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### **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

23 November 2021

### 2021 Annual General Meeting - Presentation

Link Administration Holdings Limited (ASX: LNK) will hold its Annual General Meeting (**AGM**) at 11:30am (AEDT) today. Attached is a copy of the presentation to be shown at the AGM.

The release of this announcement was authorised by Sarah Turner, General Counsel & Company Secretary.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

23 November 2021



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Forward-looking statements are statements about matters that are not historical facts. Forward-looking statements appear in a number of places in this presentation and include statements regarding Link Group's intent, belief or current expectations with respect to business and operations, market conditions, results of operations and financial condition, including, without limitation, future loan loss provisions, financial support to certain borrowers, indicative drivers, forecasted economic indicators and performance metric outcomes.

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## **01** Welcome from the Chair

Michael Carapiet

## TODAY'S AGENDA



### **TOPIC**

Chair's Address

CEO & Managing Director's Address

Meeting Formalities

Consideration of Reports and Questions

Resolutions



## YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS





Michael Carapiet
Independent Chair



Vivek Bhatia
Executive Director,
CEO & Managing Director



**Glen Boreham**Non Executive Director



Andrew (Andy) Green
Non Executive Director



Peeyush Gupta
Non Executive Director



Anne McDonald

Non Executive Director



Sally Pitkin

Non Executive Director



Fiona Trafford-Walker
Non Executive Director

INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY FOR SHAREHOLDERS

Delivering online meetings to support clients

Link Group's online meeting platform enables companies to hold virtual and hybrid meetings

Shareholders and proxyholders can participate virtually in meetings lodge votes and/or ask questions remotely

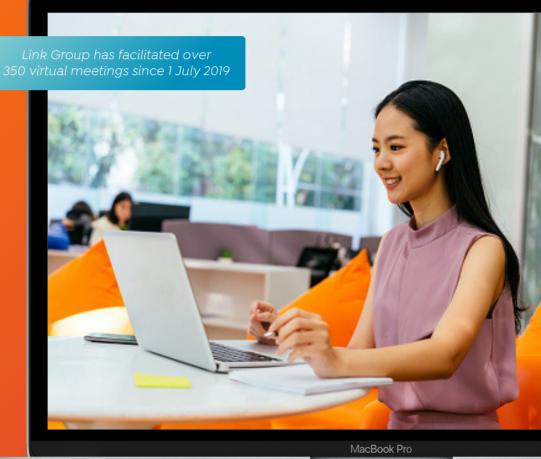
Hybrid: Physical and online component



Virtual: Real-time online meeting

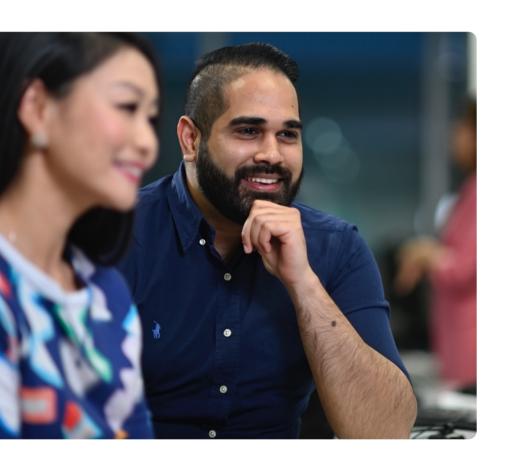
Link Group facilitates hundreds of webcasts and conference calls annually for half & full year results, AGMs, investor updates

With Covid-19 lockdowns, social distancing and travel restrictions, shareholders, directors and auditors can participate via video or phone from any location globally





## REFLECTING ON FY2021 – A YEAR OF CHALLENGE AND CHANGE



Although still dominated by COVID-19, Link Group's leadership team and staff have done an extraordinary job to adapt and evolve how we work

- Safety and wellbeing of our people globally remained a key priority
- Continued providing timely and reliable service to all our clients
- High levels of recurring revenue at 85% and strong free cash flows
- Diversity of our revenues and strong capital and cash conversion has provided resilience

The creation of long-term, sustainable shareholder value remains of paramount importance for Link Group

# BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE, CARING

# AND INCLUSIVE ORGANISATION



### **Environmental**



### Climate Targets:

- Reduce absolute scope 2 emissions by 10% by FY2023
- Reduce absolute scope 2 emissions by 30% by FY2025
- Net zero by FY2030



