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6<sup>th</sup> July 2021

# **BRIDGEPOINT** Confirmation of Intention to Float on the London Stock Exchange

Following the announcement by Bridgepoint on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021 of its expected intention to float, the Company today confirms its intention to undertake an initial public offering (the "**IPO**" or the "**Offer**"). The Company intends to apply for the admission of its Ordinary Shares to the premium listing segment of the Official List of the FCA and to trading on the main market for listed securities of the London Stock Exchange (together, "Admission").

# **CONFIRMATION OF OFFER HIGHLIGHTS**

- A premium listing on the Official List of the FCA and admission to trading on the main market for listed securities of the London Stock Exchange.
- The Offer will comprise (i) new Ordinary Shares to be issued by the Company, raising gross proceeds of approximately £300 million to support Bridgepoint's growth plans, provide greater strategic flexibility, enhance Bridgepoint's standing as a trusted counterparty, further drive long-term shareholder returns and repay indebtedness and (ii) existing Ordinary Shares to be sold by existing Bridgepoint shareholders.
- The Offer will be a targeted offering to certain institutional investors outside the United States pursuant to Regulation S and to QIBs in the United States pursuant to Rule 144A under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").
- Immediately following Admission, the Company is targeting a free float of at least 25% of issued share capital and expects that it would be eligible for inclusion in the FTSE UK indices. It is expected that Ordinary Shares representing up to a further 15% of the Offer will be made available pursuant to an over-allotment option.

- Any additional details in relation to the Offer will be disclosed in the Prospectus, if and when published.
- The Company has engaged J.P. Morgan Securities plc (which conducts its UK investment banking activities as J.P. Morgan Cazenove) and Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc as Joint Global Co-ordinators, with J.P. Morgan Securities plc acting as Sole Sponsor in relation to the transaction, and BNP Paribas, Citigroup Global Markets Limited and Merrill Lynch International as Joint Bookrunners. Moelis & Company UK LLP is acting as Financial Adviser to the Company.

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The date of Admission may be influenced by a variety of factors which include market conditions. The Group may decide not to go ahead with the possible IPO and there is therefore no guarantee that a Prospectus will be published, the Offer will be made or Admission will occur at all or in accordance with the timing in this announcement and you should not base your financial decisions on the Company's intentions in relation to Admission at this stage. Potential investors should not base their financial decision on this announcement. Acquiring investments to which this announcement relates may expose an investor to a significant risk of losing all of the amount invested. Persons considering making investments should consult an authorised person specialising in advising on such investments. Neither this announcement, nor the Registration Document, constitutes a recommendation concerning a possible offer. The value of shares can decrease as well as increase. Potential investors should consult a professional advisor as to the suitability of a possible offer for the person concerned.

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Certain data in this announcement, including financial, statistical, and operating information has been rounded. As a result of the rounding, the totals of data presented in this announcement may vary slightly from the actual arithmetic totals of such data. Percentages in tables may have been rounded and accordingly may not add up to 100%.

In connection with the possible IPO, any of JPM, MS, Citi, BofA Securities and BNPP (the "Underwriters" and each an "Underwriter") and any of their affiliates, acting as investors for their own accounts, may take up a portion of the Ordinary Shares in the possible IPO as a principal position, and in that capacity may retain, purchase, sell, offer to sell or otherwise deal for its own accounts in such Ordinary Shares and other securities of the Company or related investments and other securities of the Company or related investments in connection with the possible IPO or otherwise. Accordingly, references in the Prospectus, once published, to the Ordinary Shares being issued, offered, subscribed for, acquired, placed or otherwise dealt in should be read as including any issue or offer to, or subscription, acquisition, placing of or dealing by, any Underwriters or their affiliates may enter into financing arrangements (including swaps, warrants or contracts for differences) with investors in connection with which the Underwriters (or any of their affiliates) may from time to time acquire, hold or dispose of Ordinary Shares. Neither the Underwriters nor any of their affiliates intend to disclose the extent of any such investment or transactions otherwise than in accordance with any legal or regulatory obligations to do so.

In connection with the possible IPO, JPM, as Stabilising Manager (the "Stabilising Manager"), or any of its agents, may (but will be under no obligation to), to the extent permitted by applicable law and for stabilisation purposes, on behalf of the Underwriters, over allot Ordinary Shares up to a total of 15 per cent of the total number of Ordinary Shares included in the Offer or effect other transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Ordinary Shares or any options, warrants or rights with respect thereto, or other interest in the Ordinary Shares or other securities of the Company, in each case at a higher level than that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. The Stabilising Manager is not required to enter into such transactions and such transactions may be effected on any securities market, over the counter market, stock exchange or otherwise and may be undertaken at any time during the period commencing on the date of the conditional dealings in the Ordinary Shares on the London Stock Exchange and ending no later than 30 calendar days thereafter. Stabilisation transactions aim at supporting the market price of the securities during the stabilisation period. Such stabilisation, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time without prior notice. If such stabilisation occurs, it will be undertaken at the London Stock Exchange. However, there will be no obligation on the Stabilising Manager or any of its agents to effect stabilising transactions and there is no assurance that stabilising transactions will be undertaken. In no event will measures be taken to stabilise the market price of the

Ordinary Shares above the Offer Price. Except as required by law or regulation, neither the Stabilising Manager nor any of its agents intends to disclose the extent of any over allotments made and/or stabilisation transactions conducted in relation to the possible IPO.

For the purposes of allowing the Stabilising Manager to cover short positions resulting from any such over-allotment and/or from sales of Ordinary Shares effected by it during the stabilising period, the Stabilising Manager has been granted an over-allotment option (the "**Over-allotment Option**") by the selling shareholders, pursuant to which it may purchase, or procure purchasers for, additional Ordinary Shares (representing, in aggregate, up to 15 per cent of the total number of Ordinary Shares included in the possible IPO) at the Offer Price (the "**Over-allotment Shares**"). The Over-allotment Option may be exercised in whole or in part upon notice by the Stabilising Manager at any time on or before the 30th calendar day after the commencement of conditional dealings in the Ordinary Shares on the London Stock Exchange. Any Over-allotment Shares made available pursuant to the Over-allotment Option will be made available on the same terms and conditions as Ordinary Shares being offered pursuant to the possible IPO, will rank *pari passu* in all respects with all other Ordinary Shares for all purposes, including with respect to voting and for all dividends and distributions thereafter declared, made or paid on the ordinary share capital of the Company.

For the avoidance of doubt, the contents of the Group's website or any website directly or indirectly linked to the Group's website, are not incorporated by reference into, and do not form part of, this announcement.

# **Information to Distributors**

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For the avoidance of doubt, the Target Market Assessment does not constitute: (a) an assessment of suitability or appropriateness for the purposes of MiFID II or Chapters 9A or 10A respectively of COBS; or (b) a recommendation to any investor or group of investors to invest in, or purchase, or take any other action whatsoever with respect to the Ordinary Shares.

Each distributor is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Ordinary Shares and determining appropriate distribution channels.