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### **FURTHER INCREASED CASH OFFER**

for

### WM MORRISON SUPERMARKETS PLC

by

### **OPPIDUM BIDCO LIMITED**

(a newly formed company indirectly owned by funds managed or advised by affiliates of Fortress Investment Group, LLC)

to be effected by means of a scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006

## Final Fortress Offer of 286 pence per Morrisons Share

### 1. Introduction

Further to the statement made by the Panel on 29 September 2021 regarding the competitive situation between Oppidum Bidco Limited ("Fortress Bidco") and Market Bidco Limited ("CD&R") in relation to the acquisition of Wm Morrison Supermarkets PLC ("Morrisons"), Fortress Bidco and CD&R participated in an auction procedure held on 2 October 2021 (the "Auction") to determine their respective final offers for Morrisons.

The Auction was supervised by the Panel and was undertaken pursuant to the Auction rules established by the Panel and agreed to by Fortress Bidco, CD&R and Morrisons, as announced by the Panel on 29 September 2021 (the "Auction Rules").

Fortress Bidco notes the statement made by the Panel on 2 October 2021 confirming the conclusion of the Auction and the revised offer price for the entire issued, and to be issued, share capital of Morrisons submitted by each of Fortress Bidco (such revised offer price, the "Final Fortress Offer") and CD&R (such revised offer price, the "Final CD&R Offer").

Fortress Bidco notes the Final CD&R Offer at a price of 287 pence for each Morrisons Share.

## 2. Final Fortress Offer

Under the terms of the Final Fortress Offer, Morrisons Shareholders will be entitled to receive cash consideration of **286 pence for each Morrisons Share** from Fortress Bidco.

As required by the Auction Rules, the Final Fortress Offer will comprise solely Cash Consideration, with no Special Dividend payable by Morrisons, unlike the original offer by Fortress Bidco announced on 3 July 2021 (the "Original Fortress Offer") and the increased offer announced by Fortress Bidco on 6 August 2021 (the "Increased Fortress Offer").

In accordance with the Auction Rules, Fortress Bidco and CD&R are prohibited from further revising the price of their respective final offers for Morrisons unless a third party announces a firm intention to make an offer for Morrisons.

Fortress Bidco will, in accordance with the Auction Rules, reduce the increased Cash Consideration payable under the terms of the Final Fortress Offer for the Morrisons Shares by an amount up to the amount of any dividend, distribution or other return of capital or value which is announced, declared, made or paid by Morrisons or becomes payable by Morrisons in respect of the Morrisons Shares on or after the date of this announcement and before the Effective Date. In such circumstances, Morrisons Shareholders will be entitled to receive and retain any such dividend, distribution or other return of capital or value.

### 3. Morrisons Pension Schemes

On 2 October 2021, Fortress Bidco reached an agreement in principle with the trustees of the Morrisons Retirement Saver Plan and the Safeway Pension Scheme (together, the "Trustees" and the "Morrisons Pension Schemes", respectively) in relation to a package of measures to support the Morrisons Pension Schemes' journey to "buy out" should the Final Fortress Offer complete. This package includes additional security and covenant support to be contributed to a pension funding partnership structure in the form of further properties with an appropriate release mechanism to allow for a gradual release of that additional security as the Morrisons Pension Schemes progress towards "buy out", together with enhanced governance provisions and information-sharing arrangements in respect of the Morrisons Pension Schemes.

Fortress Bidco, Fortress and the Trustees have agreed the form of a legally binding memorandum of understanding, which has been shared with Morrisons, and which sets out the contractual details of the arrangements regarding the Morrisons Pension Schemes.

# 4. Background to and reasons for the Final Fortress Offer

The commercial justification for the Final Fortress Offer remains unchanged, and is set out in paragraph 5 of Part I (*Letter from the Chair of Wm Morrison Supermarkets PLC*) of the scheme document in respect of the Original Fortress Offer, which was published and made available to Morrisons Shareholders on 22 July 2021 (the "FortressScheme Document").

### 5. Terms and conditions

The Scheme will be modified to reflect the terms of the Final Fortress Offer. The Final Fortress Offer will be subject to the same terms and conditions as the Original Fortress Offer and the Increased Fortress Offer, as set out in the Fortress Scheme Document, except that:

- references to the Cash Consideration shall be to the cash amount of 286 pence for each Morrisons Share, and references to the Special Dividend shall be to the cash amount of 0 pence for each Morrisons Share; and
- the deadline for the satisfaction of certain Conditions shall be as set out in Fortress Bidco's announcement of 8 September 2021 (the "Extension Announcement"), in which Fortress Bidco announced that it had agreed with Morrisons to extend the deadline for the satisfaction of certain long-stop Conditions.

