The Management Board of Investment Friends SE, with its registered office in Tallinn, hereby, in reference to the Company's annual report published on 31 October 2025 for the financial year from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, as well as to the received draft disclaimer of opinion issued by the independent auditor KPMG Baltics OÜ (registry number 10096082), based in Tallinn, regarding the audit of the Company's financial statements for the same period, submits the Management Board's position concerning the document received from the auditor and its contents.

MANAGEMENT BOARD'S STATEMENT

Management Board of Investment Friends SE with its registered office in Tallinn
dated 31 October 2025
Referring to the received draft disclaimer of opinion on the audit of the Company's financial statements for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

In connection with the draft disclaimer of opinion received today (at 3:52 p.m. Polish time / 4:52 p.m. Estonian time) from the independent auditor KPMG Baltics OÜ, registry number 10096082, with its registered office in Tallinn, concerning the audit of the Company's financial statements for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, the Management Board of the Issuer is of the view that, given the actual circumstances of the Issuer, the auditor had no grounds to issue a disclaimer of opinion. **The Issuer considers that the criteria applied by the auditor in deciding to disclaim an opinion on the audit do not provide sufficient basis to justify the auditor's position.**

At the same time, the Management Board of the Issuer notes that throughout the entire audit process, the Auditor did not provide any comments on the financial statements. Consequently, upon receiving today (at 3:52 p.m. Polish time / 4:52 p.m. Estonian time) the draft Auditor's Report containing a disclaimer of opinion, the Issuer had no opportunity to make any corrections to the financial statements.

Given that the document received by the Company is not signed by the Auditor, the Company considers itself not authorized to publish its contents.

With regard to the grounds presented in the draft disclaimer of opinion on the financial statements, the Management Board emphasizes that it exercised due diligence in providing evidence and submitting all documents forming the basis for the accounting records for the financial year from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

The Issuer explains that, at the auditor's request, all documents and explanations required by the auditor were duly provided. The Management Board ensured unrestricted access to the Company's documentation, maintained regular communication with the auditor, and provided all necessary clarifications in response to the auditor's questions and concerns. Considering the number of transactions with related parties, the Management Board also submitted all legally required representations at the auditor's request. Therefore, the decision presented in the received draft to disclaim an opinion on the Company's financial statements for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 is, in light of all the circumstances, incomprehensible to the Management Board.

With regard to the remaining remarks made by the independent auditor, the Issuer explains as follows:

- given that the financial statements for the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 were audited by the same independent auditor - KPMG Baltics OÜ, registry number 10096082, with its registered office in Tallinn - who, in the report published by the Company on 8 November 2024, raised no objections to the Company's annual financial statements for that period, the auditor stated as follows:
"...In our opinion, the financial statements presented on pages 22 to 51 fairly present, in all material respects, the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2024, as well as its financial performance and cash flows for the financial year then ended, in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union..."

Therefore, it is incomprehensible to the Management Board that a financial statement prepared with the same accuracy and methodology as the one for the period from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 is now, in the auditor's view, deemed not to comply with IFRS - in particular with IAS 1 (Presentation of Financial Statements).

In the draft disclaimer of opinion, the Auditor raised a comment regarding certain ambiguities in the calculation of interest using the EIR method. The Issuer notes that, given the structure of the loans granted by the Company (loans with a fixed interest rate, without origination fees, additional commissions, or interest paid in advance for extended periods, etc.), there is no alternative method of applying the EIR other than using the nominal interest rate. IFRS 9 applies only to cases where an entity derives income from loans beyond interest. In situations where no such additional income exists and interest is paid on an ongoing basis, the effective interest rate (EIR) is equal to the nominal interest rate.

The remaining comments made by the auditor in the draft disclaimer of opinion on the audit of the Company's financial statements for the period from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 concern solely the presentation methods of certain data.

The Management Board of the Company informs that it will publish the full Auditor's Report immediately upon its receipt.

Management Board of Investment Friends SE

Agnieszka Gugjo – Member of the Management Board