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News Release

Schroders completes acquisition of majority stake in BlueOrchard

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Schroders plc (“Schroders”) and BlueOrchard Finance Ltd (“BlueOrchard”) are today announcing the completion of Schroders’ acquisition of a majority stake in BlueOrchard, a leading impact investment manager.

BlueOrchard manages approximately \$3.5 billion* in assets and operates in emerging and frontier markets worldwide.

BlueOrchard offers its investors premium impact investment solutions across multiple asset classes, including credit, private equity, and sustainable infrastructure and is an expert in innovative blended finance mandates.

Founded in 2001, it was the world’s first commercial manager of microfinance debt investments.

Schroders’ Group Chief Executive, Peter Harrison, commented:

“BlueOrchard’s business demonstrates the positive impact financial markets can have on improving society. I am delighted that Schroders will be able to help support the many initiatives BlueOrchard has in targeting the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals.”

“BlueOrchard’s work in microfinance and with development agencies both provides investors with the potential for financial returns, and demonstrably benefits millions of people in emerging markets.”

“Impact investing will be a mega trend, as our clients want to use their assets to do more than just earn returns and Schroders is now at the leading edge of this.”

Schroders’ Global Head of Private Assets, Georg Wunderlin, commented:

“This partnership demonstrates our commitment to the increasingly important sustainability and broader impact investing space. BlueOrchard is a pioneer in impact investing in emerging markets and operates a range of capabilities across microfinance, impact bonds, private equity and infrastructure investments. We are looking forward to supporting BlueOrchard’s further growth path as part of the Schroders Group.”

Peter A. Fanconi, Chairman of BlueOrchard, commented:

“Being pioneers in microfinance and impact investing, we have built a high-quality, specialist impact investment solutions business over the past 20 years.”

“BlueOrchard’s Board of Directors, which in its new composition will consist of both BlueOrchard and Schroders representatives, will support the firm to further flourish its business and provide an excellent service to BlueOrchard’s clients over the long term.”

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*as at 30 June 2019

About BlueOrchard

BlueOrchard is a leading global impact investment manager and a member of the Schroders group. The firm is dedicated to fostering inclusive and climate-smart growth in emerging and frontier markets, while providing attractive returns for investors. BlueOrchard was founded in 2001, by initiative of the UN, as the world's first commercial manager of microfinance debt investments. The firm has built a distinct track record in offering premium impact investment solutions, including credit, private equity, and sustainable infrastructure. Being an expert in innovative blended finance mandates, the firm is a trusted partner of leading global development finance institutions. BlueOrchard has invested to date more than USD 6bn for sophisticated global private and public clients, enabling tangible social and environmental impact.

For additional information, please visit: www.blueorchard.com

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