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RECOMMENDED ALL-SHARE COMBINATION
OF
HANSA INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED
AND
OCEAN WILSONS HOLDINGS LIMITED

# PUBLICATION OF PROSPECTUS, CIRCULAR AND SCHEME DOCUMENT

On 28 July 2025, the boards of Hansa Investment Company Limited ("Hansa") and Ocean Wilsons Holdings Limited ("Ocean Wilsons") announced that they had agreed the terms of a recommended all-share combination of Hansa and Ocean Wilsons, pursuant to which Hansa will acquire the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Ocean Wilsons (the "Combination"). It is intended that the Combination will be implemented by way of a court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement of Ocean Wilsons under section 99 of the Bermuda Companies Act (the "Scheme").

# **Publication of Prospectus and Circular**

The Board announces that the Company has today published a prospectus (the "**Prospectus**") in connection with the proposed admission of New Hansa Ordinary Shares to the closed-ended investment funds category of the Official List and New Hansa 'A' Ordinary Shares to the non-equity shares and non-voting equity shares category of the Official List, together with a circular to provide Hansa Shareholders with further details of the Combination and to convene the Hansa General Meeting to seek approval from Hansa Voting Shareholders for the Hansa Resolutions (the "**Circular**").

The Prospectus has been approved by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prospectus and Circular will shortly be available for inspection at the National Storage Mechanism which is located at https://data.fca.org.uk/#/nsm/nationalstoragemechanism and, subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in Restricted Jurisdictions, on Hansa's website at <a href="https://hansaicl.com/document-library/">https://hansaicl.com/document-library/</a>

Capitalised terms used in this announcement shall, unless otherwise defined, have the same meanings as set out in the Prospectus or Circular. All references to times in this announcement are to London, United Kingdom times unless stated otherwise.

# **Action required**

Implementation of the Combination requires certain approvals from Hansa Voting Shareholders. The Combination will require Hansa: (i) to increase its authorised share capital so as to permit the issuance of the New Hansa Shares; (ii) to amend its existing investment policy so as to permit the acquisition of further Ocean Wilsons Shares in connection with the Combination; and (iii) to increase the limit in Hansa's Bye-laws on the aggregate fees which may be paid to Hansa Directors from US 600,000 to US 900,000 in order to facilitate the enlarged Board of the Combined Group

(together the "Hansa Scheme Resolutions"). The Combination is therefore conditional on the Hansa Scheme Resolutions being passed by a simple majority of the votes cast by Hansa Voting Shareholders at the Hansa General Meeting.

Whilst not conditions to completion of the Combination, but connected to the Combination, Hansa will also propose at the Hansa General Meeting: (A) two ordinary resolutions to obtain Hansa Voting Shareholder approval for the repurchase of Hansa Ordinary Shares and Hansa 'A' Ordinary Shares to facilitate the Combined Group's new capital allocation policy (the "Buyback Authority Resolutions"); and (B) a special resolution to approve the adoption of the amended Bye-laws produced to the Hansa General Meeting to provide: (a) that Hansa Shareholders are not inadvertently required to make a mandatory takeover offer where their percentage shareholding exceeds a threshold as a result of Hansa repurchasing its own Shares; (b) that time spent as an untraced shareholder of Ocean Wilsons may be considered by Hansa when implementing its policy on untraced shareholders; and (c) that Hansa Voting Shareholder approval is required in respect of any repurchase of Hansa Shares (the "Bye-laws Amendment Resolution").

The notice convening the Hansa General Meeting is set out in the Circular. The Hansa General Meeting is scheduled to be held at the Hamilton Princess Hotel, 76 Pitts Bay Rd, Pembroke HM 08, Bermuda on 12 September 2025 at 10 a.m. (Bermuda time). The Circular includes the full text of the Hansa Resolutions.

### Recommendation

The Hansa Independent Committee, which has been so advised by Winterflood as to the financial terms of the Combination, considers the terms of the Combination to be fair and reasonable. In providing their advice to the Hansa Independent Committee, Winterflood has taken into account the commercial assessments of the Hansa Independent Committee.

Accordingly, the Hansa Independent Committee unanimously recommends that Hansa Voting Shareholders vote (or procure the voting) in favour of the Hansa Resolutions at the Hansa General Meeting, as each member of the Hansa Independent Committee who holds Hansa Voting Shares has irrevocably undertaken to do in respect of their own legal and/or beneficial holdings of Hansa Voting Shares.

