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Funding Circle Holdings Limited

Confirmation of Intention to Float on the London Stock Exchange

Following the announcement by Funding Circle on 3 September 2018 regarding the publication of a Registration Document, Funding Circle today confirms its intention to proceed with an initial public offering (the “**IPO**” or the “**Offer**”) and certain details of the Offer. The Company intends to apply for admission of its ordinary shares (“**Shares**”) to the premium listing segment of the Official List of the Financial Conduct Authority (the “**Official List**”) and to trading on the London Stock Exchange’s main market for listed securities (together, “**Admission**”).

As part of the IPO, retail investors in the UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man can apply for shares via participating retail stockbrokers and share dealing providers (the “**Intermediaries Offer**”). The minimum application size in the Intermediaries Offer will be £1,000. A list of participating intermediaries can be found below.

The indicative price range in respect of the Offer (the “**Price Range**”), together with the maximum number of Shares to be sold in the Offer, will be determined in due course and contained in the Prospectus expected to be published by the Company in the coming weeks.

The final offer price in respect of the Offer (the “**Offer Price**”) will be determined following publication of the Prospectus and a book-building process, with Admission currently expected to occur in October 2018.

Confirmation of Offer Details

- The Offer will be comprised of new Shares to be issued by the Company (to raise gross proceeds of approximately £300 million) and of existing Shares expected to be sold by certain existing shareholders, directors and employees (the “**Selling Shareholders**”).
- Heartland A/S (“**Heartland**”) has agreed as part of the Offer to purchase (through its wholly-owned indirect subsidiary, Aktieselskabet as 2.7.2018) 10% of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company following the issue of the new Shares pursuant to the Offer, at a range of valuations. The purchase is conditional upon Admission and certain other conditions being satisfied and the commitment falls away if the equity valuation of the Company prior to the issue of new Shares pursuant to the Offer exceeds £1.65 billion.
- The Company intends to use the primary proceeds of the Offer to enhance its balance sheet position. The directors of the Company (the “**Directors**”) believe this is important for the following reasons:
 - to further engender trust in the Group’s business with investors, borrowers and regulators;
 - to support the Group in pursuing growth over profitability in the medium term; and
 - to provide strategic flexibility and create the ability to take advantage of opportunities either in current markets or new geographies.
- The Directors believe that this is an appropriate time to bring the Group to the public market, reflecting the robust foundations established for future growth. The Directors believe that the Offer will:
 - increase the Group’s profile and brand awareness;
 - demonstrate the maturity, transparency and governance of the business to borrowers, investors and employees;
 - assist in recruiting, retaining and incentivising key management and employees;

- provide a stable base of long term shareholders and give the Group access to a wider range of capital-raising options; and
- provide future liquidity to shareholders.
- Immediately following Admission, the Company intends to have a free float of at least 25% of the Company’s issued share capital. An over-allotment option of 10% of the total offer size will be made available by certain existing shareholders.
- It is expected that Admission will take place in October 2018 and that, following Admission, the Company will be eligible for inclusion in the FTSE UK indices.
- The Offer will comprise:
 - An offer of Shares to institutional investors in qualifying jurisdictions (in the UK and elsewhere outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S and in accordance with locally applicable laws and regulations, and in the United States, only to qualified institutional buyers (“**QIBs**”) as defined in rule 144A under the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or another exemption from, or transaction not subject to, registration under the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended) (the “**Institutional Offer**”)
 - An offer of Shares to certain retail stockbrokers and share dealing providers in the UK, who would facilitate the participation of their retail clients in the UK, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man (the “**Intermediaries Offer**”). Retail stockbrokers and share dealing providers interested in participating in the Intermediaries Offer should contact Solid Solutions Associates (intermediaries@solid-solutions.co.uk).
- The Company and Heartland will agree, and all shareholders holding more than 0.25% of the issued share capital of the Company immediately prior to Admission (other than the Directors and certain other employees of the Group (the “Eligible Employee Selling Shareholders”)) are expected to agree, that (subject to certain exceptions) during the period of 180 days from the date of Admission, they will not, without the prior written consent of the Joint Global Co-ordinators, offer, sell or contract to sell, or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, or announce an offer of any Shares (or any interest therein or in respect thereof) or enter into any transaction with the same economic effect as any of the foregoing. The Directors and the Eligible Employee Selling Shareholders will agree that (subject to certain exceptions) during the period of 365 days from the date of Admission, they will not, without the prior written consent of the Joint Global Co-ordinators, offer, sell or contract to sell, or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, or announce an offer of any Shares (or any interest therein or in respect thereof) or enter into any transaction with the same economic effect as any of the foregoing.
- The Company has engaged Merrill Lynch International (“**BofA Merrill Lynch**”), Goldman Sachs International (“**Goldman Sachs**”) and Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc (“**Morgan Stanley**”) to act as Joint Global Co-ordinators and Joint Bookrunners and Numis Securities Limited (“**Numis**”) to act as Joint Bookrunner on the Offer. BofA Merrill Lynch is also acting as sole Sponsor.
- List of participating intermediaries:
 - AJ Bell Youinvest
 - Albert E Sharp
 - Barclays Smart Investor
 - Cornhill Capital Limited
 - Hargreaves Lansdown
 - iDealing.com Limited
 - IG Group
 - Interactive Investor
 - Redmayne-Bentley Stockbrokers
 - Saga Share Direct
 - Selftrade
 - Sharedeal Active
 - Shareview
 - SVS Securities Plc
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Please refer to the Registration Document, which is available in electronic form from Funding Circle's website at corporate.fundingcircle.com, for further details.

