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## FORM 40-F/A

(AMENDMENT NO.1)

Registration statement pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

or

 $\Box$  Annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the fiscal year ended

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## **MERCER PARK BRAND ACQUISITION CORP.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**British Columbia** 

(Province or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

6770

N/A

(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number) (I.I

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

333 Bay Street, Suite 3400 Toronto, Ontario M5H 287 (212) 299-7670

(Address and telephone number of Registrant's principal executive offices)

CT Corporation System 1015 15th Street N.W., Suite 1000 Washington, DC 20005 (202) 572-3133

(Name, address (including zip code) and telephone number (including area code) of agent for service in the United States)

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class N/A Trading Symbol(s) N/A  $\frac{\text{Name of each exchange on which registered}}{\text{N/A}}$ 

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: Class A Restricted Voting Shares, no par value.

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act: None

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#### □ Audited annual financial statements

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the annual report: N/A

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.  $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (\$232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files).  $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Emerging growth company 🗷

If an emerging growth company that prepares its financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards<sup>†</sup> provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.  $\Box$ 

The term "new or revised financial accounting standard" refers to any update issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board to its Accounting Standards Codification after April 5, 2012.

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. (the "Company" or the "Registrant") is a Canadian issuer eligible to file its registration statement pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), on Form 40-F pursuant to the multijurisdictional disclosure system of the Exchange Act. The Company is a "foreign private issuer" as defined in Rule 3b-4 under the Exchange Act. Equity securities of the Company are accordingly exempt from Sections 14(a), 14(b), 14(c), 14(f) and 16 of the Exchange Act pursuant to Rule 3a12-3. This Amendment No.1 to Form 40-F is being filed in order to include as exhibits certain documents filed in Canada subsequent to the filing of our initial registration form on Form 40-F filed on March 19, 2021.

#### FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

The Exhibits incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement of the Registrant may contain "forward-looking information" or "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of applicable securities laws (collectively referred to herein as "forward-looking statements"). These statements relate to future events or the Company's future performance. All statements other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements. Often, but not always, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "plans", "expects", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "continues", "forecasts", "projects", "predicts", "intends", "anticipates" or "believes", or variations of, or the negatives of, such words and phrases, or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "should", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements. These statements reflect management's beliefs with respect to future events and are based on information available to management as of the respective dates set forth in the Exhibits incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement. including reasonable assumptions, estimates, internal and external analysis and opinions of management considering its experience, perception of trends, current conditions and expected developments as well as other factors that management believed to be relevant as at the date such statements were made. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause actual results or events to differ materially from those anticipated or implied in such forward-looking statements, including, without limitation, those described in the Registrant's Annual Information Form for the year ended December 31, 2019, attached hereto as Exhibit 99.3.

The Registrant and management caution readers not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. Although the Registrant believes that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements were reasonable as of the time such forward-looking statements were made, it can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to have been correct. The Registrant and management assume no obligation to update or revise them to reflect new events or circumstances except as required by applicable securities laws.

#### DIFFERENCES IN UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN REPORTING PRACTICES

The Registrant is permitted, under a multijurisdictional disclosure system adopted by the United States, to prepare this report in accordance with Canadian disclosure requirements, which are different from those of the United States. The Registrant prepares its consolidated financial statements, which are filed with this report on Form 40-F in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, and the audit is subject to Canadian auditing and auditor independence standards.

#### PRINCIPAL DOCUMENTS

In accordance with General Instruction B.(1) of Form 40-F, the Registrant hereby incorporates by reference Exhibits 99.1 through 99.32 inclusive, as set forth in the Exhibit Index attached hereto.

In accordance with General Instruction D.(9) of Form 40-F, the Registrant has filed the written consent of certain experts named in the foregoing Exhibits as Exhibit 99.32, as set forth in the Exhibit Index attached hereto.

#### TAX MATTERS

Purchasing, holding, or disposing of securities of the Registrant may have tax consequences under the laws of the United States and Canada that are not described in this Registration Statement on Form 40-F.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES**

The required disclosure is included under the heading "Capital Structure of the Corporation" in the Registrant's Annual Information Form for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, attached hereto as Exhibit 99.3.

#### **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

The Registrant has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### CURRENCY

Unless otherwise indicated, all dollar amounts in this Registration Statement on Form 40-F are in United States dollars. The exchange rate of Canadian dollars into United States dollars, on December 31, 2019, based upon the daily exchange rate as quoted by the Bank of Canada was U.S.\$1.00 = Cdn.\$1.2988.

#### **CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS**

The Registrant has no known contractual obligations.

#### UNDERTAKING

The Registrant undertakes to make available, in person or by telephone, representatives to respond to inquiries made by the Commission staff, and to furnish promptly, when requested to do so by the Commission staff, information relating to the securities registered pursuant to Form 40-F or transactions in said securities.

#### **CONSENT TO SERVICE OF PROCESS**

The Registrant has concurrently filed a Form F-X in connection with the class of securities to which this Registration Statement relates.

Any change to the name or address of the Registrant's agent for service shall be communicated promptly to the Commission by amendment to the Form F-X referencing the file number of the Registrant.

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Exchange Act, the Registrant certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 40-F and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

#### Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp.

By: /s/ Louis Karger

Name: Louis Karger Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 29, 2021

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

The following documents are being filed with the Commission as Exhibits to this Registration Statement:

Exhibit	Description
<u>*99.1</u>	Form 62-103F3 Required Disclosure by an Eligible Institutional Investor under Part 4 dated January 10, 2020
<u>*99.2</u>	News Release dated March 27, 2020
<u>*99.3</u>	Annual Information Form of Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019
<u>*99.4</u>	Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. Financial Statements for the period from April 16, 2019 to December 31, 2019
<u>*99.5</u>	Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. Management's Discussion and Analysis for the period from April 16, 2019 to December 31, 2019
<u>*99.6</u>	Certification of Annual Filings of Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. by CFO dated March 27, 2020
<u>*99.7</u>	Certification of Annual Filings of Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. by CEO dated March 27, 2020
<u>*99.8</u>	Form 62-103F3 Required Disclosure by an Eligible Institutional Investor under Part 4 dated April 9, 2020
<u>*99.9</u>	News Release dated May 8, 2020
<u>*99.10</u>	Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. Interim Financial Statements for the three months ended March 31, 2020
<u>*99.11</u>	Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. Management's Discussion and Analysis for the three months ended March 31, 2020
<u>*99.12</u>	Certification of Interim Filings of Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. by CFO dated May 8, 2020
<u>*99.13</u>	Certification of Interim Filings of Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. by CEO dated May 8, 2020
<u>*99.14</u>	News Release dated July 30, 2020
<u>*99.15</u>	Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. Interim Financial Statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2020
<u>*99.16</u>	Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. Management's Discussion and Analysis for the three and six months ended June 30, 2020
<u>*99.17</u>	Certification of Interim Filings of Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. by CFO dated July 30, 2020
<u>*99.18</u>	Certification of Interim Filings of Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. by CEO dated July 30, 2020
<u>*99.19</u>	Notice of Annual General Meeting of Class B Shareholders of Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. to be held on October 14, 2020
<u>*99.20</u>	Notice of Annual General Meeting of Class B Shareholders to be held on October 14, 2020 and Information Circular Of Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp.