### **Scheme Document**

Hansa also notes the publication today of the document in relation to the Scheme (the "Scheme Document") which contains further information on the Scheme. The Scheme Document will be made available for viewing, subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in Restricted Jurisdictions, on Hansa's website at <a href="https://hansaicl.com/document-library/">https://hansaicl.com/document-library/</a> and on Oceans Wilsons' website at <a href="https://hansaicl.com/document-library/">https://hansaicl.com/document-library/</a> and on Oceans Wilsons' website at <a href="https://www.oceanwilsons.bm/">www.oceanwilsons.bm/</a> investors.

### **Timetable**

The Prospectus and Circular contain an expected timetable of principal events relating to the Combination, which is also set out in the Appendix to this announcement.

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#### Important Notices

Winterflood ("Winterflood"), which is authorised and regulated in the United Kingdom by the FCA, is acting exclusively as financial adviser and broker to Hansa and for no one else in connection with the matters referred to in this announcement and will not be responsible to any person other than Hansa for providing the protections afforded to clients of Winterflood, nor for providing advice in relation to the matters referred to herein. Neither Winterflood nor any of its 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 Winterflood in connection with the matters referred to in this announcement, or otherwise.

# Application of the Takeover Code

Ocean Wilsons is incorporated and has its registered office in Bermuda and, as a result, is not subject to the Takeover Code. Accordingly, the Takeover Code does not apply to the Combination or the Scheme, nor are the Combination or the Scheme subject to the jurisdiction of, or being regulated by, the UK Panel on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Panel").

Ocean Wilsons has incorporated certain takeover-related provisions into its bye-laws but these do not provide Ocean Wilsons Shareholders with the full protections offered by the Takeover Code and enforcement of such provisions are the responsibility of Ocean Wilsons, not the Panel. Accordingly, Ocean Wilsons Shareholders are reminded that the Panel does not have responsibility, in relation to Ocean Wilsons and the Combination, for ensuring compliance with the Takeover Code and will not be able to answer shareholders' queries.

However, Hansa and Ocean Wilsons have agreed certain matters regarding the application of the Takeover Code to the Combination, and the terms of that agreement are summarised in this announcement.

# Disclosure requirements

Ocean Wilsons is a Bermudian company and is therefore not subject to the Takeover Code. Accordingly, Ocean Wilsons Shareholders are not obliged to make an Opening Position Disclosure or dealing disclosures (as applicable) under the provisions of the Takeover Code. However, market participants are requested to make disclosures of "dealings" as if Rule 8 of the Takeover Code applied to the Combination and as if Ocean Wilsons were in an "offer period" under the Takeover Code. Ocean Wilsons Shareholders and persons considering the acquisition or disposal of any interest in Ocean Wilsons Shares are reminded that they are subject to the applicable regulatory rules regarding transactions in Ocean Wilsons Shares.

Disclosures made in relation to relevant securities of Ocean Wilsons should be released via a Regulatory Information Service using the headline "Document re: Ocean Wilsons" and should not, for the avoidance of doubt, be e-mailed to the Panel. The headline "Form 8/8.3" should not be used. Ocean Wilsons' website contains the form of disclosure requested which is substantially in the form that would be required to make disclosures of dealings if Ocean Wilsons were subject to the Takeover Code. If you are in any doubt as to whether or not you should disclose dealings, you should contact an independent financial adviser authorised by the FCA under the FSMA (or, if you are resident in a jurisdiction other than the UK, a financial adviser authorised under the laws of such jurisdiction). The guidance set out below follows the requirements of Rule 8 of the Takeover Code.

Any person who is, or becomes, "interested" (directly or indirectly) in one per cent. or more of any class of "relevant securities" of an "offeree" or of any "securities exchange offeror", is requested to make a "Dealing Disclosure" if the person deals in any "relevant securities" of that "offeree" or of any "securities exchange offeror". A "Dealing Disclosure" should 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 (i) Ocean Wilsons and (ii) any "securities exchange offeror", save to the extent that these details have previously been disclosed. Such "Dealing Disclosure" should be made by no later than 3:30 p.m. on the "business day" following the date of the relevant transaction.

If two or more persons to an agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal, to acquire an "interest" in "relevant securities" of Ocean Wilsons or a "securities exchange offeror", they should be regarded to be a single person for these purposes.

"Interests in securities" arise, in summary, when a person has long economic exposure, whether conditional or absolute, to changes in the price of "securities". In particular, a person will be treated as having an "interest" by virtue of the ownership and control of "securities", or by virtue of any option in respect of, or derivative reference to, "securities".