Notes to Editors**About Funding Circle**

Funding Circle (corporate.fundingcircle.com) is a global SME loans platform, connecting SMEs who want to borrow with investors who want to lend in the UK, US, Germany and the Netherlands. Since launching in 2010, investors across Funding Circle's geographies – including more than 80,000 retail investors, banks, asset management companies, insurance companies, government-backed entities and funds – have lent more than £5 billion to over 50,000 businesses globally.

About Heartland

Heartland is the private holding company of Anders Holch Povlsen, containing all the group's activities and investment holdings outside of its fashion activities. The company has a dedicated team focused on actively nurturing investments in selected companies in their portfolio, examples of which include Klarna, Zalando and ASOS.

Important legal information

The contents of this announcement, which has been prepared by and is the sole responsibility of the Company, has been approved by Merrill Lynch International, Goldman Sachs International and Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc solely for the purposes of section 21(2)(b) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended).

The information contained in this announcement is for background purposes only and does not purport to be full or complete. No reliance may be placed by any person for any purpose on the information contained in this announcement or its accuracy, fairness or completeness.

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In any member state of the European Economic Area (“**EEA**”) other than the United Kingdom (each, a “**Relevant Member State**”), this announcement and any offer if made subsequently is directed only at persons who are “qualified investors” (“**Qualified Investors**”) within the meaning of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC and any amendments thereto, including Directive 2010/73/EU), and any implementing measures in each Relevant Member State (the “**Prospectus Directive**”).

This announcement 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 the Company’s current view with respect to future events and are subject to risks relating to future events and other risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to the Company’s business, results of operations, financial position, liquidity, prospects, growth and strategies. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made.

Each of the Company, Merrill Lynch International, Goldman Sachs International, Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc and Numis Securities Limited and their respective affiliates as defined under Rule 501(b) of Regulation D of the Securities Act (“**affiliates**”), expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to update, review or revise any forward looking statement contained in this announcement whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

Any subscription or purchase of Shares in the proposed Offer should be made solely on the basis of the information contained in the Prospectus to be issued by the Company in connection with the Offer. The information in this announcement is subject to change. Before subscribing for or purchasing any Shares, persons viewing this announcement should ensure that they fully understand and accept the risks which will be set out in the Prospectus when published. No reliance may be placed for any purpose on the information contained in this announcement or its accuracy or completeness. This announcement does not constitute or form part of any offer or invitation to sell or issue, or any solicitation of any offer to purchase or subscribe for any Shares or any other securities nor shall it (or any part of it) or the fact of its distribution, form the basis of, or be relied on in connection with, any contract therefor.

The date of Admission may be influenced by a variety of factors which include market conditions. There is no guarantee that Admission will occur and you should not base your financial decisions on the Company’s intentions in relation to Admission at this stage. Acquiring investments to which this announcement relates may expose an investor to a significant risk of losing all of the amount invested.

Persons considering making such investments should consult an authorised person specialising in advising on such investments. This announcement does not constitute a recommendation concerning the Offer. The value of shares can decrease as well as increase. Potential investors should consult a professional advisor as to the suitability of the Offer for the person concerned.

None of Merrill Lynch International, Goldman Sachs International, Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc and Numis Securities Limited or any of their respective directors, officers, employees, advisers or agents accepts any responsibility or liability whatsoever for/ or makes any representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the truth, accuracy or completeness of the information in this announcement (or whether any information has been omitted from the announcement) or any other information relating to the Company, its subsidiaries or associated companies, whether written, oral or in a visual or electronic form, and howsoever transmitted or made available or for any loss howsoever arising from any use of the announcement or its contents or otherwise arising in connection therewith.

Each of Merrill Lynch International, Goldman Sachs International, Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc and Numis Securities Limited is acting exclusively for the Company and no-one else in connection with the Offer. They will not regard any other person as their respective clients in relation to the Offer and will not be responsible to anyone other than the Company for providing the protections afforded to their respective clients, nor for providing advice in relation to the Offer, the contents of this announcement or any transaction, arrangement or other matter referred to herein.

Each of Merrill Lynch International, Goldman Sachs International and Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Prudential Regulation Authority and the Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom and Numis Securities Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom.

