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FONDUL PROPRIETATEA SHARE PRICE REACHES HISTORICAL MILESTONE OF RON 1/SHARE

Bucharest, 3 June 2019 – Franklin Templeton Investment Management Ltd. United Kingdom Bucharest Branch, in its capacity as Investment Manager of Fondul Proprietatea SA (“the Fund”), is delighted to announce that the Fund’s share price has reached a record high of RON 1.0150 on Thursday, 30 May 2019, up 15% from RON 0.8830 per share, the closing price registered at the end of 2018 and 138% from the RON 0.4270, the average adjusted price at the end of 2011, the year when the Fund was listed on Bucharest Stock Exchange.

Commenting on the Fund’s share price reaching the current level, Johan Meyer, CEO of Franklin Templeton Investments Limited and Portfolio Manager of Fondul Proprietatea said: *“The RON 1.00 price is the nominal value which the Romanian State set for the compensation of Romanian individuals who could not receive in kind the properties lost during the communist regime, prior to the Fund being listed on the Bucharest Stock Exchange. We are extremely pleased to see that many years of hard work and dedication to the creation of shareholder value is being reflected in the market price of the Fund. In addition, we have also distributed RON 1.1696/ share in cash through dividends and returns of capital, between September 2010 when Franklin Templeton started its mandate and present, including the cash dividend to be paid at the beginning of July.*

Johan Meyer added, *“Our strategy in managing the Fund been successful over time and we will continue to look out for the best interest of all our shareholders, old and new, by sparing no efforts in supporting the implementation of corporate governance legislation in Romania, by advocating for the listing of SOEs, and by executing corporate actions aimed at to reducing the share price discount to the net asset value.”*

Since the Fund Manager took over the management of the Fund, it has accomplished the following achievements:

- The share price has consistently been on an upwards trend, with a total return of over 165% since the Fund was listed on the Bucharest Stock Exchange in January 2011.
- The total return of the Fund’s NAV / share has been 84% since December 2010.
- The trading discount between the Fund’s share price and its NAV per share has gone down from an average of roughly 55.7% in 2011 to a year-to-date level of 35.3% and reached a record low of 20.08% in April 2015.
- Over the past eight years, the Fund has distributed to the shareholders of the Fund a total of RON 11.95 billion (USD 3.27 billion). As such, the Fund has distributed to shareholders RON 1.1696/share, which amounts to roughly RON 6.32 billion, through just dividends and capital returns.
- In addition, the Fund has repurchased over 45.7% of the Fund’s initial shares, or 6.29 billion shares, through 10 regular buyback programmes as well as 5 tender, with an overall value of RON 5.63 billion.

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Notes to Editors

1. About Fondul Proprietatea

Launched in December 2005, Fondul Proprietatea ("the Fund") was established to compensate Romanians whose properties were confiscated by the former communist government. An international tender was announced in December 2008, and Franklin Templeton Investments officially took over as investment manager and sole administrator of the Fund on 29 September 2010. The Fund is an alternative investment fund and its investment objective is the maximization of returns and per-share capital appreciation via investments mainly in Romanian equities and equity-linked securities. The Fund listed on the Bucharest Stock Exchange on 25 January 2011 and on the Specialist Fund Market of the London Stock Exchange by means of global depositary receipts ("GDRs") on 29 April 2015.

The headquarters of Fondul Proprietatea SA are at 78-80 Buzesti Street, 7th Floor, Bucharest District 1, 011017, Romania. For more information on Fondul Proprietatea, please visit <http://www.fondulproprietatea.ro>.

2. About Franklin Templeton Investments

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Franklin Templeton established an office in Bucharest in May 2010, with a team of 30 employees, including 6 locally based investment professionals who are further supported by the over 40 portfolio managers and analysts of the wider Templeton Emerging Markets team.

Starting with 1 April 2016, in view of complying with the EU Directive 2011/61 on alternative investment fund managers, the Fund is managed by Franklin Templeton Investment Services S.À R.L. ("FTIS"), a société à responsabilité limitée qualifying as an alternative

investment fund manager under Article 5 of the Luxembourg Law of 12 July 2013 on alternative investment fund managers, authorized by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier under no. A00000154/21 November 2013, whose registered office is located at 8A rue Albert Borschette, L-1246 Luxembourg, registered with the Luxembourg Register of Commerce and Companies under number B 36.979, registered with the Romanian Financial Supervisory Authority ("FSA") under number PJM07.1AFIASMDLUX0037/10 March 2016.

This release herein is issued by Franklin Templeton Investment Management Limited ("FTIML"), registered with the FSA under no. PJM01SFIM/400005/14 September 2009, which is authorized and regulated in the UK by the Financial Conduct Authority, registered therein under the number 121779, registered as a foreign equivalent of an investment adviser with the US Securities Exchange Commission. FTIML acts herein as a delegate of FTIS with respect to the portfolio management functions as well as administration services over the Fund.

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