wealth management and platform service industry. Our projections for Fiducian continue to be comfortable going ahead.

**Excelsior Capital** (8% owned by London City directly in an associated group shareholding of 13%) has risen some 10% since 1 January. The company is presently highly liquid with some \$120 million in near cash funds and \$32 million in franking credits held on behalf of shareholders. For a range of reasons Directors of London City believe Excelsior Capital should be liquidated and these funds returned to shareholders in a tax effective manner. An application in support of this was lodged and served by London City in the Federal Court of Australia a week ago. Directors are pleased to see that their liquidation approach was strongly endorsed by over 63% of the minority shareholders in Excelsior at a shareholder meeting last Monday. (Unfortunately, the liquidation resolution failed due to the counter vote of the 51.3% majority Director shareholder.)

**Balance Sheet - Net Worth now estimated at 71 cents a share**

London City is fortunate to hold a unique Investment portfolio of two interesting strategic holdings and a Balance Sheet with no borrowings. Despite some likely legal outlays over the next six months and possible volatility in our investment stocks, London City's status and net worth are at quite comfortable levels. Directors presently estimate that London City's unaudited Net Worth is in the order of 71 Cents per share.

For and on behalf of Directors



Peter E. Murray  
Chairman of Directors

3 May 2024

