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Shawbrook Group PLC Update on Board Recommendation

Shawbrook Group PLC ("**Shawbrook**") notes the announcement released on 19 June 2017 by Marlin Bidco Limited ("**Marlin Bidco**"), a company jointly owned by funds managed or advised by Pollen Street Capital Limited and funds advised by BC Partners LLP, that as at 1:00p.m. (London time) on 19 June 2017, Marlin Bidco owned or had received valid acceptances in respect of 92,165,781 Shawbrook Shares, which, together with the 97,208,919 Shawbrook Shares held by persons acting in concert with or that are joint offerors with Marlin Bidco, represent, in aggregate, approximately 75.6 per cent. of Shawbrook's issued ordinary share capital.

The Independent Directors continue to believe that the Final Offer undervalues Shawbrook and its prospects. However, the Independent Directors also recognise that, in the event the Final Offer is declared wholly unconditional, Marlin Bidco will have obtained a very significant level of control of Shawbrook. This level of control will enable Marlin Bidco to implement its stated intention to procure that Shawbrook applies to the UK Listing Authority for the cancellation of its listing on the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for the cancellation of its admission to trading. Consequently, it is likely that Shawbrook shareholders who do not accept the Final Offer could, as a result, own a minority interest in an unlisted company. This would significantly reduce the liquidity of Shawbrook Shares.

Accordingly, the Independent Directors, who have been so advised by BofA Merrill Lynch and Goldman Sachs International, now recommend that shareholders accept the Final Offer, as the Independent Directors will now be doing in respect of their own beneficial shareholdings.

Marlin Bidco has announced that the Final Offer is being extended and will remain open for acceptance until the next closing date which will be 1.00 p.m. (London time) on 10 July 2017. Pursuant to Rule 31.2 of the Code, Marlin Bidco must give at least 14 days' notice to those Shareholders who have not accepted before the Final Offer is closed.

Unless otherwise stated, defined terms have the meaning given to them in the Shawbrook circular dated 8 June 2017.

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