Diversity. Inclusion & Wellbeing

- Achieved 40:40:20 Gender Equity
- Continued focus on health & safety of our people



FlexTogether blended working rollout



6 national community partners across 4 key regions

#### Governance

Achieved 'Leading' ESG Rating from Australian Council of Superannuation Investors (ACSI)



Founding member

5,000+

people covered under ISO27001:2013 information security certification ~90% global coverage



## Wellness



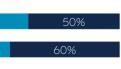
82% say their manager cares about their wellbeing

4000+ recognition moments

Over 27% of people recognised in 4 months

2000+ programs

### Gender Equity Balance<sup>1</sup>



■Women ■Men

All Employees

Senior Executives



1. As at 1 November 2021

## **DELIVERING SHAREHOLDER RETURNS**



## Strong fundamentals



A sustainable business with strong operating cashflows, high levels of recurring revenue and geographic diversification



Solid capital and cash conversion performance in FY2021 demonstrates resilience of the business during COVID-19 pandemic



Highly competitive proprietary technology focused on innovation and strong user experience

## These have enabled the Board to realise value to our shareholders:

### Dividend

- Total dividend of 10.0 cents per share returned to shareholders for FY2021 (FY20 10.0 cents)
- Dividend maintained through COVID-19 supported by business resilience, recurring revenues and strong cashflow conversion

## On-market share buyback

- Approximately two thirds of the on-market completed (\$102 million or 23 million shares)<sup>1</sup>
- Issued share capital reduced 4.3%, delivering proforma
   Operating EPS accretion of 3.3%

### PEXA

- PEXA IPO has generated a transparent look through value
- \$180 million of net proceeds received from PEXA IPO, strengthening our balance sheet and underpinning capital management initiatives
- The Board undertook a strategic review of Link Group's investment in PEXA and have decided to progress an in-specie distribution to shareholders of at least 80% of Link Group's PEXA shares by mid 2022

Shares purchased under announced on-market as at 4 November 2021.
 The on-market buyback program was immediately suspended following receipt of the proposal from Carlyle.

## **UPDATE ON PROPOSALS**



## Carlyle proposal for Link Group

- Conditional, non-binding indicative proposal from Carlyle Asia Partners V, L.P., an investment fund managed and advised by affiliated entities of The Carlyle Group Inc. (Carlyle) received 4 November 2021. The consideration under the Proposal comprises \$3.00 per Link Group share in cash plus a pro rata distribution of Link Group's shareholding in PEXA Group Limited (ASX: PXA) to Link Group's shareholders
- The Board has provided Carlyle with due diligence information so that it can develop a revised proposal that may be capable of being recommended to shareholders

## PES syndicate proposal for BCM

- Conditional, non-binding, indicative proposal received on 12 November 2021 from a syndicate led by
  Pepper European Servicing (PES) to acquire the Banking & Credit Management business. It is proposed that the syndicate acquire BCM for
  up to €55m (AU\$86.5m) with PES acquiring the non-Irish businesses for €25m plus a deferred payment of €15m over three years on
  reaching certain targets, and the other member of the syndicate the Irish business for €15m
- The Board had provided the syndicate with access to due diligence information

## LCFH proposal for BCM

- Unsolicited, conditional, non-binding indicative proposal received on 22 November 2021 from LC Financial Holdings (LCFH) to acquire the Banking & Credit Management business for an upfront payment of €50m plus a deferred payment of €15m payable upon achievement of certain targets over a period of time
- The Board has granted LCFH with due diligence access and will consider the proposal in compliance with its fiduciary and statutory obligations



## **02** CEO & Managing Director's Address

Vivek Bhatia

## **EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM**

#### **GLOBAL BUSINESS UNITS**



Vivek Bhatia
Chief Executive Officer &
Managing Director



Dee McGrath
CEO, Retirement &
Superannuation Solutions



Paul Gardiner
CEO, Corporate Markets



Chris Addenbrooke
CEO, Fund Solutions



Antoinette Dunne CEO, Banking & Credit Management

#### **GLOBAL FUNCTIONS**



Andrew MacLachlar Chief Financial Officer



Sarah Turner
General Counsel &
Company Secretary



Wendy Phillis
Chief Risk Officer



Michael Rosmarin
Chief People & Group
Services Officer



Nicole Pelchen
Chief Technology Officer

# FY 2021: DOING WHAT WE SAID WE WOULD DO



## Simplify

- See through valuation of PEXA obtained through the IPO
- Business unit realignment and simplified financial reporting, for improved accountability and transparency
- Link Market Services (South Africa) divestment completed
- Withdrew from the acquisition of Pepper European Servicing (PES)<sup>1</sup>

