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# CPUK FINANCE LIMITED ANNOUNCES THE LAUNCH OF A CONSENT SOLICITATION IN RESPECT OF ITS

# £480,000,000 4.250% CLASS B3 FIXED RATE SECURED NOTES DUE 2047 £250,000,000 4.875% CLASS B4 FIXED RATE SECURED NOTES DUE 2047

17 July 2020 – CPUK Finance Limited (the "Issuer") today announces a consent solicitation (the "Consent Solicitation") in respect of its £480,000,000 4.250% Class B3 Fixed Rate Secured Notes due 2047 (the "Class B3 Notes") and £250,000,000 4.875% Class B4 Fixed Rate Secured Notes due 2047 (the "Class B4 Notes", and together with the Class B3 Notes, the "Notes").

Capitalised terms used in this announcement and not defined herein have the meanings given to such terms in the solicitation memorandum dated 17 July 2020 (the "**Solicitation Memorandum**").

# Background

COVID-19 presents a significant and unprecedented challenge to the leisure and hospitality industry, including Center Parcs. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the UK Government announced wide ranging measures to limit all non-essential social contact, it advised against non-essential travel, required the closure of hotels, restaurants, theatres and social venues and set out a range of other measures and guidance.

As a result of such measures, Center Parcs closed its five Holiday Parks in the UK, with effect from 20 March 2020, until 13 July 2020. This closure has had a significant negative effect on the net earnings and cash flows of the Obligor Group.

Whilst the Obligor Group currently anticipates that it will comply with its financial covenants on the coming Financial Covenant Test Dates, it is seeking headroom and protection given the current uncertainty around the COVID-19 pandemic, the operational restrictions which are in place following the re-opening of the Holiday Parks and the risk of further closures of one or more of the holiday villages in the coming months. As a result of the negative impact any such further closure and operational restrictions would have on the earnings of the Obligor Group, the Obligor Group is seeking to temporarily suspend the requirement to comply with the Class B FCF DSCR covenant in respect of the Financial Covenant Test Dates falling in August 2020, February 2021 and August 2021. The Obligor Group considers the temporary suspension necessary as a minimum to support the Transaction given the risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

In light of the inherent uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and the impacts it might have on the economy and the leisure and hospitality industry, the Obligor Group would also like to make an amendment as described further below in respect of the Class B Issuer/Borrower Loan Agreement which would afford the Obligor Group greater protection against the consequences of any "second wave" of the pandemic and to mitigate against the risk of any further enforced closures of, or operational restrictions on, the Holiday Parks

(arising as a result of any COVID-related or other pandemic) between now and the Financial Covenant Test Date falling in February 2022.

The need for such temporary suspension and amendment has arisen solely to manage the impact under the Transaction Documents of the COVID-19 pandemic specifically and the Obligor Group's compliance with requirements and guidelines imposed by the UK Government to tackle the outbreak. The Obligor Group of course hopes that as a result of further easings of restrictions, the revenue of the Obligor Group will recover more quickly than it is currently forecasting. Were this to be the case, the Obligor Group would be in a position to end the temporary suspension and amendment earlier than currently expected, and so it is proposing that it can do so by issuing a certificate to the Borrower Security Trustee, whereupon the Class B FCF DSCR covenant would once again apply in its current form.

The Obligor Group has taken a number of steps both to mitigate the impact of the restrictions imposed by the UK Government and ensure that the Holiday Parks were able to re-open and recommence trading on 13 July 2020 following the easing of the lockdown and social distancing restrictions. These include:

- (a) Minimising underlying costs: whilst the restrictions continue, the incurrence of all non-essential operational expenditure of the Obligor Group has been suspended. During the period of closure, costs per four-week period reduced from £20-22 million to £6-7 million;
- (b) Rephasing of capital projects: in order to reduce capital expenditure, the Obligor Group has reviewed and rephased its capital projects resulting in the suspension of 90 per cent. of its capital projects during the period in which the Holiday Parks remained closed;
- (c) Business rates holiday: the Obligor Group has utilised the temporary business rates relief package giving it a 12 month business rates holiday, (the Obligor Group's annual rates cost is approximately £24 million);
- (d) Other UK Government schemes: the Obligor Group has agreed with HMRC to defer payments of VAT, PAYE, corporation tax and duties. It also intends to participate in the "Eat Out to Help Out Scheme" and seeking to amend pricing to reflect the VAT reduction; and
- (e) Furloughing staff: the Obligor Group is retaining all of its employees during the period for which the restrictions apply in order to ensure that the business maintains its full operational capabilities when the restrictions end. The Obligor Group has placed circa. 90 per cent. of its employees on furlough during this period under the terms of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme announced by the UK Government and has reduced directors' salaries by 25 per cent. for the period in which the Holiday Parks remained closed.