## 6. Financing of the Final Fortress Offer

The increased Cash Consideration payable by Fortress Bidco to Morrisons Shareholders under the terms of the Final Fortress Offer will be financed by a combination of: (i) Equity Capital to be invested by Fortress, CPP Investments, KREI and Cambourne Life Investment Pte Ltd ("Cambourne"); and (ii) term loan and revolving facilities to be provided under the Interim Facilities Agreement. Cambourne is a nominated investment vehicle of GIC Special Investments Pte Ltd, which is a direct subsidiary of GIC Pte Ltd ("GIC").

Fortress, CPP Investments, KREI and Cambourne intend for their respective indirect investments in Fortress Bidco to be funded by the issuance of Equity Capital in the following proportions: (i) Fortress will provide 45.23 per cent. of the Equity Capital; (ii) CPP Investments will provide 30.66 per cent. of the Equity Capital; (iii) KREI will provide 15.41 per cent. of the Equity Capital; and (iv) Cambourne will provide 8.70 per cent. of the Equity Capital (each an "Individual Commitment").

As at the Effective Date, it is intended that the ordinary share capital of Fortress Bidco will be indirectly owned by Fortress, KREI and Cambourne in the following proportions: (i) Fortress will indirectly own 65.23 per cent. of Fortress Bidco; (ii) KREI will indirectly own 22.22 per cent. of Fortress Bidco; and (iii) Cambourne will indirectly own 12.55 per cent. of Fortress Bidco.

Fortress may further syndicate part of its Individual Commitment (and, subject to the terms of the Bid Conduct Agreement, part of CPP Investments', KREI's and Cambourne's respective Individual Commitments) to one or more other coinvestors either before or after the Scheme becomes Effective. If such syndication occurs prior to the Scheme becoming Effective, an announcement will be made by Fortress Bidco in respect of this through a Regulatory Information Service. In addition, other potential investors may acquire indirect minority interests in Fortress Bidco during the Offer Period or after the Scheme becomes Effective.

In accordance with Rule 24.8 of the Takeover Code, HSBC and RBC (each in its capacity as financial adviser to Fortress Bidco) confirms that it is satisfied that sufficient resources are available to Fortress Bidco to satisfy in full the increased Cash Consideration payable to Morrisons Shareholders under the terms of the Final Fortress Offer.

## 7. Compliance with Rule 2.7 of the Takeover Code

Except as set out above, Fortress Bidco confirms that there have been no changes to the information contained in the Fortress Scheme Document in connection with the requirements of Rule 2.7 of the Takeover Code.

The Final Fortress Offer does not change Fortress Bidco's intentions as regards the business of Morrisons (including locations of its operations), the management and employees of Morrisons, existing employment and pension rights, and the proposals in respect of the Morrisons Share Plans, as set out in the Fortress Scheme Document and the letters already sent to participants in the Morrison Share Plans informing them of the effect of the Scheme on their rights under the Morrisons Share Plans and, where applicable, containing appropriate proposals in respect of such rights.

### 8. General

Capitalised terms used and not defined in this announcement have the meanings given to them in the Fortress Scheme Document.

RBC and HSBC have each given and not withdrawn their consent to the publication of this announcement with the inclusion herein of the references to their names in the form and context in which they appear.

This announcement should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Fortress Scheme Document and the Extension Announcement, copies of which are available on Fortress' website at www.fortress.com/offer-for-morrisons.

Copies of the following documents will, by no later than 12 noon (London time) on the first Business Day following the date of this announcement, be published on Fortress' website at www.fortress.com/offer-for-morrisons until the end of the Offer Period:

- this announcement;
- the Equity Commitment Letters (as amended) entered into by Fortress, KREI,
   CPP Investments and Cambourne in connection with the Final Fortress
   Offer:
- the financing agreements (as amended) entered into by Fortress Bidco in connection with the Final Fortress Offer; and
- the consent letters from each of RBC and HSBC referred to above.

The contents of Fortress' website is not incorporated into and does not form part of this announcement.

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### Further information

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This announcement does not constitute a prospectus, prospectus equivalent document or an exempted document.

