

INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT OF FONDUL PROPRIETATEA SA

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I. PURPOSE OF THE INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT

This investment policy statement (hereinafter referred to as the “**Investment Policy Statement**” or “**IPS**”) sets the prudential rules concerning the investment policy of Fondul Proprietatea S.A. (hereinafter referred to as “**Fondul Proprietatea**” or “**FP**”) and presents the investment goals, objectives and the decision-making process for selecting investments in accordance with the investment objectives.

The IPS provides criteria against which investment results will be measured and serves as a review document to monitor, evaluate and compare the performance of the Alternative Investment Fund Manager (“**Fund Manager**”) on a regular basis.

The IPS shall be reviewed when needed by the Fund Manager together with the Board of Nominees, in accordance with the provisions of FP’s Constitutive Act and the applicable legal provisions.

The IPS is set forth within the legal framework established by Law no. 243/2019 regulating the alternative investment funds and amending and supplementing certain normative acts, and, in accordance with FP’s Constitutive Act, the Extraordinary General Shareholders’ Meeting is responsible for approval of the IPS.

II. ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES

A. Fund Manager. The Fund Manager is appointed by the General Shareholders Meeting and performs its activity based on a Management Agreement entered into between Fondul Proprietatea and the Fund Manager (hereinafter referred to as the “**MA**”).

The Fund Manager has the power to make all decisions concerning the investments to be made by Fondul Proprietatea, in accordance with the restrictions provided in this IPS, the Constitutive Act of Fondul Proprietatea, the MA and applicable laws and regulations.

B. Board of Nominees. The Board of Nominees monitors the activity of the Fund Manager and represents the shareholders in relation to the Fund Manager. The exact roles and responsibilities of the Board of Nominees are detailed in the Constitutive Act of Fondul Proprietatea.

C. General Shareholders Meeting. The General Shareholders Meeting is the supreme corporate body of Fondul Proprietatea. Certain transactions performed by Fondul Proprietatea require the prior approval of the General Shareholders Meeting, in accordance with the Constitutive Act and the applicable legislation.

III. INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

A. Investment objective

FP's investment objective is the maximization of returns to shareholders and the increase of the net asset value per share via investments mainly in Romanian equities and equity-linked securities.

B. Performance Objectives

a. Discount Objective

The discount between the closing price for each Trading Day on the Bucharest Stock Exchange (the "**Trading Day**") of the shares issued by FP and the latest reported NAV per Share should be equal to or lower than 15% in at least two thirds of the Trading Days during the Reporting Period (as defined in the MA) (the "**Discount Objective**").

b. NAV Objective

The Fund Manager should achieve a level of Adjusted NAV per Share (as defined below) higher than the reported NAV as at the end of the previous Reporting Period (term used herein as defined in the IMA) (the "**NAV Objective**"). For the avoidance of doubt, the term "*previous Reporting Period*", when applied to a first Reporting Period under the MA, is to be understood as being the last Reporting Period derived from either the current or the previous MA.

The adjusted NAV (the "**Adjusted NAV**") for a given date will be calculated as the sum of:

- (i) the reported NAV as at the end of the Reporting Period;
- (ii) any distributions to shareholders, being either dividend or non-dividend ones (i.e. in this last case following reductions of the par value of the shares and distribution to the shareholders of the decreasing amount), implemented after the end of the previous Reporting Period; and
- (iii) any Distribution Fee (as defined in the MA) and any transaction and/or distribution costs relating to either dividend or non-dividend distributions including buy-backs of shares and/or Global Depositary Receipts ("**GDRs**") and/or depositary interests

executed, through daily acquisitions or public tenders, after the end of the previous Reporting Period.

The Adjusted NAV per Share will be equal to the Adjusted NAV divided by the total number of the Fund's paid shares, less treasury shares (FP ordinary shares bought back) and less equivalent in FP ordinary shares of FP GDRs acquired and not yet converted into FP ordinary shares, on the last day of the Reporting Period (the "**Adjusted NAV per Share**").

C. General principles for achieving the objectives

The Board of Nominees and the General Shareholders Meeting will review the performance of the Fund Manager, on an annual basis, for the period of time established as the Reporting Period (as defined and further detailed in the MA).