In connection with the Offer, each of Merrill Lynch International, Goldman Sachs International, Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc and Numis Securities Limited and any of their respective affiliates, may take up a portion of the Shares as a principal position and in that capacity may retain, purchase, sell, offer to sell or otherwise deal for their own accounts in such Shares and other securities of the Company or related investments in connection with the Offer or otherwise. Accordingly, references in the Prospectus, once published, to the Shares being issued, offered, subscribed, acquired, placed or otherwise dealt in should be read as including any issue or offer to, or subscription, acquisition, placing or dealing by any of Merrill Lynch International, Goldman Sachs International, Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc and Numis Securities Limited and any of their respective affiliates acting in such capacity. In addition, Merrill Lynch International, Goldman Sachs International, Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc, Numis Securities Limited and any of their respective affiliates may enter into financing arrangements (including swaps or contracts for differences) with investors in connection with which they may from time to time acquire, hold or dispose of Shares. None of Merrill Lynch International, Goldman Sachs International, Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc and Numis Securities Limited nor any of their respective affiliates intend to disclose the extent of any such investment or transactions otherwise than in accordance with any legal or regulatory obligations to do so.

In connection with the Offer, Goldman Sachs International, as stabilisation manager, or any of its agents, may (but will be under no obligation to), to the extent permitted by applicable law, over-allot Shares or effect other transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Shares at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. Goldman Sachs International is not required to enter into such transactions and such transactions may be effected on any stock market, over-the-counter market, stock exchange or otherwise and may be undertaken at any time during the period commencing on the date of the commencement of conditional dealings of the Shares on the London Stock Exchange and ending no later than 30 calendar days thereafter. However, there will be no obligation on Goldman Sachs International or any of its agents to effect stabilising transactions and there is no assurance that stabilising transactions will be undertaken. Such stabilising measures, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time without prior notice. In no event will measures be taken to stabilise the market price of the Shares above the offer price. Save as required by law or regulation, neither Goldman Sachs International nor any of its agents intends to disclose the extent of any over-allotments made and/or stabilisation transactions conducted in relation to the Offer.

In connection with the Offer, Goldman Sachs International, as stabilisation manager, may, for stabilisation purposes, over-allot Shares up to a maximum of 10% of the total number of Shares comprised in the Offer. For the purposes of allowing it to cover short positions resulting from any such over-allotments and/or from sales of Shares effected by it during the stabilisation period, Goldman Sachs International will enter into over-allotment arrangements with certain existing shareholders pursuant to which Goldman Sachs International may purchase or procure purchasers for additional Shares up to a maximum of 10% of the total number of Shares comprised in the Offer (the “**Over-Allotment Shares**”) at the offer price. The over-allotment arrangements will be exercisable in whole or in part, upon notice by Goldman Sachs International, at any time on or before the 30th calendar day after the commencement of conditional trading of the Shares on the London Stock Exchange. Any Over-allotment Shares made available pursuant to the over-allotment arrangements, including for all dividends and other distributions declared, made or paid on the Shares, will be purchased on the same terms and conditions as the Shares being issued or sold in the Offer and will form a single class for all purposes with the other Shares.

Information to Distributors

Solely for the purposes of the product governance requirements contained within: (a) EU Directive 2014/65/EU on markets in financial instruments, as amended (“**MiFID II**”); (b) Articles 9 and 10 of Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2017/593 supplementing MiFID II; and (c) local implementing measures (together, the “**MiFID II Product Governance Requirements**”), and disclaiming all and any liability, whether arising in tort, contract or otherwise, which any “manufacturer” (for the purposes of the Product Governance Requirements) may otherwise have with respect thereto, the Shares have been subject to a product approval process, which has determined that the Shares are: (i) compatible with an end target market of retail investors and investors who meet the criteria of professional clients and eligible counterparties, each as defined in MiFID II; and (ii) eligible for distribution through all distribution channels as are permitted by MiFID II (the “**Target Market Assessment**”). Notwithstanding the Target Market Assessment, distributors should note that: the price of the Shares may decline and investors could lose all or part of their investment; the Shares offer no guaranteed income and no capital protection; and an investment in the Shares is compatible only with investors who do not need a guaranteed income or capital protection, who (either alone or in conjunction with an appropriate financial or other adviser) are capable of evaluating the merits and risks of such an investment and who have sufficient resources to be able to bear any losses that may result therefrom. The Target Market Assessment is without prejudice to the requirements of any contractual, legal or regulatory selling restrictions in relation to the Offer. Furthermore, it is noted that, notwithstanding the Target Market Assessment, the Joint Bookrunners will only procure investors who meet the criteria of professional clients and eligible counterparties.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Target Market Assessment does not constitute: (a) an assessment of suitability or appropriateness for the purposes of MiFID II; or (b) a recommendation to any investor or group of investors to invest in, or purchase, or take any other action whatsoever with respect to the Shares.

Each distributor is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Shares and determining appropriate distribution channels.