Terms in quotation marks are defined in the Takeover Code, which can be found on the Panel's website. If you are in any doubt as to whether or not you should disclose a "dealing" by reference to the above, you should contact an independent financial adviser authorised by the FCA under the FSMA.

#### Further Information

This announcement is for information purposes only. It is not intended to and does not constitute, or form part of, an offer, invitation or the solicitation of an offer or invitation to purchase, otherwise acquire, subscribe for, exchange, sell or otherwise dispose of any securities, or the solicitation of any vote or approval in any jurisdiction, pursuant to the Combination or otherwise nor will there be any sale, issuance, exchange or transfer of securities of Hansa or Ocean Wilsons pursuant to the Combination or otherwise in any jurisdiction in contravention of applicable law.

The Combination will be implemented solely pursuant to the terms of the Ocean Wilson's Scheme Circular, which contains the full terms and conditions of the Combination, including details of how Ocean Wilson's shareholders can vote in respect of the Combination.

Any decision by Hansa Shareholders in respect of, or other response to, the Combination (including any vote of Hansa Voting Shareholders in respect of the resolutions at the Hansa General Meeting), should be made only on the basis of the information contained in the Circular.

This announcement has been prepared for the purpose of complying with Bermudian and English law, the Market Abuse Regulation and the UK Listing Rules and the 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 the United Kingdom and Bermuda.

The Combination is subject to the applicable requirements of the London Stock Exchange, the Bermuda Stock Exchange and the FCA.

The Combination is conditional on the Hansa Scheme Resolutions being passed by a simple majority of the votes cast by Hansa Voting Shareholders at the Hansa General Meeting. Hansa urges Hansa Shareholders to read the Circular and Prospectus carefully because they contain important information in relation to the Combination, the New Hansa Shares and the Combined Group. Any vote in respect of the resolutions to be proposed at the Hansa General Meeting to approve the Combination should be made only on the basis of the information contained in the Circular and Prospectus. 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 an appropriate independent professional adviser in the relevant jurisdiction without delay.

This announcement does not constitute a prospectus or prospectus exemption document for the purposes of Article 1(4) or (5) of the UK Prospectus Regulation.

# Overseas shareholders

The availability of the Combination and/or the New Hansa Shares in, and the release, publication or distribution of this announcement in or into certain jurisdictions other than the United Kingdom and Bermuda may be restricted by applicable law Persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom or Bermuda or who are subject to other jurisdictions should inform themselves of, and observe, any applicable legal or regulatory requirements or restrictions.

Unless otherwise determined by Hansa, and permitted by applicable law and regulation, the Combination or the New Hansa Shares to be issued pursuant to the Combination will not be made available, 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 Combination by any such use, means, instrumentality or form within a Restricted Jurisdiction or any other jurisdiction if to do so would constitute a violation of the laws of that jurisdiction. Accordingly, copies of this announcement and all documents relating to the Combination are not being, and must not be, directly or indirectly,

mailed or otherwise torwarded, distributed or sent in, into or from a Restricted Jurisdiction where to do so would violate the laws in that jurisdiction, and persons receiving this announcement and all documents relating to the Combination (including custodians, nominees and trustees) must not mail or otherwise distribute or send them in, into or from such jurisdictions where to do so would violate the laws in that jurisdiction.

The New Hansa Shares may not be offered, sold or delivered, directly or indirectly, in, into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction or to, or for the account or benefit of, any Restricted Overseas Persons except pursuant to an applicable exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, applicable securities laws of those jurisdiction, or otherwise permitted under applicable securities laws of those jurisdictions.

#### Additional information for US investors

The Combination relates to the shares of a Bermudian company and is proposed to be effected by means of a scheme of arrangement under Bermudian 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 Exchange Act.

Accordingly, the Combination is subject to the disclosure and procedural requirements applicable to a scheme of arrangement involving a target company incorporated in Bermuda and listed on the London Stock Exchange and applicable to the issuance of buyer shares under Bermudian law, which differ from the disclosure requirements of United States tender offer and proxy solicitation rules.

In accordance with normal practice for companies such as Hansa and Ocean Wilsons and pursuant to Rule 14e-5(b) of the US Exchange Act, Hansa or its nominees, or its brokers (acting as agents), may from time to time make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, shares or other securities of Ocean Wilsons outside of the US, other than pursuant to the Combination, until the date on which the Combination and/or Scheme becomes Effective, lapses or is otherwise withdrawn. These purchases may occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices. Any information about such purchases or arrangements to purchase will be disclosed as required in the UK and Bermuda, will be reported to a Regulatory Information Service and will be available on the London Stock Exchange website at <a href="https://www.londonstockexchange.com">www.londonstockexchange.com</a>.