Exhibit	Description
*99.21	Form Of Proxy for the Annual General Meeting of Class B Shareholders of Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. to be held on October 14, 2020
*99.22	News Release dated October 14, 2020
*99.23	Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. Annual General Meeting of Class B Shareholders held on October 14, 2020 Report of Voting Results
<u>*99.24</u>	News Release dated October 21, 2020
*99.25	News Release dated November 11, 2020
<u>*99.26</u>	Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. Interim Financial Statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020
<u>*99.27</u>	Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. Management's Discussion and Analysis for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020
<u>*99.28</u>	Certification of Interim Filings of Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. by CFO dated November 11, 2020
<u>*99.29</u>	Certification of Interim Filings of Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. by CEO dated November 11, 2020
<u>*99.30</u>	News Release dated February 2, 2021
<u>*99.31</u>	Form 62-103F3 Required Disclosure by an Eligible Institutional Investor under Part 4 dated March 10, 2021
<u>99.32</u>	Annual Information Form of Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020
<u>99.33</u>	Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020
<u>99.34</u>	Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp Management's Discussion and Analysis for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020
<u>99.35</u>	Consent of MNP LLP

\*Previously Filed

#### Exhibit 99.32

#### MERCER PARK BRAND ACQUISITION CORP.

#### ANNUAL INFORMATION FORM

FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

MARCH 29, 2021

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#### INTRODUCTION

#### General

Except where otherwise indicated, all references to dollar amounts and "\$" are to United States dollars. In this Annual Information Form ("**AIF**"), unless the context otherwise requires, the "Corporation", "Mercer", "us", "our" or "we" refers to Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. Please refer to the "Glossary" in this AIF for the definitions of other defined terms.

Unless otherwise indicated, the information contained herein is given as at December 31, 2020.

#### **Forward-Looking Information**

Certain of the statements contained within this document are forward-looking and reflect management's expectations regarding the prospects, results of operations, performance and business of the Corporation based on information currently available to the Corporation. Forward-looking information is provided for the purpose of presenting information about management's current expectations and plans relating to the future and readers are cautioned that such statements may not be appropriate for other purposes. These statements use forward-looking words, such as "anticipate", "continue", "could", "expect", "may", "will", "intend", "estimate", "plan", "believe" or other similar words but the absence of these words does not mean that a statement is not forward-looking. Forward-looking information is based on a number of assumptions and is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the Corporation's control that could cause actual results and events to differ materially from those that are disclosed in or implied by such forward-looking information. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the factors discussed under "*Risk Factors*" herein and in the Corporation's final long form prospectus dated May 7, 2019 (the "**IPO Prospectus**").

The forward-looking information within this document are based on information currently available and what the Corporation currently believes are reasonable assumptions, including the material assumptions set out in the management's discussion and analysis of the results of operations and the financial condition of the Corporation for the period ended December 31, 2020 (available under the Corporation's SEDAR profile at www.sedar.com).

The forward-looking information within this document reflect current expectations of the Corporation as at the date of this document and speak only as at the date of this document. Except as may be required by applicable law, the Corporation does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking information.

#### **Documents Incorporated by Reference**

Certain sections of the IPO Prospectus, which is available electronically at www.sedar.com, are explicitly incorporated by reference in this AIF.

#### **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

"Audit Committee" has the meaning set out under the sub-heading "Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices - Audit Committee";

"BCBCA" means the Business Corporations Act (British Columbia), as it may be amended from time to time;

"Cannabis Act" means the Cannabis Act, S.C. 2018, c. 16, as it may be amended from time to time;

"Cannabis Regulations" means the Cannabis Regulations (Canada), as it may be amended from time to time;

"CDS" means CDS Clearing and Depositary Services Inc.;

"Charter of the Audit Committee" has the meaning set out under the sub-heading "Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices – Audit Committee";

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"Class A Restricted Voting Shares" means the Class A restricted voting shares of the Corporation which previously formed part of the Class A Restricted Voting Units;

"Class A Restricted Voting Units" means the Class A restricted voting units distributed by the Corporation at an offering price of \$10.00 per Class A Restricted Voting Unit under the IPO Prospectus, each comprised of one Class A Restricted Voting Share and one-half of a Warrant, and each a "Class A Restricted Voting Unit";

"Class B Shares" means the Class B shares in the capital of the Corporation forming part of the Class B Units, and where applicable, the Incorporation Share and the Founders' Shares, and each a "Class B Share";

"Class B Units" means the 109,000 Class B units sold to our Sponsor simultaneously with the public offering of Class A Restricted Voting Units, at an offering price of \$10.00 per Class B Unit, each comprised of one Class B Share and one-half of a Warrant, and each a "Class B Unit";

"Corporation" means Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp., a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of British Columbia pursuant to the BCBCA;

"Escrow Agent" means Odyssey Trust Company;

"Escrow Agreement" means the escrow agreement dated May 13, 2019 between the Corporation, the Escrow Agent, and the Underwriter;

"Exchange" means the Neo Exchange Inc.;

**"Exchange Agreement and Undertaking**" means the transfer restrictions agreement and undertaking dated May 13, 2019, entered into by the Founders in favour of the Exchange;

"Extraordinary Dividend" means any dividend, together with all other dividends payable in the same calendar year, that has an aggregate absolute dollar value which is greater than \$0.25 per share, with the adjustment to the applicable price (as the context may require) being a reduction equal to the amount of the excess;

"Founders" means our Sponsor, Charles Miles and Sean Goodrich (or persons or companies controlled by them), as the collective holders of the Founders' Shares;

"Founders' Post-Qualifying Transaction Shares" means the Multiple Voting Shares into which the Founders' Shares are convertible;