## Disclaimers

RBC Europe Limited (trading as RBC Capital Markets) ("RBC"), which is authorised by the PRA and regulated by the FCA and the PRA in the United Kingdom and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Royal Bank of Canada, is acting for Fortress Bidco and Fortress and no one else in connection with the matters referred to in this announcement and will not be responsible to anyone other than Fortress Bidco and Fortress for providing the protections afforded to clients of RBC, or for providing advice in connection with matters referred to in this announcement. Neither RBC nor its parent nor any of its subsidiaries or affiliates owes or accepts any duty, liability or responsibility whatsoever (whether direct or indirect, whether in contract, in tort, under statute or otherwise) to any person who is not a client of RBC in connection with this announcement or any matter referred to herein.

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## Overseas jurisdictions

This announcement has been prepared in accordance with, and for the purpose of complying with, the laws of England and Wales and the Takeover Code, and information disclosed may not be the same as that which would have been disclosed if this announcement had been prepared in accordance with the laws of jurisdictions outside England.

The release, publication or distribution of this announcement in or into certain jurisdictions other than the United Kingdom may be restricted by law and therefore any persons who are subject to the laws of any jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom should inform themselves about, and observe any applicable requirements of their jurisdictions.

The availability of the Fortress Offer to Morrisons Shareholders who are not resident in and citizens of the United Kingdom may be affected by the laws of the relevant jurisdictions in which they are located or of which they are citizens. Persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom should inform themselves of, and observe, any applicable legal or regulatory requirements of their jurisdictions. In particular, the ability of persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom to vote their Morrisons Shares with respect to the Scheme at the Court Meeting or the General Meeting, or to execute and deliver Forms of Proxy appointing another to vote at the Court Meeting or the General Meeting on their behalf, may be affected by the laws of the relevant jurisdictions in which they are located. Any failure to comply with the applicable restrictions may constitute a violation of the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the companies and persons involved in the Fortress Offer disclaim any responsibility or liability for the violation of such restrictions by any person.

Unless otherwise determined by Fortress Bidco or required by the Takeover Code, and permitted by applicable law and regulation, the Fortress Offer will not be made available, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, in, into or from a Restricted Jurisdiction where to do so would violate the laws in that jurisdiction and no person may vote in favour of the Fortress Offer by any such use, means, instrumentality or from within a Restricted Jurisdiction or any other jurisdiction if to do so would constitute a violation of the laws of that jurisdiction. Copies of this announcement and any formal documentation relating to the Fortress Offer are not being, and must not be, directly or indirectly, mailed or otherwise forwarded, distributed or sent in or into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction and persons receiving such documents (including custodians, nominees and trustees) must not mail or otherwise forward, distribute or send them in or into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction. Doing so may render invalid any related purported vote in respect of the Fortress Offer. If the Fortress Offer is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer (unless otherwise permitted by applicable law and regulation), the Takeover Offer may not be made directly or indirectly, in or into, or by the use of mails or any means or instrumentality (including, but not limited to, facsimile, e-mail or other electronic transmission, telex or telephone) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or of any facility of a national, state or other securities exchange of any Restricted Jurisdiction and the Takeover Offer may not be capable of acceptance by any such use, means, instrumentality or facilities.

The Fortress Offer is subject to the applicable requirements of the Takeover Code, the Panel, the London Stock Exchange and the FCA. Further details in relation to Overseas Shareholders are set out in the Fortress Scheme Document.

The Fortress Offer relates to the shares of an English company and is being made by means of a scheme of arrangement provided for under English company law. A transaction effected by means of a scheme of arrangement is not subject to the tender offer rules or the proxy solicitation rules under the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Accordingly, the Fortress Offer is subject to the disclosure and procedural requirements and practices applicable in the United Kingdom to schemes of arrangement which differ from the disclosure requirements of United States tender offer and proxy solicitation rules.

The financial information included in this announcement and the Fortress Scheme Document (or, if the Fortress Offer is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, the Fortress Offer Document) has been or will have been prepared in accordance with either international financial reporting standards or generally accepted accounting principles of the United Kingdom (as applicable) and thus may not be comparable to the financial information of US companies or companies whose financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States.

However, if, in the future, Fortress Bidco exercises the right to implement the Fortress Offer by way of a Takeover Offer and determines to extend the Fortress Offer into the United States, the Takeover Offer will be made in compliance with applicable United States laws and regulations, including Section 14(e) of the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Regulation 14E thereunder. Such Takeover Offer would be made in the United States by Fortress Bidco and no one else.