A Discount Control Mechanism ("**DCM**") will be applied by the Fund Manager, as set out below, in order to seek to meet the Discount Objective.

In the absence of investment opportunities offering better returns for shareholders, or if the discount to NAV per share is wider than 15% for more than 50% of the Trading Days in any 3 month financial quarter, the Fund Manager will use all or a significant part of the proceeds from annual dividends, additional special cash distributions performed by portfolio companies and the cash inflows from the disposal of portfolio companies to implement measures aimed at maximizing cash returns to shareholders and fulfilling the Performance Objectives. Discount management techniques to meet the Performance Objectives and apply the DCM may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- recommendation of buy-back programs of FP's shares and GDRs and/or depositary interests corresponding to shares of the Fund to shareholders for approval, subject to compliance with the Constitutive Act and all applicable legislation;
- dividend distributions, subject to the Annual Cash Distribution Policy of the Fund;
- reduction of the nominal value of shares, accompanied by cash distribution to shareholders, subject to the compliance with all applicable corporate and regulatory approvals;
- execution of buy-back programs via (i) trading on the regular market on which FP's shares or GDRs and/or depositary interests corresponding to shares of the Fund are listed; and/or (ii) public tender offers, in each case subject to available liquidity, compliance with the Constitutive Act and all applicable legislation, and receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals;

- increasing investor demand for the shares and GDRs, with the aim of increasing the market price, by:
 - maintaining an Annual Cash Distribution Policy of the Fund;
 - increasing the share of listed companies in the portfolio and their transparency;
 - building good communication through active investor relations work; and
 - supporting initiatives to make the Romanian capital market more attractive for investors.

In order to achieve the objectives in the IPS, the Fund Manager should pay attention to:

- clarity of the Fund Manager's investment strategy and how it contributes to achieving the main investment objectives;
- active engagement with the portfolio companies in order to increase their value, and
- constructive communication and interaction with the Board of Nominees.

D. Risk management

The Fund Manager is responsible for proper balancing of risk and expected returns.

The Fund Manager should implement appropriate tools and processes in order to monitor operational and investment risks and to respond to unforeseen situations in a timely fashion.

IV. INVESTMENT LIMITS AND RESTRICTIONS

The investment policy will observe the prudential limits of investments provided for by the applicable laws and regulations in force applicable to in connection with diversified retail alternative investment funds such as FP and the Constitutive Act of FP.

~~Under normal market conditions, the Fund should have at least 80% of its net assets invested in Romanian equity and equity linked securities.~~

Investments limits of FP are the following:

- up to 10% of its assets invested in listed shares or money market instruments issued by one single issuer, except of the government securities. The 10% limit may be raised to maximum 40% provided that the total value of the securities held by Fondul Proprietatea

in each of the issuers in which it has holdings of up to 40% does not exceed in any case 80% of the total value of its assets;

- up to 20% of its assets invested in unlisted securities or money market instruments except of the government securities and bonds and other cases permitted by law including all holdings in shares received from Romanian State on the basis of the legislation in force at that time *;
- up to 10% of assets invested in bank deposits with one single bank;
- up to 10% of assets invested in financial instruments issued by entities belonging to the same group of companies;
- up to 10% of assets invested in UCITS units or other collective investment scheme units;
- exposure to the counterparty risk in a transaction with derivatives traded out of the regulated markets may not exceed 10% of assets, irrespective of the counterparty of the transaction, while the global exposure of derivatives may not exceed 15% of the total allocation of net assets.

