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Abacus successfully completes \$250 million Institutional Placement

Abacus Property Group (ASX: ABP) (**Abacus**) has successfully completed its fully underwritten institutional placement ("**Placement**"). The Placement raised \$250 million through the issue of approximately 63.3 million new ordinary stapled securities at an issue price of \$3.95 per stapled security.

Proceeds of the Placement will be used to pursue in excess of \$710 million of value-accretive identified opportunities¹ in line with its strategic priorities and key sector focus of Office and Self Storage.

Abacus CEO & Managing Director, Steven Sewell said, "We are extremely pleased with the strong support for the Placement. We thank our existing securityholders for their ongoing support and introduce a number of new institutions to the Abacus register which will facilitate increased liquidity in Abacus securities, free float market capitalisation and S&P/ASX 200 index weighting."

"Abacus is well advanced on its strategy to transition to a more annuity style, strong asset backed business model. The Placement enables us to accelerate this transition and positions Abacus for future growth beyond the near-term identified opportunities, with low gearing and over \$900 million of acquisition capacity".

The issue price represents a 7.5% discount to the last closing price of Abacus stapled securities on Tuesday 23 July 2019. New securities issued under the Placement are expected to settle on Monday 29 July 2019, with allotment and normal trading to occur on Tuesday 30 July 2019 from which time they will rank equally with existing Abacus stapled securities. Abacus confirms that, pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 7.1, the Placement is within Abacus' existing 15 per cent placement capacity and does not require securityholder approval.

In addition to the Placement, Abacus intends to undertake a non-underwritten security purchase plan ("SPP") to provide eligible securityholders with registered addresses in Australia or New Zealand on the register at 7:00pm (AEST) on Tuesday 23 July 2019 with the opportunity to acquire up to \$15,000 of stapled securities at the same price offered to institutional securityholders of \$3.95 per stapled security. New stapled securities issued under the SPP will rank equally with existing Abacus stapled securities on issue. Abacus' current intention is to cap the SPP at \$25 million².

Further information regarding the SPP will be mailed to eligible securityholders on or around 5 August 2019.

Abacus stapled securities are expected to recommence trading on the ASX from market open today.

¹ There is no certainty that any of these opportunities will complete.

² Abacus may (at its absolute discretion) determine a higher amount to be raised or decide to scale-back applications under the SPP.



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