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Subject: Webinar presentation and reaffirmation of guidance

Rural Funds Management Limited (RFM), as responsible entity of Rural Funds Group (ASX:RFF), will deliver the following presentation by webinar today at 11:00AM AEDT. The presentation details the proposed increase of the Guarantee to J&F Australia Pty Ltd.

RFM also reaffirms forecasts disclosed 2 March 2020:

- FY20 adjusted funds from operations (AFFO) per unit of 13.5 cents
- FY20 distributions per unit (DPU) of 10.85 cents, up 4% on prior year
- FY21 DPU of 11.28 cents, up 4% on current year.

Forecast FY20 AFFO assumes a \$7.5m increase to the Guarantee from April 2020.

Those wishing to attend the webinar can register via the link below to receive login details: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2814625927748918796

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This presentation should be read in conjunction with the Explanatory Memorandum dated 2 Mar 2020.

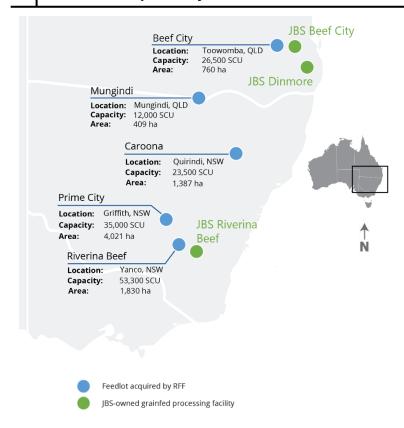
JBS investments



The JBS feedlots and Guarantee have been a good investment for RFF.

- In August 2018, the Rural Funds Group (RFF) raised equity to fund:
 - JBS Australia (**JBS**) cattle feedlots (\$52.7m)
 - a \$75.0m limited Guarantee which provides security for J&F Australia Pty Ltd (J&F).
- J&F provides a cattle supply facility for cattle held primarily in these feedlots.

Feedlots acquired by RFF¹



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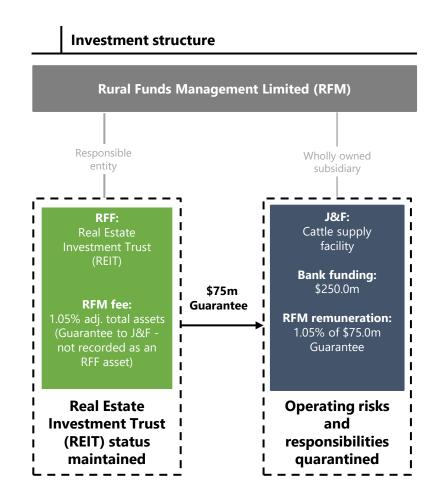
^{1.} Riverina Beef is forecast to settle in April 2020. SCU = Standard Cattle Unit.

Investment structure



Operating risks and responsibilities quarantined to maintain RFF's REIT status.

- On 10 August 2018, RFF Unitholders approved the provision of the \$75.0 million Guarantee, with 99.8% of votes in favour.
- J&F is a subsidiary of RFM, as distinct from RFF. This structure preserves RFF's REIT status.
- RFM's remuneration is limited to 1.05% of the Guarantee provided by RFF.



Increased cattle demand



JBS's business is growing.

- JBS have requested a larger facility due to their business expanding.
- ANZ and Rabobank have approved an increase in the debt facility, on the basis that RFF increases its Guarantee proportionally.
- A meeting of RFF Unitholders on 14 April 2020 will seek approval to increase the Guarantee from \$75.0m to \$100.0m:
 - this will enable the debt facility to increase from \$250.0m to \$333.3m.¹
- Initially the Guarantee increase is \$7.5m. The approved increase of \$25.0m provides future capacity.¹

JBS feedlot



Cattle on feed at Riverina Beef Feedlot, Yanco, NSW, January 2020.