"Founders' Shares" means the 10,089,750 Class B Shares issued to our Founders prior to the IPO Closing, and for greater certainty does not include the Class B Shares forming part of the Class B Units purchased by our Sponsor;

"Founders' Warrants" means the 9,810,000 share purchase warrants issued to our Sponsor at an offering price of \$1.00 per Founders' Warrant at the IPO Closing, with each whole Founders' Warrant entitling the holder thereof, commencing 65 days following the closing of a qualifying transaction, to purchase one Class A Restricted Voting Share (which, following the closing of the qualifying transaction, will become one Subordinate Voting Share), at a price of \$11.50 per share, subject to adjustment;

"Incorporation Share" has the meaning set out under the heading "Market for Securities - Prior Sales";

"IPO Closing" means the closing of the Offering;

"IPO Closing Date" means the date of the IPO Closing, which occurred on May 13, 2019;

"LOI" means the non-binding letter of intent of the Corporation announced on February 2, 2021 in connection with a potential transaction which would, if consummated, qualify as the Corporation's qualifying transaction (the "Potential Transaction");

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"Make Whole Agreement and Undertaking" means the make whole agreement and undertaking dated May 13, 2019, entered into by our Sponsor in favour of the Corporation;

"**Multiple Voting Shares**" means the Class B Shares which will be automatically converted on a 100-for-1 basis into new multiple voting shares of the Corporation upon closing of a qualifying transaction;

"MI 61-101" means Multilateral Instrument 61-101 – Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions;

"NI 52-110" means National Instrument 52-110 – Audit Committees;

#### "NP 11-201" means National Policy 11-201 – Electronic Delivery of Documents;

"Offering" means the 40,250,000 Class A Restricted Voting Units that were sold to the public under the IPO Prospectus and also includes the full exercise of the Over-Allotment Option;

"**Over-Allotment Option**" means the non-transferable option granted by the Corporation to the Underwriter to purchase up to an additional 5,250,000 Class A Restricted Voting Units (being 15% of the aggregate number of Class A Restricted Voting Units issued upon the IPO Closing Date), at a price of \$10.00 per Class A Restricted Voting Unit that was exercised in full by the Underwriter on May 13, 2019, to cover over-allotments, if any, and for market stabilization purposes;

"**Permitted Timeline**" means the allowable time period within which the Corporation must consummate its qualifying transaction, being 21 months from the IPO Closing Date (or 24 months from the IPO Closing Date if we have executed a letter of intent, agreement in principle or definitive agreement for a qualifying transaction within 21 months from the IPO Closing but has not completed the qualifying transaction within such 21-month period), as it may be extended as described in this AIF;

"Permitted Transferee" means (i) Founders, and (ii) any Affiliate or Person controlled, directly or indirectly, by a Founder;

"Potential Transaction" has the meaning assigned to it under "Glossary of Terms – LOP";

"Relinquishment Agreement" means the relinquishment agreement entered into by the Founders in favour of the Corporation and the Underwriter on the IPO Closing Date;

"QT Prospectus" has the meaning set out under the heading "Qualifying Transaction - Contractual Rights of Action";

"**qualifying transaction**" means the acquisition of one or more businesses or assets, by way of a merger, amalgamation, arrangement, share exchange, asset acquisition, share purchase, reorganization, or any other similar business combination involving the Corporation, which must have a minimum aggregate fair market value, as determined by our board of directors, equal to 80% of the assets held in the escrow account then on deposit (excluding any deferred underwriting commissions and applicable taxes payable on interest and other amounts earned in the escrow account), and which is intended to be consummated by the Corporation within the Permitted Timeline and in accordance with applicable law and as more fully described in the IPO Prospectus;

"SEDAR" means the System for Electronic Document Retrieval and Analysis located at www.sedar.com;

"Sponsor" means Mercer Park CB II, L.P., a limited partnership formed under the laws of the State of Delaware;

"Strategic Opportunities Agreement" means the strategic opportunities agreement dated as of the IPO Closing Date between the Corporation, Cannabis Strategies Acquisition Corp. and Mercer Park, L.P.;

"Subordinate Voting Shares" means the Class A Restricted Voting Shares which, unless previously redeemed, will be automatically converted into one subordinate voting share of the Corporation upon closing of a qualifying transaction;

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"SWAT" means NSG/SWAT, a boutique branding firm;

"Tax Act" means the Income Tax Act (Canada) and the regulations thereunder, as amended;

"**Transaction Document**" means a definitive agreement entered into by the Corporation giving effect to a transaction or transactions that would constitute the qualifying transaction of the Corporation within the Permitted Timeline;

"Underwriter" means Canaccord Genuity Corp.;

"Underwriting Agreement" means the underwriting agreement dated May 7, 2019 among, inter alia, the Corporation, our Sponsor and the Underwriter;

"Units" means the Class A Restricted Voting Units and Class B Units, collectively, and each a "Unit";

"U.S. Person" means a "U.S. person" as such term is defined in Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act;

"U.S. Securities Act" means the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended;

"Warrant Agent" means Odyssey Trust Company;

"Warrant Agreement" means the warrant agency agreement dated May 13, 2019 between the Corporation and the Warrant Agent;

"**Warrants**" means the aggregate 29,989,500 outstanding share purchase warrants of the Corporation, including the 20,125,000 share purchase warrants of the Corporation underlying the Class A Restricted Voting Units and the 54,500 Class B Units, respectively, and the 9,864,500 Founders' Warrants issued to our Sponsor on the IPO Closing; and

"Winding-Up" means the liquidation and cessation of the business of the Corporation, upon which the Corporation shall be permitted to use up to a maximum of \$50,000 of any interest and other amounts earned from the proceeds in the escrow account to pay actual and expected costs in connection with applications to cease to be a reporting issuer and winding-up and dissolution expenses, as determined by the Corporation.

#### **CORPORATE STRUCTURE**

#### Name, Address and Incorporation

Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. was incorporated under the BCBCA on April 16, 2019. Our head office is located at 590 Madison Avenue, 26<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10022 and our registered office is located at 700 West Georgia Street, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor, Vancouver, BC V7Y 1B3.