This announcement does not constitute or form a part of any offer to sell or issue, or any solicitation of any offer to purchase, subscribe for or otherwise acquire, any securities in the United States.

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

Financial information included in this announcement, the Circular and the Prospectus has been or will have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards applicable to companies such as Hansa and Ocean Wilsons that may not be comparable to financial information of US companies or companies whose financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States.

The New Hansa Shares to be issued pursuant to the Combination have not been and will not be registered under the US Securities Act or any other relevant securities laws of any state or territory or other jurisdiction in the United States and may only be issued to persons resident in such state, district or other jurisdiction pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the securities laws of such state, district or other jurisdiction. The New Hansa Shares to be issued pursuant to the Combination will be issued pursuant to the exemption from registration provided by Section 3(a)(10) under the US Securities Act. Hansa has not been and will not be registered under the US Investment Company Act and, accordingly, holders of New Hansa Shares will not be entitled to the benefits of the US Investment Company Act.

Hansa and Ocean Wilsons are organised under the laws of Bermuda. Some or all of the officers and directors of Hansa and Ocean Wilsons, respectively, are residents of countries other than the United States. In addition, certain assets of Hansa and Ocean Wilsons are located outside the United States. As a result, it may be difficult for US shareholders of Ocean Wilsons to effect service of process within the United States upon Hansa or Ocean Wilsons or their respective officers or directors or to enforce against them a judgment of a US court predicated upon the federal or state securities laws of the United States. Further, it may be difficult to compel a non-US company and its affiliates to subject themselves to a US court's judgment. It may not be possible to sue Hansa or Ocean Wilsons or their respective officers or directors in a non-US court for violations of the US securities laws.

# Forward-Looking Statements

This announcement (including information incorporated by reference into this announcement), statements made regarding the Combination, and other information to be published by Hansa and/or Ocean Wilsons, may include statements that are, or may be deemed to be, "forward-looking statements". These forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology, including the terms "believes", "estimates", "plans", "projects", "anticipates", "expects", "intends", "may", "will" or "should" or, in each case, their negative or other variations or comparable terminology, or by discussions of strategy, plans, objectives, goals, future events or intentions. Forward-looking statements may and often do differ materially from actual results. Any forward-looking statements reflect Hansa and Ocean Wilsons' current views with respect to future events and are subject to risks relating to future events and other risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to Hansa and Ocean Wilsons' businesses, results of operations, financial position, liquidity, prospects, growth and strategies. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made.

Neither Hansa nor Ocean Wilsons, nor any of their respective 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 their announcement will actually occur. Given these risks and uncertainties, you are cautioned not to place any reliance on these forward-looking statements.

Other than in accordance with their legal or regulatory obligations, neither Hansa nor Ocean Wilsons is under any obligation, and Hansa and Ocean Wilsons expressly disclaim any intention or obligation, to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

A non-exclusive list of the important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in such forward-looking statements includes: (a) changes in the global political, economic, business and competitive environments and in market and regulatory forces; (b) changes in future exchange and interest rates; (c) changes in tax rates; (d) future business combinations or disposals; (e) changes in general economic and business conditions; (f) changes in the behaviour of other market participants; (g) weak, volatile or illiquid capital and/or credit markets; and (h) 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.

Additionally, the Combination is subject to risks and uncertainties, including: (i) Hansa and Ocean Wilsons may be unable to complete the Combination because, among other reasons, conditions to Completion may not be satisfied or waived, or either party may be entitled to terminate the Combination; (ii) uncertainty as to the timing of Completion; (iii) the ability to obtain approval of the Combination by Ocean Wilsons Shareholders or of the Hansa Resolutions by Hansa Voting Shareholders; (iv) uncertainty as to the long-term value of the New Hansa Shares to be issued to Ocean Wilsons Shareholders in connection with the Combination; (v) the ability of the Ocean Wilsons Independent Committee and the Hansa Independent Committee to withdraw their respective recommendations relating to the Combination; and (vi) the outcome of any legal proceedings to the extent initiated against Hansa, Ocean Wilsons and others relating to the Combination, as well as the responses of Hansa and Ocean Wilsons to any of the aforementioned factors.