~~ Shares received from Romanian State on the basis of the legislation in force at that time are exempted from the general rules on allocation. Where the FundFP acquires further participations securities in the same companies issuer as securities in which it received holdings received from the Romanian State according to the law in force at that time, the general investment limits rules on allocation shall apply to the newly acquired securities only.~~*

~~For the calculation of the ownership limit for securities not admitted to trade, shall be excluded from the value of assets not admitted to trade the value of securities not admitted to trade owed from the Romanian State on the basis of the legislation in force at that time. Therefore, any part of the current Fondul Proprietatea Portfolio (as it has been set up, on securities not admitted to trade owed from the Romanian State on the basis of the legislation in force at that time) shall be exempted from the general rules on allocation. However, any new acquisition made by the Fund shall observe the general rules on allocation. Until decrease of its participation in the relevant listed issuers, the Fund is prohibited to acquire further securities in the same issuer as securities received from Romanian State, except for the exercise of the subscription rights related to the Fund's preference rights where the excess of the relevant investment limit should not last for more than 120 calendar days. All investment restrictions are available on Fondul Proprietatea website, Investment Policy Statement Section.~~

The exercise by FP of its preference rights in connection with shares received by FP from the Romanian State on the basis of the legislation in force at that time does not trigger excess of the applicable investment limits.

All investment restrictions are available on Fondul Proprietatea website, Investment Policy Statement Section.

V. ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

Subject to applicable legal provisions in force and the FP Constitutive Act, all decisions regarding sector and security selection, portfolio construction, timing of buy or sell transactions and choice of venue and structure of transaction are delegated to the Fund Manager.

Subject to the applicable legal provisions and FP's Constitutive Act, the Fund Manager on behalf of the Fund, may buy, sell, exchange, exercise all rights, has a good and valid title to sell and transfer any rights and to enter into conditional contractual liabilities. This includes, without limitation, the power to enter into derivatives and to negotiate and execute loan agreements, repurchase agreements and/ or securities lending agreements, to purchase GDRs or depositary interests corresponding to shares of the Fund in accordance with the legal applicable provisions in force and FP's Constitutive Act, also taking into account the cases when a prior approval of the Extraordinary General Shareholders Meeting is needed.

Transactions which involve a broker acting as a "principal", where the broker is also the investment manager (or an affiliate of such investment manager) who makes the transaction (or an affiliate of such investment manager) are not permitted. Transactions should be executed at the lowest possible cost (including commissions, efficiency of execution and the impact of the market) and best execution should be provided at all times.

Cash allocation

Cash allocation is made by the Fund Manager, based on market conditions. It should be aimed at reducing risks to the Portfolio.

Valuation

Valuation of assets shall be made in accordance with the legislation and regulations in force and in accordance with the internal regulations of Fondul Proprietatea.

VI. LIMITATIONS OF MANAGEMENT

The Fund Manager assumes the management over the Customer and its entire Portfolio, subject to the terms of the IPS and the MA.

The Fund Manager is subject to the limitations set out by this IPS, the Constitutive Act of Fondul Proprietatea and the existing applicable legal provisions in force.

The Fund Manager can delegate the management of the portfolio and the administrative activities according to legislation and regulations in force and the limitations included MA and the Constitutive Act.

VII. LIQUIDITY

The Fund Manager shall maintain adequate liquidity in order to at least meet the following requirements:

- cover the operating and tax expenses of FP;
- cover the capital expenditure requirements for the on-going activities of FP;
- ensure appropriate funds for dividend or return of capital payments and share and/or GDR buybacks (where such actions have been approved by shareholders).

~~VIII. TIME HORIZON~~

~~The duration of Fondul Proprietatea is not limited in time.~~

VIII. TAX CONSIDERATIONS

FP is established as a commercial undertaking and is subject to corporate tax in accordance with the Romanian Fiscal Code. In managing the investment portfolio and seeking to achieve the objectives, the Fund Manager shall have due regard to the potential impact of tax legislation and regulations.

IX. CONSTRAINTS

FP shall not invest in any other type of asset class, except those specifically mentioned in the applicable legislation and the Constitutive Act. The use of derivatives is permitted subject to the limitations contained in applicable legislation in force. Short selling of securities is prohibited.

Borrowing is allowed only in accordance with the applicable legislation and regulations and FP's Constitutive Act.

XI. POLICY REVIEW

The IPS shall be reviewed on regular basis by the Fund Manager and Board of Nominees in order to ensure that it remains consistent with overall objectives of FP.

Any changes to the investment policy proposed by the Fund Manager and/or the Board of Nominees shall be approved by the General Shareholders Meeting, with observance of investment limits provided in the applicable legislation in force.