On May 10, 2019, the Corporation's articles were amended to create Class A Restricted Voting Shares, Subordinate Voting Shares and Multiple Voting Shares. On May 13, 2019, the Corporation's Class A Restricted Voting Units commenced trading on the Neo Exchange Inc. under the symbol "BRND.UN" and stopped trading on June 24, 2019. On June 24, 2019, the Class A Restricted Voting Shares and Warrants, which comprised the Class A Restricted Voting Units, commenced trading separately under the symbols "BRND.A.U" and "BRND.WT", respectively.

The Corporation's articles include, among other provisions, a provision providing for a forum for adjudication of certain disputes, whereby unless the Corporation approves or consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the courts of the Province of British Columbia and appellate courts therefrom shall be the sole and exclusive forum for (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of the Corporation, (ii) any action asserting a claim for breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director or officer of the Corporation to the Corporation, (iii) any action asserting a claim arising pursuant to any provision of the BCBCA or the articles of the Corporation (as they may be amended from time to time), or (iv) any action asserting a claim otherwise related to the relationships among the Corporation, its affiliates and their respective shareholders, directors and/or officers, but does not include claims related to the business carried on by the Corporation or such affiliates. Any person or entity owning, purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest, including without limitation any registered or beneficial ownership thereof, in the securities of the Corporation shall be deemed to have notice of and consented to the provisions of the or the articles.

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#### DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS AND GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUSINESS

Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of British Columbia. The Corporation is a special purpose acquisition corporation organized for the purpose of effecting, directly or indirectly, an acquisition of one or more businesses or assets, by way of a merger, amalgamation, arrangement, share exchange, asset acquisition, share purchase, reorganization, or any other similar business combination involving the Corporation, which we refer to throughout this AIF as our "qualifying transaction". Mercer received \$402,500,000 of gross proceeds from its initial public offering, including the exercise of the Over-Allotment Option, which was completed on May 13, 2019. The gross proceeds of the Offering were placed in an escrow account with the

Escrow Agent on the IPO Closing and will be released upon consummation of the qualifying transaction in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Escrow Agreement.

The Corporation is currently in the process of identifying specific target business(es) with which to pursue a qualifying transaction but has not entered into any definitive agreement with respect to qualifying transaction as of the date hereof. If we complete more than one qualifying transaction, each such qualifying transaction is expected to occur concurrently. The Corporation has executed the LOI in connection with a potential transaction which would, if consummated, qualify as the Corporation's qualifying transaction.

Our objective is to execute a qualifying transaction, the terms of which are determined by us to be favourable and provided that the target business has a fair market value of at least 80% of the assets held in the escrow account then on deposit (excluding any deferred underwriting commissions and applicable taxes payable on interest and other amounts earned in the escrow account). The fair market value of the target business will be determined by our board of directors based upon one or more valuation methods generally accepted by the financial community (including, without limitation, actual and potential sales, earnings, cash flow and book value). Although the Corporation entered into the LOI, it is not a party to a Transaction Document as of the date hereof, and there is no assurance that the Corporation will enter into a Transaction Document or complete a qualifying transaction on or before the expiration of the Permitted Timeline.

We intend to focus our search for targets on branded product businesses in cannabis and/or cannabis-adjacent industries; however, we are not limited to a particular industry or geographic region for purposes of completing our qualifying transaction. We will also evaluate businesses that have additional, strategic capabilities such as distribution, manufacturing, or product development, which support brand value. We intend to focus on acquiring one or more companies with an estimated aggregate enterprise value of between \$300 million and \$800 million.

Mercer Park's Sponsor, Mercer Park CB II, L.P., is a limited partnership of which Mercer Park CB GP II, LLC is the general partner, and which is indirectly controlled by Jonathan Sandelman. The parent of the Sponsor, is a privately-held family office based in New York, New York.

#### **Initial Public Offering**

On May 13, 2019, the Corporation closed its initial public offering of 40,250,000 Class A Restricted Voting Units, including the full exercise of the Over-Allotment Option, at a price of \$10.00 per Class A Restricted Voting Unit for gross proceeds of \$402,500,000. Each Class A Restricted Voting Unit consists of one Class A Restricted Voting Share and one-half of a Warrant. The Class A Restricted Voting Shares and Warrants initially traded as a unit but on June 24, 2019 they began trading separately.

Prior to the IPO Closing, (i) the Sponsor purchased 10,069,750 Class B Shares, and (ii) each of Charles Miles and Sean Goodrich purchased 10,000 Class B Shares (such 10,089,750 Class B Shares being the Founders' Shares), for an aggregate price of \$25,000, or approximately \$0.0025 per Founders' Share. Concurrent with the IPO Closing, the Sponsor purchased 109,000 Class B Units of the Corporation (each consisting of one Class B Share and one-half Warrant) for a purchase price of \$10.00 per Class B Unit, resulting in aggregate proceeds of \$1,090,000 to the Corporation and 9,810,000 Founders' Warrants for a purchase price of \$1.00 per Founders' Warrant, resulting in aggregate proceeds of \$9,810,000. Upon the closing of the qualifying transaction, (i) each Class A Restricted Voting Share, unless previously redeemed, will automatically convert into one Subordinate Voting Share of the Corporation, and (ii) each Class B Share will automatically convert on a 100-for-1 basis into new Multiple Voting Shares.

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The Warrants will become exercisable, at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share, only commencing 65 days after the completion of a qualifying transaction and will expire at 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the day that is five years after the completion of a qualifying transaction or may expire earlier if a qualifying transaction does not occur within the Permitted Timeline or if the expiry date is accelerated. Once the Warrants become exercisable, the Corporation may accelerate the expiry date of the outstanding Warrants, excluding the Founders' Warrants but only to the extent still held by the Sponsor at the date of public announcement of such acceleration and not transferred prior to the accelerated expiry date, due to the anticipated knowledge by our Sponsor of material undisclosed information which could limit their flexibility, by providing 30 days' notice, if and only if, the closing price of the Subordinate Voting Shares equals or exceeds \$18.00 per Subordinate Voting Share (as adjusted for stock splits or combinations, stock dividends, Extraordinary Dividends, reorganizations and recapitalizations and the like) for any 20 trading days within a 30-trading day period, in which case the expiry date shall be the date which is 30 days following the date on which such notice is provided.

The initial public offering was undertaken by the Corporation pursuant to the terms of the Underwriting Agreement. Under the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, the Corporation paid \$6,037,500 to the Underwriter on the closing of the Offering, being part of the Underwriter's fee. As further described below, 75% of the remaining balance of the Underwriter's fee is deferred and will be paid to the Underwriter upon the closing of a qualifying transaction.