Note:

[.] An additional Guarantee amount of \$25.0m is a variation to the initial Guarantee amount of \$75.0m approved in Aug 2018. As J&F is a wholly owned subsidiary of RFM, the additional Guarantee requires RFF Unitholder approval under ASX Listing Rule 10.1. If approved by Unitholders, it is expected that JBS would initially utilise up to \$275.0m of bank debt. As a result, the Guarantee limit would increase proportionally, by \$7.5m (from \$75.0m to \$82.5m). As additional bank debt is required, the Guarantee would increase proportionally to the Unitholder approved \$100.0m maximum. Refer to Explanatory Memorandum dated 2 Mar 2020 for further details.

High quality counterpart



The Guarantee is supported by a high quality counterpart.

- · Counterpart performance:
 - Baybrick Pty Ltd (net assets \$3.5 billion as at 31 Dec 2018), a subsidiary of JBS S.A., guarantees the obligations of JBS.
- Mortalities:
 - risk borne by JBS up to 15%
 - J&F holds insurance for a portion of the mortality above this threshold
 - risk is further mitigated through geographic diversification of the feedlots.
- The Guarantee is limited to \$75m, to be increased to \$100m.¹

JBS S.A. overview²

Description
US\$50.3 billion (second largest food company globally)
Largest beef and chicken producers globallyLargest leather processor globallySecond largest pork and lamb producers globally
• 15 countries / 400 facilities and offices
• 230,000+
• 275,000+ in 190+ countries
• A\$15.5 billion (as at 18 March 2020)
BB (Standard & Poors), upgraded from BB-

Notes

^{1.} Assumes approval of the additional Guarantee amount of \$25.0 million, being a variation to the initial Guarantee amount of \$75.0 million approved by Unitholders in August 2018. As J&F is a wholly owned subsidiary of RFM, the additional Guarantee requires RFF Unitholder approval under ASX Listing Rule 10.1.

^{2.} Source: JBS S.A. 3Q19 Institutional Presentation

Investment return



The Guarantee generated an FY19 annualised return of 10.23%.

Guarantee return reconciliation – FY19

Item	Amount	Notes
Finance income	\$3.82m	J&F revenue recognised as finance income (see note G2 in FY19 financial accounts).
Interest saving	\$2.74m	\$75.0m of equity raised in July 2018 was used to pay down debt.
Actual benefit for period (net of all costs)	\$6.56m	22 August 2018 to 30 June 2019
Annualised benefit for full year (net of all costs)	\$7.70m	Assuming same utilisation.
Annualised return (net of all costs)	10.23%	

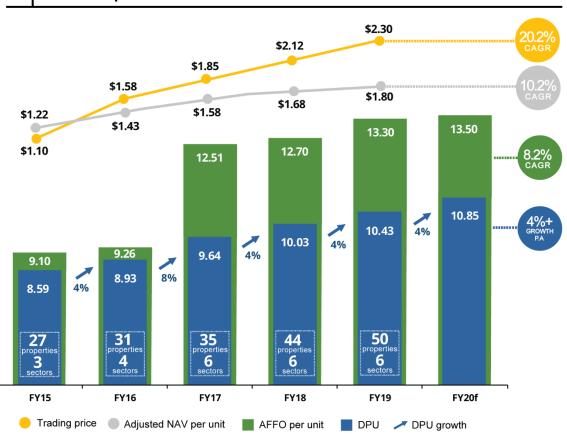
- The return for the Guarantee consists of:
 - J&F revenue, paid by JBS on a cost plus basis
 - interest saving from reduced bank debt.
- The return paid by J&F to RFF is net of all costs. RFM's remuneration is limited to 1.05% of the Guarantee amount.
- The increased Guarantee will accrue a similar rate of return.
- The Independent Expert has assessed the return range to be between 9.68% and 11.21% of the Guarantee.

Performance history and reaffirming guidance



Increasing number of assets, net asset value, AFFO and distributions.