Neither Ocean Wilsons nor Hansa undertakes any obligation to update publicly or revise any forward- looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

# No profit forecasts or estimates

No statement in this announcement (including any statement of estimated costs savings or synergies) is intended as a profit forecast or estimate for any period and no statement in this announcement should be intended to mean that earnings, earnings per share, net asset value or net asset value per share for Hansa or Ocean Wilsons, as appropriate, for the current or future financial years would necessarily match or exceed the historical published earnings, earnings per share, net asset value or net asset value per share for Hansa or Ocean Wilsons, as appropriate.

A copy of this announcement, the Hansa Prospectus and Hansa Circular, and any document incorporated by reference, will be made available, subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in Restricted Jurisdictions, on Hansa's website at <a href="https://hansaicl.com/document-library/">https://hansaicl.com/document-library/</a> by no later than 12.00 p.m. (London time) on the Business Day following the date of publication of this announcement. For the avoidance of doubt, neither these websites nor the contents of any websites accessible from any hyperlinks are incorporated into or form part of this announcement.

You may request a hard copy of the Prospectus and Circular (and any information incorporated by reference therein) by contacting the Hansa Registrars, Computershare Investor Services (Bermuda) Limited between 8.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. (London time) Monday to Friday (excluding English and Welsh public holidays) on +44 (0) 370 702 0000 or by submitting a request in writing to, Computershare Investor Services (Bermuda) Limited c/o The Pavilions, Bridgwater Road, Bristol BS99 6ZY. The Hansa Registrars cannot provide advice on the merits of the Combination or the Hansa Resolutions nor give any financial, legal or tax advice.

#### **APPENDIX**

# **EXPECTED TIMETABLE OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS**

The following indicative timetable is based on Hansa's current expected dates for the implementation of the Scheme and is subject to change.

Event	2025
Publication of the Prospectus, Circular and Scheme Document	14 August
Latest time and date for Hansa Depositary Interest Holders to lodge the Form of Instruction for the Hansa General Meeting	10.00 a.m. (Bermuda time) on 9 September]
Latest time and date for receipt of Forms of Proxy (or electronic/CREST proxy instructions) for the Hansa General Meeting	10.00 a.m. (Bermuda time) on 10 September]
Voting record time for the Hansa General Meeting	10.00 a.m. (Bermuda time) on 10 September
Hansa General Meeting	10.00 a.m. (Bermuda time) on 12 September
Announcement of results of the Hansa General Meeting	12/13 September

The following dates and times associated with the Scheme are indicative only and subject to change and will depend on, among other things, the date on which the Conditions to the Scheme are satisfied or, if capable of waiver, waived, and the date on which the Court sanctions the Scheme. Ocean Wilsons will give adequate notice of any changes to these dates and times, when known, by issuing an announcement through a Regulatory Information Service, with such announcement being made available on Ocean Wilsons' website at <a href="https://www.oceanwilsons.bm/investors">www.oceanwilsons.bm/investors</a>.

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Scheme Court Sanction Hearing	expected to be 22 September 2025, subject to the satisfaction (or, if applicable, waiver) of the relevant conditions and, in any event, prior to the Long-stop Date ( <b>D</b> )
Effective Date of the Scheme	D+2*
Issue of New Hansa Shares	by 8 a.m. (London time) on D+3*
Admission of and commencement of dealings in New Hansa Shares on the London Stock Exchange	by 8 a.m. (London time) on D+3*
CREST accounts of former Ocean Wilsons Depositary Interest Holders credited with New Hansa Depositary Interests	as soon as possible after 8 a.m. (London time) on D+3*, but not later than 14 days after the Effective Date
New Hansa Depositary Interests issued by the Hansa DI Depositary to former Ocean Wilsons Depositary Interest Holders	as soon as possible after 8 a.m. (London time) on D+3*, but not later than 14 days after the Effective Date
Latest date for despatch of share certificates to Ocean Wilsons Ordinary Shareholders in respect of New Hansa	within 14 days after the Effective Date

Shares to be issued

Long-stop Date 31 December

**Note:** Each of the times and dates in the above expected timetable (other than in relation to the Hansa General Meeting) may be extended or brought forward. If any of the above times and/or dates change, the revised time(s) and/or date(s) will be notified to Hansa Shareholders by an announcement through a Regulatory Information Service.

\*All dates by reference to "D+1", "D+2" and "D+3" will be to the date falling the number of indicated Business Days immediately after date D, as indicated above.

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