Upon the IPO Closing, the Corporation placed 10.00 per Class A Restricted Voting Unit (\$402,500,000) in an escrow account with the Escrow Agent. Subject to applicable law, none of the funds held in the escrow account will be released from the escrow account until the earliest of: (i) the closing of our qualifying transaction within the Permitted Timeline; (ii) a redemption (on the closing of a qualifying transaction or on an extension of the Permitted Timeline, each as provided herein) of, or an automatic redemption of, Class A Restricted Voting Shares; (iii) a Winding-Up; and (iv) the requirement of the Corporation to pay taxes on the interest or certain other amounts earned on the escrowed funds (including, if applicable, as described herein, under Part VI.1 of the Tax Act arising in connection with the redemption of the Class A Restricted Voting Shares), and for payment of actual and expected direct expenses relating to a redemption. For greater certainty, the aggregate \$25,000 of initial proceeds from the Class B Shares (Founders' Shares) issued to our Founders prior to the IPO Closing, and net proceeds of the sale of Class B Units and Founders' Warrants to our Sponsor on closing of the IPO is not being placed in escrow and may be used to fund our general ongoing expenses.

The escrowed funds are being held to enable the Corporation to (i) satisfy permitted redemptions made by holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares (including in the event of a qualifying transaction or an extension to the Permitted Timeline, or in the event a qualifying transaction does not occur within the Permitted Timeline), (ii) fund the qualifying transaction with the net proceeds following payment of any such redemptions and deferred underwriting commissions that are payable, (iii) pay actual and expected expenses related to the redemption of Class A Restricted Voting Shares; and/or (iv) pay taxes on amounts earned on the escrowed funds and certain permitted expenses. Such escrowed funds and all amounts earned thereon, subject to such obligations and applicable law, will be assets of the Corporation. These escrowed funds may also be used to pay the deferred underwriting commissions in the amount of \$16,100,000, 75% of which will be payable by the Corporation to the Underwriter upon the closing of our qualifying transaction (subject to availability, failing which any shortfall shall be made up from other sources at our discretion) and the remaining Discretionary Deferred Portion (as defined herein) of which will be payable and released only at the Corporation's sole discretion, subject to the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, in whole or in part, and only upon completion of our qualifying transaction. Upon completion of the qualifying transaction, the Corporation as it sees fit, including for payment to other agents or advisors who have assisted with or participated in the sourcing, diligencing and completion of our qualifying transaction.

#### **Qualifying Transaction**

#### General

We are not presently engaged in, and we will not engage in, any operations for an indefinite period of time. We have focused our search for target businesses that operate branded product businesses in cannabis and/or cannabis-adjacent industries; however, we are not limited to a particular industry or geographic region for purposes of completing our qualifying transaction. We intend to effectuate our qualifying transaction using the cash proceeds from (i) the escrow account after redemptions, taxes and permitted expenses; (ii) the portion of the sales of the Class B Units and Founders' Warrants not held in the escrow account; (iii) the \$25,000 of initial proceeds raised prior to the IPO Closing or our shares, or debt, or a combination of these as the consideration to be paid in our qualifying transaction. A qualifying transaction may involve the acquisition of, or merger with, a company which does not need substantial additional capital but which desires to establish a public trading market for its shares, while avoiding what it may deem to be adverse consequences of undertaking a public offering itself. These include time delays, significant expense, loss of voting control and compliance with various applicable securities laws. While we may seek to effect simultaneous qualifying transactions with more than one target business, we will probably have the ability, as a result of our limited cash resources, to effect only a single qualifying transaction. If we complete more than one qualifying transaction, each such qualifying transaction is expected to occur concurrently.

The qualifying transaction must occur within a Permitted Timeline, being 24 months from the IPO Closing following the execution of the LOI, which triggered an automatic extension of the Permitted Timeline up to 24 months from the IPO Closing, as it may be extended and shortened. The Permitted Timeline could be extended to up to 36 months with shareholder approval of only the holders of Class

A Restricted Voting Shares, by ordinary resolution, with approval of the Corporation's board of directors, and with the consent of the Exchange (if required).

#### Sources of Target Businesses

We anticipate that target business candidates will be brought to our attention from various unaffiliated sources, including investment bankers, venture capital funds, legal and accounting firms, private equity groups, leveraged buyout funds, management buyout funds and other members of the financial community. Target businesses may be brought to our attention by such unaffiliated sources as a result of being solicited by us through calls or mailings. These sources also may introduce us to target businesses in which they think we may be interested on an unsolicited basis, since many of these sources will have read the IPO Prospectus and know what types of businesses we are targeting. The Underwriter, our Sponsor and our officers and directors, as well as their affiliates and associates, also may bring to our attention target business candidates that they become aware of through their business contacts as a result of formal or informal inquiries or discussions they may have, as well as attending trade shows or conventions. In addition, we expect to receive a number of deal flow opportunities that would not otherwise necessarily be available to us as a result of the business relationships of our officers and directors. While we do not presently anticipate engaging the services of professional firms or other individuals that specialize in business acquisitions on any formal basis, we may engage these firms or other individuals in the future, in which event we may pay a finder's fee, consulting fee or other compensation to be determined in an arm's length negotiation based on the terms of the transaction. We will engage a finder only to the extent our management determines that the use of a finder may bring opportunities to us that may not otherwise be available to us or if finders approach us on an unsolicited basis with a potential transaction that our management determines is in our interest to pursue. Payment of finder's fees is customarily tied to completion of a transaction.

#### Limited Payments to Insiders

There will be no finder's fees, consulting fees, reimbursements or cash payments made to any of our Sponsor, officers, directors or special advisors, or to their affiliates, for services rendered to us prior to or in connection with the completion of our qualifying transaction, except that members of our board of directors who are not employees of the Corporation or our Sponsor may receive finder's fees if such fees are expressly approved by a majority of our unconflicted directors, being the other directors who do not have a conflict of interest in respect of the proposed acquisition, and subject to the consent of the Exchange; however, they will not be made prior to the completion of the qualifying transaction and will not be paid from the proceeds of the escrow account prior to the completion of the qualifying transaction.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, we anticipate the following payments will be made; however, they will not be paid from the proceeds of the escrow account prior to the completion of the qualifying transaction, but rather from funds on hand, from additional sources of funds at the time of the qualifying transaction, from the proceeds of the escrow account after their release to the Corporation, or from additional funds:

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- repayment of unsecured loans, and any interest thereon, which may be made by our Sponsor or our Sponsor's affiliates to finance transaction costs in connection with a prospective qualifying transaction;
- payment of \$10,000 (plus applicable taxes) per month for administrative and related services pursuant to an administrative services agreement entered into with our Sponsor;
- reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the above-noted persons in connection with certain activities on our behalf, such as identifying possible business targets and qualifying transactions; and
- payment to certain consultants and investor relation professionals, including payments to SWAT.