### Deliver

- Secured all major RSS client renewals
- On market buyback program (\$102m spent of up to \$150.0 million representing 4.3% of issued capital)
- Delivered 10.0 cps total full year dividend (82% franked)
- \$42.5 million of gross annualised savings delivered from Global Transformation to 30 June 2021. Program remains on track
- Launched innovative technology solutions for clients in challenging environment (e.g. ERS response and virtual AGMs)
- Improved FY21 cash conversion to 114%

### Grow

- Increased cross sell & broadening of services provided to clients (e.g. Hostplus Service Excellence Centre, virtual AGMs)
- Expansion into new markets Fund Solutions in Luxemburg, the largest European investor fund centre and RSS in the growing UK pension market



<sup>1.</sup> Refers to Link Group's announced withdrawal in January 2021. Link Group remains engaged with the syndicate led by Pepper European Servicing in relation to the non-binding, indicative proposal received on 12 November 2021 to acquire the Banking & Credit management business of Link Group



# FY2021: KEY FINANCIALS PERFORMANCE IN LINE WITH EXPECTATIONS

**REVENUE** 

\$**1,160**m

FY 2020 \$1,230m

OPERATING EBIT<sup>1</sup>

\$141m

FY 2020 \$180m

OPERATING NPATA<sup>1,2</sup>

\$113m

FY 2020 \$138m

Statutory NPAT<sup>3</sup>

**\$(163)**m

FY 2020 \$(103)M

**NET OPERATING CASH FLOW**<sup>1</sup>

\$**293**m

**CASH CONVERSION 114%** 

**NET DEBT** 

\$**455**m

FY 2020 \$750m

**FY 2021 TOTAL DIVIDEND** 

cents per share

FY 2020 10.0 cps

ON MARKET BUYBACK

Up to \$150m

~5% of issued capital

<sup>1.</sup> Operating EBITDA, Operating EBIT, Operating NPATA, and Net Operating Cash Flow exclude Significant Items. See Appendix 1 for a reconciliation of Non-IFRS measures and definitions for non-IFRS measures. Non-IFRS measures have not been audited or reviewed in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

<sup>2.</sup> Link Group earnings have been restated as a result of revised tax accounting within PEXA resulting in a \$9.4 million reduction to FY 2021 Operating NPATA (FY 2020: \$6.4 million). Refer to reconciliation in Appendix 1.

<sup>3.</sup> Statutory NPAT includes a non-cash impairment charge of \$182.8 million related to the BCM business.



# WELL POSITIONED TO DELIVER SUSTAINABLE MEDIUM TERM GROWTH

# Strong fundamentals and delivering on our strategy...

Long term relationships, large global and diversified client base



Market leading products and platforms across a diversified geographies



## ...positions us well for medium term growth

Growth in equities markets driving investment flows and shareholder numbers



Capitalise on macro tailwinds of consolidation, increased cost & regulatory pressures in super/pensions



High levels of Recurring
Revenue, strong cash
conversion and robust
balance sheet

Global Transformation program on track to meet targets



Extend our market position to take core products into new geographies



Expand our technology enabled solutions to help clients accelerate and enhance end-user experiences



Key milestones
achieved on our
strategy – a simplified
business primed to
benefit from
improving market
conditions

Highly competitive proprietary technology focussed on innovation and strong user experience



Leveraging our Corporate
Markets position in the
listed sector to the
significant opportunity in
unlisted sector

Building a sustainable and responsible business, focused on financial health, ESG and our people







## FY22 YEAR TO DATE TRADING UPDATE

Business is performing above expectations driven by positive macro tailwinds

### Above expectations

- Strong contractual growth in RSS underpinned by continued member growth
- 400k+ members by June 2022 from fund consolidation activity (3 additional mergers developing)
- Elevated asset markets driving stronger revenues in LES
- Strong conversion of IPO pipeline and improved capital market activity for CM