Neither the US Securities and Exchange Commission nor any securities commission of any state of the United States nor any other US regulatory authority has approved the Fortress Offer, passed upon the fairness of the Fortress Offer or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this announcement or the Fortress Scheme Document. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the United States.

The receipt of cash pursuant to the Fortress Offer by a US holder of Morrisons Shares as consideration for the transfer of its Scheme Shares pursuant to the Scheme may be a taxable transaction for US federal income tax purposes and may also be a taxable transaction under applicable US state and local tax laws in the United States, as well as foreign and other tax laws. Each Morrisons Shareholder is therefore urged to consult with legal, tax and financial advisers in connection with making a decision regarding the Fortress Offer.

It may be difficult for US holders of Morrisons Shares to enforce their rights and any claims arising out of US federal laws, since Fortress Bidco and Morrisons are each located in a non-US jurisdiction, and some or all of their officers and directors may be residents of a non-US jurisdiction. US holders of Morrisons Shares may not be able to sue a non-US company or its officers or directors in a non-US court for violations of US securities laws. Further, it may be difficult to compel a non-US company and its affiliates to subject themselves to a US court's judgement.

In accordance with normal UK practice and pursuant to Rule 14e-5(b) of the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (if applicable), Fortress Bidco, certain affiliated companies and their nominees or brokers (acting as agents), may from time to time make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, Morrisons Shares outside of the US, other than pursuant to the Fortress Offer, until the date on which the Fortress Offer and/or Scheme becomes Effective, lapses or is otherwise withdrawn. Also, in accordance with Rule 14e-5(b) of the US

Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (if applicable), each of HSBC and RBC will continue to act as an exempt principal trader in Morrisons Shares on the London Stock Exchange. If such purchases or arrangements to purchase were to be made they would occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices and comply with applicable law, including the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Any information about such purchases will be disclosed as required in the UK, will be reported to the Regulatory News Service of the London Stock Exchange and will be available on the London Stock Exchange website at www.londonstockexchange.com.

## Forward-looking statements

This announcement (including information incorporated by reference into this announcement), oral statements made regarding the Fortress Offer, and other information published by Fortress Bidco contain statements which are, or may be deemed to be, "forward-looking statements". Forward-looking statements are prospective in nature and are not based on historical facts, but rather on current expectations and projections of the management of Fortress Bidco and Morrisons about future events, and are therefore subject to risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from the future results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements contained in this announcement include statements relating to the expected effects of the Fortress Offer on Fortress Bidco and Morrisons, the expected timing and scope of the Fortress Offer and other statements other than historical facts. Often, but not always, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as "plans", "expects" or "does not expect", "is expected", "is subject to", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates" or "does not anticipate", or "believes", or variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "should", "would", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved. Although Fortress Bidco believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, Fortress Bidco can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will occur in the future.

There are a number of factors that could cause actual results and developments to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to: the ability to complete the Fortress Offer; the ability to obtain requisite regulatory and shareholder approvals and the satisfaction of other Conditions on the proposed terms; changes in the global political, economic, business and competitive environments and in market and regulatory forces; changes in future exchange and interest rates; changes in tax rates; future business combinations or disposals; changes in general economic and business conditions; changes in the behaviour of other market participants; the anticipated benefits from the Fortress Offer not being realised as a result of changes in general economic and market conditions in the countries in which Fortress Bidco and Morrisons operate; weak, volatile or illiquid capital and/or credit markets; changes in the degree of competition in the geographic and business areas in which Fortress Bidco and Morrisons operate; and changes in laws or in supervisory expectations or requirements. Other unknown or unpredictable factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those expected, estimated or projected in the forward-looking statements. If any one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialises or if any one or more of the assumptions proves incorrect, actual results may differ materially from those expected, estimated or projected. Such forward-looking statements should therefore be construed in the light of such factors.

Fortress Bidco, nor any of its associates or directors, officers or advisers, provides any representation, assurance or guarantee that the occurrence of the events expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements in this announcement will actually occur. Given the risks and uncertainties, you are cautioned not to place any reliance on these forward-looking statements.

Specifically, statements of estimated cost savings and synergies related to future actions and circumstances which, by their nature, involve risks, uncertainties and contingencies. As a result, the cost savings and synergies referred to may not be achieved, may be achieved later or sooner than estimated, or those achieved could be materially different from those estimated. Due to the scale of the Morrisons Group, there may be additional changes to the Morrisons Group's operations. As a result, and given the fact that the changes relate to the future, the resulting cost synergies may be materially greater or less than those estimated.