There is no limit on the amount of out-of-pocket expenses reimbursable by us; provided, however, that to the extent such expenses exceed the available proceeds not deposited in the escrow account, such expenses would not be reimbursed by us unless we consummate a qualifying transaction.

Our board of directors will review and be required to approve all reimbursements and payments made to our Founders, officers, directors or special advisors, or our affiliates or associates or their respective affiliates or associates, with any interested director abstaining from such review and approval.

As part of the Administrative Services Agreement entered into with our Sponsor for payment of \$10,000 (plus applicable taxes) per month, the Corporation may, as needed and as may be approved by its board of directors, from time to time, both prior to and following our qualifying transaction, enter into service agreements with related parties or qualified affiliates of related parties for, but not limited to, various administrative, managerial or operational services or to help effectuate our qualifying transaction. Although some of our officers and directors may enter into employment or consulting agreements with the acquired business following our qualifying transaction, the presence or absence of any such arrangements will not be used as a criterion in our selection process of an acquisition target.

#### Additional Funding

In order to assist in paying expenses or costs related to a qualifying transaction, the Corporation may be funded by unsecured loans from our Sponsor and/or its affiliates, the amount, availability and cost of which is currently unascertainable. These loans would be expected to bear interest at no more than the prime rate plus 1%, unless otherwise agreed to by the Exchange. The lender under the loans would not have recourse against the escrowed funds, and thus the loans would not reduce the value thereof. Such loans will collectively be subject to a maximum aggregate principal amount equal to 10% of the escrowed funds, which loans would be expected to bear interest at no more than the prime rate plus 1%, and will be repayable in cash no earlier than the closing of the qualifying transaction, or which may be convertible into shares and/or Warrants in connection with the closing of the qualifying transaction. The Corporation will not obtain any form of debt financing except: (i) in the ordinary course for short term trade, accounts payable and general ongoing expenses; (ii) contemporaneous with, or after, the completion of a qualifying transaction; or (iii) through unsecured loans from our Sponsor and/or its affiliates in accordance with the foregoing.

Subject to any relief granted by the Exchange, the Corporation may also seek to raise additional funds prior to completion of its qualifying transaction through a rights offering in respect of shares available to its shareholders, in accordance with the requirements of applicable securities legislation and subject to the consent of the Underwriter, if applicable, and also subject to placing the required funds raised in the escrow account in accordance with applicable Exchange rules. The Corporation would not undertake a rights offering unless the amount per share deposited into the escrow account in connection therewith was at least equal to the per share amount of the escrow funds then on deposit in the escrow account, including any interest and other amounts earned thereon (net of any applicable taxes payable by the Corporation on such interest and other amounts earned in the escrow account) and provided that 100% of the gross proceeds raised in any subsequent rights offering from holders of Class A Restricted Voting Units are held in the escrow account.

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#### Permitted Timeline Extension

Pursuant to the IPO Prospectus, the Corporation had 21 months from the IPO Closing to consummate a qualifying transaction (or 24 months from the IPO Closing if we have executed a letter of intent, agreement in principle or definitive agreement for a qualifying transaction within 21 months from the IPO Closing), as it may be extended, and provided that, with 10 days' advance notice by way of a news release, the Corporation may shorten the Permitted Timeline with the approval of its board of directors. The Corporation announced that they had entered into the LOI on February 2, 2021, triggering an automatic three-month extension of the Permitted Timeline, extending the Permitted Timeline to 24 months, expiring on May 13, 2021.

If our management believes that we need an extension of the Permitted Timeline in order to successfully execute a qualifying transaction, the Corporation will hold a meeting of holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares and seek approval by ordinary resolution of only the holders of the Class A Restricted Voting Shares. Such extension would also need to be approved by the Corporation's board of directors, and consent obtained from the Exchange, if required. Assuming a meeting of holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares is called and the requisite Class A Restricted Voting Shares approval is obtained, holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares would be permitted to redeem all or a portion of their Class A Restricted Voting Shares, provided that they deposit their shares for redemption prior to 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the fifth business day before the shareholders' meeting in respect of the extension, with effect, and, subject to applicable law, immediately prior to the date that an extension to the Permitted Timeline takes effect. Holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares will be given not less than 21 days' notice of the meeting. Participants through CDS may have earlier deadlines for accepting deposits of Class A Restricted Voting Shares pursuant to the redemption right. If a CDS participant's deadline is not met by a holder of Class A Restricted Voting Shares, such holder's Class A Restricted Voting Shares may not be eligible for redemption.

#### Minimum Fair Market Value of Qualifying Transaction

Absent exemptive relief from the Exchange, the fair market value of our qualifying transaction (or the aggregate fair market value of our combined qualifying transactions, if there is more than one, all of which must be completed concurrently) must not be less than 80% of the assets held in the escrow account then on deposit (excluding the deferred underwriting commissions and applicable taxes payable on interest and other amounts earned in the escrow account). The fair market value of the target business will be determined by our board of directors based upon one or more valuation methods generally accepted by the financial community (including, without limitation, actual and potential sales, earnings, cash flow and book value).

In the event that the amount required to be paid to holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares to be redeemed in connection with a shareholder vote on the qualifying transaction would exceed the additional financing obtained by the Corporation to offset the redemption amount (especially where the proposed qualifying transaction contains a minimum cash balance condition as a condition to closing), the Corporation may consider offering additional shares to the vendor of the target company, such that the cash that would otherwise be payable to the vendor that is needed to redeem the shares is replaced with additional shares issued to the vendor. In addition, holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares that would otherwise intend to redeem their shares may (including for tax reasons) prefer to sell their shares in the market, and the Corporation may also pursue debt financing, all of which may reduce the likelihood of any cash deficiencies at the time of the qualifying transaction.