## In line with expectations

- Global transformation on target to achieve \$75 million of annualised savings by June 2022
- Luxembourg acquisition completed and integration underway
- On-market share buy back (\$102 million spent representing 23 million shares or 4.3% of issued capital)
- Outcome on Woodford investigation expected to be known in FY2022

### **Below expectations**

- × NPL activity remains subdued
- X Tighter labour market putting pressure on staff costs



## GUIDANCE AFFIRMED WITH POSITIVE OUTLOOK

Strong start to FY22 reinforces management conviction in achieving guidance

# Macro tail winds underpinning growth

- ✓ RSS benefiting from fund consolidation, member growth and pipeline opportunities
- CM benefiting from leadership positions, integrated service offering and positive market fundamentals
- ✓ Improving macro conditions in UK/Europe supporting revenue growth in FS
- Margin improvement through continued investment in technology and transformation activities.

FY2022

Guidance

Low single digit revenue growth.

Investment in technology and people to drive growth and will result in Operating EBIT broadly in line with FY2021.

FY2023

Guidance

Focused technology investment and macro tailwinds expected to deliver stronger revenue growth relative to FY2022.

Operational leverage delivering EBIT growth.

### Key assumptions in FY22 guidance

- Global Transformation achieves gross annualised savings of \$75 million by June 2022
- Economic conditions and financial markets remain at current levels
- Interest rates remain at current levels
- PEXA achieves prospectus forecast



# **03** Meeting Formalities

Michael Carapiet



## **04** Consideration of Reports and Questions



## Resolutions



## Re-election of Director - Glen Boreham, AM



To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following as an ordinary resolution of the Company:

"That Glen Boreham, who retires by rotation in accordance with clause 15.6 of the Company's Constitution and being eligible for re-election, be re-elected as a Director of the Company."





## Re-election of Director - Glen Boreham, AM

### Proxy and Direct Votes (Combined)

247,624,698 89.43%

20,158,782 7.28%

9,104,236 3.29%



## Re-election of Director - Andrew Green, CBE



To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following as an ordinary resolution of the Company:

"That Andrew Green, who retires by rotation in accordance with clause 15.6 of the Company's Constitution and being eligible for re-election, be re-elected as a Director of the Company."





## Re-election of Director - Andrew Green, CBE

Proxy and Direct Votes (Combined)

262,581,321 94.83%

5,201,939 1.88%

9,104,456 3.29%



### Re-election of Director - Fiona Trafford-Walker



To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following as an ordinary resolution of the Company:

"That Fiona Trafford-Walker, who retires by rotation in accordance with clause 15.6 of the Company's Constitution and being eligible for re-election, be re-elected as a Director of the Company."





## Re-election of Director - Fiona Trafford-Walker

### Proxy and Direct Votes (Combined)

257,452,784 92.95%

10,434,420 3.77%

9,100,512 3.29%



## Remuneration Report

To consider and if thought fit, pass the following as an advisory resolution of the Company:

"That the Link Group Remuneration Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 be adopted."



## Remuneration Report

Proxy and Direct Votes (Combined)

92,665,056 33.55%

174,503,076 63.17%

9,062,468 3.28%



Approval of CEO & Managing Director's Participation in the Link Group Omnibus Equity Plan

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following as an ordinary resolution of the Company:

"That, for the purposes of ASX Listing Rule 10.14 and for all other purposes, the issue of 469,368 Performance Share Rights to Vivek Bhatia, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, under the Link Group Omnibus Equity Plan on the terms described in the Explanatory Memorandum accompanying the Notice of Meeting, be approved."





Approval of CEO & Managing Director's Participation in the Link Group Omnibus Equity Plan

Proxy and Direct Votes (Combined)

257,315,603 93.57%

8,610,881 3.13%

9,080,075 3.30%



Reinsertion of Proportional Takeover
Provisions in the Constitution

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following as an ordinary resolution of the Company:

"That the Company's Constitution be amended by reinserting the proportional takeover provisions in clause 27 of the Constitution, to operate for a period of three years commencing from the date of this Annual General Meeting."





Reinsertion of Proportional Takeover Provisions in the Constitution

Proxy and Direct Votes (Combined)

258,417,291 94.77% 5,134,573 1.88%

9,114,380 3.34%



# 06 Closing

Questions and thank you