

JZ CAPITAL PARTNERS LIMITED

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Real Estate Valuations

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JZ Capital Partners Limited ("JZCP" or the "Company"), the London listed fund that invests in US and European micro-cap companies and US real estate, today announces that it has now received appraisals for most of its real estate portfolio assets as at 31 August 2020. The Board and the Company's investment adviser had, as previously announced in the Company's annual results for the year ended 29 February 2020, commissioned these further appraisals to establish an updated value of its real estate investments in light of the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, believing its impact to be potentially significant and adverse though its quantum could not be estimated at the time.

Whilst the Company has not yet received all of the appraisals and is still in the process of reviewing those that it has received, the newly received appraisals do, in line with the Company's previously announced expectation in its annual results, indicate materially lower valuations. As a consequence, the Company expects it will likely experience further net write downs; based on the information at the Company's disposal at this time, the Company currently believes the mark down to its net asset value could be in the approximate range of between \$80 to \$100 million, subject to receiving and reviewing all of the appraisals. The Company will make further announcements regarding the appraisals and related write downs as required.

As a consequence of the aforementioned write downs, the Company currently expects that it will require a waiver under its senior facility with Guggenheim Partners, as the Company will breach its minimum asset coverage ratio by the end of September 2020. The Company is working towards and expects to receive such a waiver. Absent this waiver (or otherwise obtaining consent), the Company will be prohibited from making an interest payment due on 30 September 2020 to the holders of its Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock due 2021 ("CULS"). Any interest not paid under the CULS in accordance with the terms of the subordination agreement to which the CULS are subject will not constitute a default under the CULS. Again, as mentioned above, the Company does expect to receive a waiver (or to otherwise obtain consent) to allow for the payment of the upcoming interest payment under the CULS.

Moreover, the Company and its lenders have made significant progress in their ongoing discussions to amend the current lending arrangements in a favourable way to the Company. As is the case for the real estate valuations, the Company will make further announcements as required in relation to the status of discussions with its lenders including their impact on the CULS as matters progress. Separately, the Company is pleased to report that its US micro-cap portfolio is performing quite well and positive progress is being made in relation to the previously announced secondary sale of certain of its US micro-cap assets. It is anticipated that the Company will reach an agreement in the near term on the secondary sale and an announcement will follow. The secondary sale if completed will provide the Company with the needed liquidity to repay a substantial portion of its senior debt. The Company remains committed to its strategy of realising value from its investment portfolio, and to paying down debt in the first order.

Market Abuse Regulation:

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