#### Lack of Business Diversification

For an indefinite period of time after the completion of our qualifying transaction, the prospects for our success may depend entirely on the future performance of a single business. Unlike other entities that have the resources to complete acquisitions with multiple entities in one or several industries, we may not have the resources to diversify our operations and mitigate the risks of being in a single line of business. By completing our qualifying transaction with only a single entity, our lack of diversification may subject us to negative economic, competitive and regulatory developments, any or all of which may have a substantial adverse impact on the particular industry in which we operate after our initial qualifying transaction, and cause us to depend on the marketing and sale of a single product or limited number of products or services.

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#### Limited Ability to Evaluate the Target's Management Team

Although we intend to closely scrutinize the management of a prospective target business when evaluating the desirability of effecting our qualifying transaction with that business, our assessment of the target's management may not prove to be correct. The future role of members of our management team, if any, in the target business cannot presently be stated with any certainty. Consequently, members of our management team may not become a part of the target's management team, and the future management may not have the necessary skills, qualifications or abilities to manage a public company. Further, it is also not certain whether one or more of our directors will remain associated in some capacity with us following our qualifying transaction. Moreover, members of our management team may not have significant experience or knowledge relating to the operations of the particular target business. Our personnel may not remain in senior management or advisory positions with the combined company. The determination as to whether any of our key personnel will remain with the combined company will be made at the time of our qualifying transaction.

Following our qualifying transaction, we may seek to recruit additional managers to supplement the incumbent management of the target business. We may not have the ability to recruit additional managers, or such additional managers may not have the requisite skills, knowledge or experience necessary to enhance the incumbent management.

#### No Shareholders Meeting to Approve Qualifying Transaction and Potentially Different Economic Interests

As 100% of the gross proceeds of the Offering and any additional equity raised pursuant to a rights offering will be held by the Escrow Agent, in the escrow account, shareholder approval of our qualifying transaction is not required. As such, and unless shareholder approval is otherwise required under applicable law, we will: (i) prepare and file with applicable securities regulatory authorities a QT Prospectus containing disclosure regarding the Corporation and its proposed qualifying transaction; (ii) mail a notice of redemption to the holders of the Class A Restricted Voting Shares and make the final prospectus publicly available at least 21 days prior to the deadline for redemption; and (iii) send by prepaid mail or otherwise deliver the prospectus to the holders of the Class A Restricted Voting Shares no later than

midnight (Toronto time) on the second business day prior to the deadline for redemption, which delivery may be effected electronically in compliance with NP 11-201.

Although it is expected that there will be no vote on the qualifying transaction, the holders of the Class A Restricted Voting Shares are entitled to vote on and receive notice of meetings on all matters requiring shareholder approval (including any proposed extension to the Permitted Timeline) other than the election and/or removal of directors and auditors prior to closing of a qualifying transaction. With the inclusion of our Class B Shares forming part of the Class B Units that our Sponsor purchased, our Founders hold approximately a 20.22% voting interest. Accordingly, our Founders may significantly influence the vote at any such meeting. Prior to a qualifying transaction, holders of the Class A Restricted Voting Shares are not entitled to vote at (or receive notice of or meeting materials in connection with) meetings held only to consider the election and/or removal of directors and auditors. In lieu of holding an annual meeting prior to the closing of the qualifying transaction, the Corporation has undertaken to file this annual information form, issue a press release announcing the filing thereof and informing holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares of the status of identifying and securing a qualifying transaction, and, not less than two weeks later, hold an investor conference call.

Information regarding the qualifying transaction and the resulting business post-qualifying transaction will be made available to shareholders in a prospectus prepared by our management. Such prospectus will contain disclosure of the resulting issuer assuming completion of the qualifying transaction and will be filed with applicable securities regulatory authorities and the Exchange, and the final prospectus must be receipted by the applicable securities regulatory authorities prior to the mailing. Such a prospectus could be either a non-offering prospectus or provide for the issuance of securities required in connection with the completion of the qualifying transaction. Any such financing would not affect amounts held in the escrow account or amounts to be distributed to holders of the Class A Restricted Voting Shares therefrom. In the event that the Corporation proposes to acquire a target business that operates or has significant businesses in another jurisdiction, including an emerging market, additional securities regulatory requirements may apply, and any such transaction may warrant additional review and scrutiny of the applicable securities regulatory authorities.

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Our Founders purchased the Founders' Shares prior to the IPO Closing, being 10,089,750 Class B Shares. These Founders' Shares were purchased for an aggregate price of \$25,000, or approximately \$0.0025 per Founders' Share. In addition, our Sponsor purchased 9,810,000 Founders' Warrants at a price of \$1.00 per Founders' Warrant for aggregate proceeds of \$9,810,000 and 109,000 Class B Units at an offering price of \$10.00 per Class B Unit for aggregate proceeds equal to \$1,090,000 simultaneously with the IPO Closing.

Our Founders will have economic interests in the qualifying transaction that may differ as compared to those of holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares, given that, among other things, each of our Founders (including our Sponsor) have agreed to certain transfer restrictions in respect of its Founders' Shares, Founders' Warrants and its Class B Units (or any of its Class B Shares or Warrants underlying its Class B Units), as applicable.

#### Initial Listing Requirements

Unless exempted by the Exchange, the reporting issuer resulting from our qualifying transaction must satisfy the initial listing requirements of the designated stock exchange, as prescribed under the applicable policies of the Exchange or such designated stock exchange.

#### Exchange Escrow Policy

Upon completion of the qualifying transaction, the resulting issuer may be subject to the Exchange's escrow policy, and, if so, the securities held by the founders of such resulting issuer, which may include the Founders' Post-Qualifying Transaction Shares or securities issued to the Founders in connection with the completion of the qualifying transaction, would be released from an escrow account that would restrict their disposition as follows:

On the closing date of the qualifying transaction	1/4 of the founding securities
6 months after the closing date of the qualifying transaction	1/3 of the remaining founding securities
12 months after the closing date of the qualifying transaction	1/2 of the remaining founding securities
18 months after the closing date of the qualifying transaction	The remaining founding securities

#### Redemption Rights on Qualifying Transaction

In conjunction with the closing of a qualifying transaction, we will provide holders of our Class A Restricted Voting Shares with the opportunity to redeem all or a portion of their Class A Restricted Voting Shares, provided that they deposit their shares for redemption prior to a deadline specified by the Corporation, following public disclosure of the details of the qualifying transaction and prior to the closing of the qualifying transaction, of which prior notice had been provided to holders of the Class A Restricted Voting Shares by any means permitted by the Exchange, not less than 21 days nor more than 60 days in advance of such deadline.