The Obligor Group is taking a prudent approach in managing the business during this period of unprecedented uncertainty and is keeping the situation under continuous review.

Though the UK Government announced the easing of lockdown measures on 23 June 2020, as a result of which the UK Holiday Parks were able to re-open on 13 July 2020, various restrictions remain in place with respect to operations and capacity within the UK Holiday Parks. Some facilities and amenities, including the swimming pools, spas, indoor play areas and bowling alleys, remain closed but the Obligor Group intends to re-open the swimming pools and spas from 27 July 2020 and hopes to re-open the remaining facilities as soon as government measures permit. Capacity within the Holiday Parks is currently constrained is expected to continue to be constrained for the remainder of 2020. Notwithstanding such restrictions and constraints, customer demand is currently exceeding restricted operating capacity and is expected to continue to exceed the restricted operating capacity on certain breaks in the coming months.

The Obligor Group has implemented significant measures to ensure the safety of its employees and its customers, including putting in place social distancing signage and markings, hand sanitisation stations around the Holiday Parks, deep cleaning of accommodation, increasing cleaning and disinfection of public areas

throughout the day, cashless payment throughout the Holiday Parks and a reduction in capacity in many areas, including indoor areas and on activities to maintain social distancing. These operational restrictions and measures are expected to continue for the foreseeable future.

# Liquidity and Support from Brookfield

Whilst the Obligor Group could not have predicted the COVID-19 pandemic, as at 2 July 2020, the Obligor Group had approximately £24.1 million of cash on its balance sheet, and access to a £90 million committed, undrawn liquidity facility, which is available to the Issuer to pay certain senior expenses and interest on the Class A Notes.

The Center Parcs group remains a key investment for Brookfield. To demonstrate its commitment to ensuring the long-term success of the Obligor Group, Brookfield has approved £160 million of financial support to the Obligor Group. Brookfield has, since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated measures taken by the UK Government, provided financial support to the Obligor Group. Brookfield (through its subsidiary, BSREP II Center Parcs Jersey Ltd.) provided the Obligor Group with £41.5 million in April 2020, and a further £27.5 million in May 2020, by way of equity injection by subscribing for additional shares in the Obligor Group. In July 2020, Brookfield (through its subsidiary, BSREP II Center Parcs Jersey Ltd.) provided a subordinated, interest-free, unsecured loan of £70 million to the Obligor Group for working capital purposes including for debt service. Brookfield will provide the balance of the £160 million of approved funding if required by the Obligor Group.

As noted, customer demand is exceeding operating capacity on certain breaks and in the near term, the Obligor Group expects an increased level of demand as a result of continuing international travel restrictions. Advance bookings for this financial year exceed those of last year by 10 per cent. for Q4.

## **Proposed Amendments**

The Obligor Group is seeking to temporarily suspend the requirement to comply with the Class B FCF DSCR Covenant in respect of the Financial Covenant Test Dates falling in August 2020, February 2021 and August 2021. As noted above, the Obligor Group anticipates that it will comply with the Class B FCF DSCR Covenant in respect of the coming Financial Covenant Test Dates, but is seeking a temporary suspension in order to give the Obligor Group further headroom and protection.

In addition, the Obligor Group is also seeking to amend the basis on which the Class B FCF in respect of the Financial Covenant Test Date falling in February 2022 is calculated in order to allow the Obligor Group to address any potential breach of the Class B FCF DSCR Covenant arising as a result of the adverse impacts of any enforced closures and operational restrictions on the EBITDA of the Topco and its Restricted Subsidiaries through the application of proceeds received by Topco and its Restricted Subsidiaries by way of equity injection. This amendment is necessary in order to address the fact that the Obligor Group has incurred a number of exceptional costs and expenses and suffered losses as a result of such closures.

To the extent that the Obligor Group Agent determines, at any time, that it no longer requires a temporary suspension in respect of the Class B FCF DSCR Covenant, or an adjustment to the definition of "Class B FCF", it may deliver a certificate to the Borrower Security Trustee terminating all of the amendments contemplated by the Solicitation Memorandum. Additionally, if, on any Loan Interest Payment Date, the Obligors fail to pay the full amount due on such date in respect of the Class B Loans, the amendments contemplated by the Solicitation Memorandum shall cease to have any effect, with effect from the day immediately preceding the Financial Covenant Test Date occurring prior to such Loan Interest Payment Date.

