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CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS 2016 AGM

Good morning ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the Pacific Current 2016 Annual General Meeting. My name is Mike Fitzpatrick, Chairman of Pacific Current Group.

The 2016 financial year has been a period of substantial change for our Company as we continued to focus on our restructuring efforts, which are designed to simplify and refocus the PAC Group business.

I recognise that this has been a difficult period for our shareholders and on behalf of the Board, I want to thank you for your continued support and patience during this time.

In terms of the changes that have occurred during the year, some were actively pursued and others were changes that we addressed reactively.

Active changes include the significant cost reductions made throughout our business. We also made meaningful changes to our portfolio of boutiques in order to reposition our portfolio towards sunrise investments. This included the divestment of businesses where the price we have been offered is in excess of our view of value and those businesses that are not expected to make a material contribution to performance of the group in the near term.

In terms of reactive changes during the year, we have dealt with the consequences of the underperformance of one of our key boutiques, Seizert Capital Partners. Unfortunately, the loss of assets at Seizert offset much of the positive performance across our broader portfolio and resulted in some one-off costs that had a negative impact on our full year result.

This year also saw changes of key personnel at both the Board and Executive levels. In April, our Chief Executive Officer, Tim Carver, resigned from his position and subsequently joined GQG Partners, a US-based investment manager that Aurora bought a stake in this year, as its CEO.

More recently, Tim decided to step down as a Director of Pacific Current. We thank Tim for his service to PAC as a Director and as CEO until April this year, and for his contribution to Northern Lights prior to the merger. We wish Tim all the best in his endeavours and look forward to continuing to work with him in his capacity as CEO of GQG Partners.

We also appointed Tony Robinson as an independent Non-Executive Director in August 2015, replacing Andrew McGill. Tony was subsequently appointed as an Executive Director of the Group and joined our new Executive Team.

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The new Executive Team also includes President North America and Global CIO, Paul Greenwood, and Australian Chief Operating Officer, Joseph Ferragina. I would also like to note that Joe has also stepped down from the Board and I would like to thank him for his contribution in his role as a Director.

This team has worked very hard over the year on changes to staffing, the portfolio structure, carrying values and the reduction of material costs within the business together with significant work identifying the appropriate steps to simplify the structure. Discussion on the simplification has near reached a point where we are confident we will reach a conclusion over the few months.

The Board previously indicated that it had commenced the search for a new CEO but given our progress on the simplification the Board have put this on hold pending finalisation of that restructuring.

I am confident that in the interim, this team has the right skills and experience to continue to oversee the necessary changes and restructuring efforts and addressing the other needs of the business in order to begin rebuilding shareholder value.

Over financial year 2017, we will focus on reducing our costs further, maximising our cash flows – primarily through organic growth - and continuing to pursue the simplification of our business structure and optimising our portfolio and balance sheet.

PAC has a proud history of making solid, profitable investments and we believe the recent history has been an aberration, with recent investments in GQG and Aperio illustrating our revitalised investment processes. The Board and Management believe that we have largely addressed the key challenges that occurred following the merger and that we are now moving in the right direction.

Before finishing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, boutique partners, clients for all their hard work during the year.

Once again, I also thank our shareholders for their continued support during a difficult and challenging period. We acknowledge that our results have been below the standards we expect and that you, our shareholders, deserve.

Rebuilding value for our shareholders is our singular focus and I look forward to updating you on our progress as we continue with our efforts.

I would now like to introduce Joe Ferragina and Paul Greenwood to present to you.

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