Historical performance and metrics¹



- RFM reaffirms forecasts:
 - FY20 adjusted funds from operations (AFFO) per unit of 13.5 cents²
 - FY20 distributions per unit (DPU) of 10.85 cents, up 4% on prior year
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Notes:

Adjusted assets incorporates most recent independent property valuations, inclusive of water entitlements. Pro forma properties and sectors presented where applicable. CAGR = Compound Annual Growth Rate. FY20 AFFO forecast assumes \$7.5m increase to the Guarantee from April 2020 and Unitholder approval.

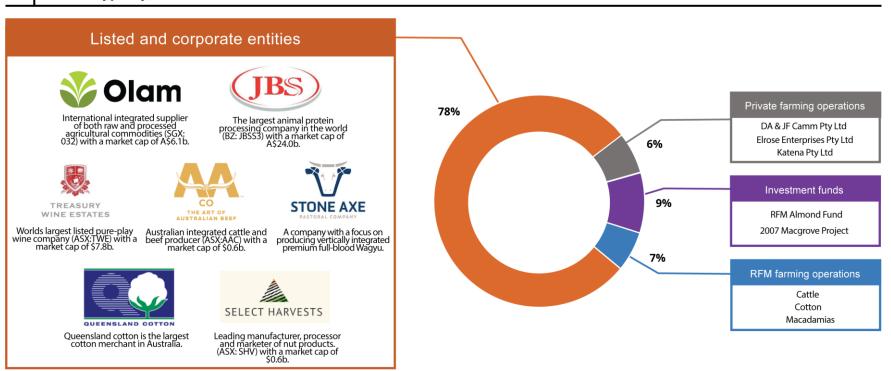
^{2.} Assumes \$7.5m increase to J&F Guarantee from Apr 2020 and Unitholder approval.

Quality lessees and counterparties



Most lessees are corporate entities and listed on domestic or international securities exchanges.

Lessee type by FY20f revenue¹



Note:

^{1.} Lessees and details shown by annualised FY20f revenue and reflecting the sale of the poultry assets (as disclosed 2 March 2020). Olam refers to Olam Orchards Australia Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of SGX-listed Olam International Ltd (SGX: O32). Excludes non-lessee income e.g. annual water allocation sales. Income from J&F Australia Pty Ltd attributed to JBS Australia. Cotton JV income split 50% RFM and 50% listed and corporate (Queensland Cotton Corporation Pty Ltd).

Conclusion



A good investment complementing a fund with attractive attributes.

- ✓ Good investment with a high-quality counterpart.
- ✓ Unitholders **previously approved** the Guarantee on 10 Aug 2018 (99.8% votes in favour).
- √ The Guarantee maintains RFF's REIT structure.¹
- ✓ A **return of 10.23%** has been generated by the Guarantee.¹
- ✓ An independent expert has concluded it is fair and reasonable to non-associated Unitholders.¹
- ✓ Reaffirmed forecasts: FY20 AFFO per unit of 13.5 cents², FY20 DPU of 10.85 cents and FY21 DPU of 11.28 cents.

RFF attributes

Attractive forecast DPU yield:	5.9%	Based on FY21f DPU and 19 March 2020 close price of \$1.92.
Low AFFO payout ratio:	80%	FY20 forecast.
Acquisition capacity:	26% gearing	Below target range of 30-35%.
Diversification:	38 properties	Additional diversification by sector, climatic zone.
Quality lessees & counterparties:	78% corporate entities	By FY20f AFFO.
Development pipeline:	18 properties	Seeking to benefit from productivity and higher and better use.
Structured rental growth:	3 mechanisms	Fixed indexation, CPI indexation and market rent reviews.
Long WALE:	11.5 yrs	Weighted average lease expiry.
Track record:	5 yrs	Record of improving AFFO, DPU, scale & diversification.

Notes:

^{1.} Refer to Explanatory Memorandum dated 2 Mar 2020 for further details.

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