### Consent solicitation in respect of the Class A Notes

The Issuer and the Obligor Group Agent have also today launched a consent solicitation process in respect of the Class A Notes (the "**Class A Notes Consent Solicitation**"). For the same reasons as outlined above, the Obligor

Group Agent is seeking, by way of ordinary resolution, a waiver of its requirement to comply with the Class A FCF DSCR Covenant in respect of the Financial Covenant Test Dates falling in August 2020, February 2021 and August 2021. It is also seeking, by way of extraordinary resolution, an adjustment to the basis on which this covenant is calculated for the purposes of the Financial Covenant Test Date falling in February 2022 to ensure that such calculation is not adversely affected by any enforced closure of or operational restrictions in respect of the Holiday Parks during the FCF DSCR Period in respect of the Financial Covenant Test Date falling in February 2022; and to make an amendment so that, for the period in which the waiver of the Class A FCF DSCR Covenant is in place, in addition to being able to make Class B Payments using New Equity Funds as it is permitted to do presently, it is also permitted to make Class B Payments out of the proceeds of Class B Loans even where the Class A Restricted Payment Condition is not satisfied.

The waivers and amendments contemplated under the Class A Notes Consent Solicitation will be automatically terminated with effect from the day immediately preceding the Financial Covenant Test Date occurring prior to such Loan Interest Payment Date if the interest due and payable under the Class B Loans is not paid in full on any Loan Interest Payment Date during the period in which such waivers and amendments apply.

Under the Class A Issuer/Borrower Loan Agreement, the Class A FCF DSCR is also used to determine whether dividends and other Class A Restricted Payments can be made by the Obligor Group. The Obligor Group recognises that it would be inappropriate to make Class A Restricted Payments whilst the Class A FCF DSCR is suspended. Accordingly, in the Class A Notes Consent Solicitation, the Obligor Group has undertaken that it will not make any Class A Restricted Payments until the earlier of: (i) the delivery of a Class A Waiver End Date Certificate (as defined in the Class A Notes Consent Solicitation); and (ii) the Financial Covenant Test Date occurring in February 2022. The Class B Noteholder will also benefit indirectly from this undertaking for so long as it is in place.

The approval of the Proposals and the Resolution as set out in the Solicitation Memorandum (to be approved by the Class B Noteholders, voting as a single class) are not conditional upon the approval of the proposals and resolutions contemplated by the Class A Notes Consent Solicitation and vice versa.

### Review by a group of Class B Noteholders

The Issuer understands that currently the Investment Association is not available to assist with the convening of meetings with holders of notes in relation to consent solicitation processes. Accordingly, the Issuer decided to wall-cross a number of Class B Noteholders from each Class prior to the launch of the Consent Solicitation and invited them to consider the Proposals described in the Solicitation Memorandum. Class B Noteholders who hold in aggregate approximately 52.00 per cent. of the outstanding principal amount of the Notes have indicated that, subject to final documentation as well as client and other approvals, they intend to vote in favour of the Proposals in respect of their holdings of Notes.

The position above in relation to the review by a group of Class B Noteholders relates only to the proposals set out in the Solicitation Memorandum and not to any future offers or proposals which the Issuer may make. Class B Noteholders should, however, nonetheless undertake their own detailed assessment of the relevant proposals.

#### **Early Instruction Fee**

Class B Noteholders who deliver voting instructions in favour of or against the Resolution, and do not withdraw such instructions before the Early Instruction Deadline, shall be eligible to receive a fee equal to 0.10 per cent. of the Principal Amount Outstanding of the Notes that are the subject of the relevant Electronic Voting Instruction (the "Early Instruction Fee").

#### Solicitation Memorandum

This announcement does not contain the full terms and conditions of the Consent Solicitation, which are contained in the Solicitation Memorandum. Subject to the restrictions described under "Solicitation and Distribution Restrictions" below, Class B Noteholders may obtain a copy of the Solicitation Memorandum from the Information and Tabulation Agent, the contact details for which are set out below. Class B Noteholders are advised to carefully read the Solicitation Memorandum before any decision is made with respect to the Consent Solicitation.

### **Consent Conditions**

The implementation of the Proposals and the Resolution will be conditional on:

- (a) the passing of the Resolution; and
- (b) the execution of the Deed of Amendment by the relevant parties,

((a) and (b) together, the "Consent Conditions").