Other than in accordance with its legal or regulatory obligations, Fortress Bidco is not under any obligation, and Fortress Bidco expressly disclaims any intention or obligation, to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

## Dealing and Opening Position Disclosure requirements

Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Takeover Code, any person who is interested in one per cent. or more of any class of relevant securities of an offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror (being any offeror other than an offeror in respect of which it has been announced that its offer is, or is likely to be, solely in cash) must make an Opening Position Disclosure following the commencement of the offer period and, if later, following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified.

An Opening Position Disclosure must contain details of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(s). An Opening Position Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(a) of the Takeover Code applies must be made by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the 10<sup>th</sup> Business Day following the commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the 10<sup>th</sup> Business Day following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. Relevant persons who deal in the relevant securities of the offeree company or of a securities exchange offeror prior to the deadline for making an Opening Position Disclosure must instead make a Dealing Disclosure.

Under Rule 8.3(b) of the Takeover Code, any person who is, or becomes, interested in one per cent. or more of any class of relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror must make a Dealing Disclosure if the person deals in any relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror. A Dealing Disclosure must contain details of the dealing concerned and of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(s), save to the extent that these details have previously been disclosed under Rule 8 of the Takeover Code. A Dealing Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(b) applies must be

made by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the Business Day following the date of the relevant dealing.

If two or more persons act together pursuant to an agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal, to acquire or control an interest in relevant securities of an offeree company or a securities exchange offeror, they will be deemed to be a single person for the purpose of Rule 8.3 of the Takeover Code.

Opening Position Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company and by any offeror and Dealing Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company, by any offeror and by any persons acting in concert with any of them (see Rules 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4 of the Takeover Code).

Details of the offeree and offeror companies in respect of whose relevant securities Opening Position Disclosures and Dealing Disclosures must be made can be found in the Disclosure Table on the Panel's website at www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk, including details of the number of relevant securities in issue, when the offer period commenced and when any offeror was first identified. You should contact the Panel's Market Surveillance Unit on +44 (0)20 7638 0129 if you are in any doubt as to whether you are required to make an Opening Position Disclosure or a Dealing Disclosure.

### Publication on a website

In accordance with Rule 26.1 of the Takeover Code, a copy of this announcement will be made available, subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in Restricted Jurisdictions, on Fortress' website at www.fortress.com/offer-for-morrisons by no later than 12 noon (London time) on the first Business Day following the date of this announcement. For the avoidance of doubt, neither the contents of the website nor the contents of any websites accessible from any hyperlinks is incorporated into or forms part of this announcement.

### No profit forecasts, estimates or quantified benefits statements

No statement in this announcement is intended as a profit forecast, profit estimate or quantified benefits statement for any period and no statement in this announcement should be interpreted to mean that earnings or earnings per share for Morrisons for the current or future financial years would necessarily match or exceed the historical published earnings or earnings per share for Morrisons.

### Electronic communications

Please be aware that addresses, electronic addresses and certain other information provided by Morrisons Shareholders, persons with information rights and other relevant persons for the receipt of communications from Morrisons may be provided to Fortress Bidco during the Offer Period as required under Section 4 of Appendix 4 to the Takeover Code to comply with Rule 2.11(c) of the Takeover Code.

## Rounding

Certain figures included in this announcement have been subjected to rounding adjustments. Accordingly, figures shown for the same category presented in different tables may vary slightly and figures shown as totals in certain tables may not be an arithmetic aggregation of figures that precede them.

### General

If the Fortress Offer is effected by way of a Takeover Offer, and such Takeover Offer becomes or is declared unconditional in all respects and sufficient acceptances are received, Fortress Bidco intends to exercise its rights to apply the provisions of Chapter 3 of Part 28 of the Companies Act so as to acquire compulsorily the remaining Morrisons Shares in respect of which the Takeover Offer has not been accepted.

Investors should be aware that Fortress Bidco may purchase Morrisons Shares otherwise than under any Takeover Offer or the Scheme, including pursuant to privately negotiated purchases.

If you are in any doubt about the contents of this announcement or the action you should take, you are recommended to seek your own independent financial advice immediately from your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor or independent financial adviser duly authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended) if you are resident in the United Kingdom or, if not, from another appropriate authorised independent financial adviser.