#### **Terms of the Consent Solicitation**

Class B Noteholders should note that if a Resolution is passed and the Consent Conditions are satisfied, the terms of the Resolution will be binding on all Class B Noteholders, whether or not they voted in favour of the Resolution.

### **Indicative Timetable**

An indicative timetable is set out below.

Event	Date
Announcement of the Consent Solicitation and the Proposals via the RNS. Class B Voting Notice to be given to Noteholders through the Clearing Systems.	17 July 2020
The Solicitation Memorandum and draft form of the Deed of Amendment to be made available by the Information and Tabulation Agent (copies of which are obtainable by Class B Noteholders upon request, free of charge).	17 July 2020
<b>Early Instruction Deadline</b> : Latest time and date for receipt of Electronic Voting Instructions through the Clearing Systems to be received by the Information and Tabulation Agent for eligibility for payment of the Early Instruction Fee. Such Electronic Voting Instructions must be in favour of or against the Resolution in order for the relevant Noteholder to be eligible for the Early Instruction Fee; and <b>Expiration Time</b> : Latest time and date for receipt by the Information and	4:00 p.m. (London time) on 28 July 2020
Tabulation Agent of valid Electronic Voting Instructions through the Clearing Systems.	
Voting Date	29 July 2020

Event	Date
Announcement of result of the Vote via the RNS. Notice of Results of the Voting Date to be given to Class B Noteholders through the Clearing Systems and via RNS.	On or immediately after the Voting Date
If the Resolution is approved, execution of the Deed of Amendment (the " <b>Implementation Date</b> ").	As soon as reasonably practicable after the Voting Date
If the Consent Conditions are satisfied, payment of any Early Instruction Fee to relevant Eligible Noteholders (the " <b>Payment Date</b> ").	Expected to be on or about 5 August 2020, being the date falling 5 Business Days after the Implementation Date

All references to time are to London time unless specified otherwise.

Class B Noteholders are advised to read carefully the Solicitation Memorandum for full details of, and information in relation to, the procedures for participating in the Consent Solicitation, including details of the fees referred to above. Barclays Bank plc is acting as Solicitation Agent and Lucid Issuer Services Limited is acting as Information and Tabulation Agent.

# FURTHER INFORMATION

Requests for all information in relation to the Consent Solicitation, including requests by Class B Noteholders for copies of the Solicitation Memorandum, should be directed to:

### The Solicitation Agent:

Barclays Bank plc 5 The North Colonnade Canary Wharf London E14 4BB Attention: Liability Management Group Telephone: +44 20 3134 8515 Email: eu.lm@barclays.com

or

### The Information and Tabulation Agent:

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Consent Offer Website: www.lucid-is.com/centerparcs Telephone: +44 207 704 0880 Attention: Arlind Bytyqi Email: centerparcs@lucid-is.com

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All requests for information in relation to voting procedures should be directed to the Information and Tabulation Agent.

This release does not constitute an invitation to participate in the Consent Solicitation. This release does not constitute or form part of, and should not be construed as, an offer for sale or subscription of, or a solicitation of any offer to buy, sell, exchange or subscribe for, any securities of the Issuer or any other entity. This document does not constitute a solicitation in any circumstances in which such solicitation is unlawful.

None of the Issuer, the Solicitation Agent, the Tabulation Agent and HSBC Corporate Trustee Company (UK) Limited as the issuer security trustee (the "Issuer Security Trustee"), as the borrower security trustee (the "Borrower Security Trustee") and as the class B note trustee (the "Class B Note Trustee") (nor any person related to such entities) makes any recommendation as to whether or not Class B Noteholders should participate in the Consent Solicitation.

This release must be read in conjunction with the Solicitation Memorandum. This release and the Solicitation Memorandum contain important information which should be read carefully before any decision is made in relation to the Consent Solicitation. This release does not describe all the material terms of the Consent Solicitation and no decision should be made by any Class B Noteholder on the basis of this release. The complete terms and conditions of the Consent Solicitation are as described in the Solicitation Memorandum.

If a Class B Noteholder is in any doubt as to the action they should take, they are recommended to seek their own financial advice, including in respect of any tax consequences, immediately from their stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other independent financial adviser. Any person whose Notes are held on its behalf by a broker, dealer, bank, custodian trust company or other nominee must contact such entity if they wish to participate in the Consent Solicitation.

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