Immediately prior to the closing of our qualifying transaction, and subject to applicable law, we will be required to redeem such Class A Restricted Voting Shares for an amount per share, payable in cash, equal to the pro-rata portion (per Class A Restricted Voting Share) of: (A) the escrowed funds available in the escrow account at the time immediately prior to the redemption deposit deadline, including interest and other amounts earned thereon; less (B) an amount equal to the total of (i) applicable taxes payable by the Corporation on such interest and other amounts earned in the escrow account and (ii) actual and expected expenses directly related to the redemption, each as reasonably determined by the Corporation, subject to certain limitations. For greater certainty, such amount will not be reduced by the amount of any tax of the Corporation under Part VI.1 of the Tax Act or the deferred underwriting commissions per Class A Restricted Voting Share held in escrow. Holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares will be given and not less than 21 days' notice of the corresponding redemption deposit deadline. Participants through CDS may have earlier deadlines for accepting deposits of Class A Restricted Voting Shares pursuant to the redemption right. If a CDS participant's deadline is not met by a holder of Class A Restricted Voting Shares, such holder's Class A Restricted Voting Shares may not be eligible for redemption.

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Following the closing of our qualifying transaction, we will use the balance of the non-redeemed shares' portion of the escrow account (less tax liabilities on amounts earned on the escrowed funds and certain expenses directly related to redemptions) to pay the Underwriter 75% its deferred underwriting commissions (subject to availability, failing which any shortfall shall be made up from other sources at the discretion of the Corporation). However, the Corporation shall be entitled, in its sole discretion, to use the remaining 25% of the deferred underwriting commissions (or, if a lesser amount, the balance of the non-redeemed shares' portion of the escrow account, less tax liabilities on amounts earned on the escrowed funds and certain expenses directly related to redemptions) (the "Discretionary Deferred Portion") as it sees fit, including for payment to other agents or advisors who have assisted with or participated in the sourcing, diligencing and completion of our qualifying transaction. For greater certainty, the Underwriter will not be excluded from consideration of any portion of the Corporation being the party or parties to whom the Discretionary Deferred Portion is paid. The per share amount we will distribute to holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares who properly redeem their shares will not be reduced by any deferred underwriting commissions we may pay to the Underwriter or otherwise use, in whole or in part, at our discretion.

Following any redemption, each of the remaining Class A Restricted Voting Shares would then be automatically converted immediately following closing of the qualifying transaction into one Subordinate Voting Share, and the residual escrow account balance would be available to the Corporation to pay tax liabilities on amounts earned on the escrowed funds, to pay the Underwriter 75% of the deferred underwriting commissions, and to otherwise use at its sole discretion, subject to the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, in whole or in part, in accordance with the Escrow Agreement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing redemption rights, each holder of Class A Restricted Voting Shares, together with any affiliate of such holder or any other person with whom such holder or affiliate is acting jointly or in concert, will not be permitted to redeem more than an aggregate of 15% of the number of Class A Restricted Voting Shares issued and outstanding following the IPO Closing. This limitation will not apply in the event a qualifying transaction does not occur within the Permitted Timeline, or in the event of an extension to the Permitted Timeline. By its election to redeem, each registered holder (other than CDS) and each beneficial holder of Class A Restricted Voting Shares shall be required to represent or shall be deemed to have represented to the Corporation that, together with any affiliate of such holder and any other person with whom such holder or affiliate is acting jointly or in concert, it is not redeeming Class A Restricted Voting Shares with respect to more than an aggregate of 15% of the number of Class A Restricted Voting Shares issued and outstanding following the IPO Closing.

We believe that this restriction will discourage shareholders from accumulating large blocks of shares and subsequently attempting to use their ability to exercise their redemption rights against a proposed qualifying transaction as a means to force us or our management to engage in inappropriate transactions. Absent this provision, a holder of Class A Restricted Voting Shares holding more than an aggregate of 15% of the number of Class A Restricted Voting Shares issued and outstanding following the IPO Closing could threaten to exercise its redemption rights if such holder is not otherwise satisfied with the qualifying transaction. By limiting our shareholders' ability to redeem no more than 15% of the number of Class A Restricted Voting Shares issued and outstanding following the IPO Closing, we believe we will limit the ability of a small group of shareholders to unreasonably attempt to block our ability to complete a qualifying transaction that is favoured by our other shareholders, and particularly in connection with a qualifying transaction with a target that requires as a closing condition that we have a minimum net worth or a certain amount of cash available at the time of closing. However, we would not be restricting our shareholders' ability to vote all of their shares for or against our qualifying transaction.

Our articles (which, among other things, provide for the various redemption rights of holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares) may only be amended by a special resolution, which would require 66 2/3% of votes cast to be voted in favour of the proposed amendment. The Corporation and the Founders have each agreed with the Underwriter that they will not propose any amendments to the articles prior to the closing of a qualifying transaction which would materially adversely affect the redemption rights of the holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares unless the Escrow Agreement has been amended to provide holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares with redemption rights, should such amendment of the articles proceed, that are substantially equivalent to the redemption rights that would apply to redemption on the extension of the Permitted Timeline. In addition, consent of the Exchange to any such amendments would be required, which the Corporation does not believe would be likely to be obtained. The consent of the Underwriter and the Escrow Agent would also be required. Accordingly, any such amendments are considered extremely unlikely.

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#### Automatic Redemption if No Qualifying Transaction

If we are unable to consummate a qualifying transaction within the Permitted Timeline, we will be required to redeem, as promptly as reasonably possible, on an automatic redemption date specified by the Corporation (such date to be within 10 days following the last day of the Permitted Timeline), each of the outstanding Class A Restricted Voting Shares. See "*Capital Structure of the Corporation* – *Class A Restricted Voting Shares and Class B Shares*". Such redemption will completely extinguish the rights of holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares as shareholders (including the right to receive further liquidation distributions, if any), subject to applicable law. At such time, the Warrants (including the Founders' Warrants) will expire; holders of Warrants will receive nothing upon a liquidation with respect to such Warrants, and the Warrants will be worthless.

Our Founders will not be entitled to redeem the Founders' Shares, Class B Units (including their underlying securities) or Founders' Warrants, as applicable, in connection with a qualifying transaction or an extension to the Permitted Timeline or entitled to access the escrow account upon our Winding-Up. Our Founders (including our Sponsor) will, however, participate in any liquidation distribution with respect to any Class A Restricted Voting Shares they may acquire in connection with or following the IPO Closing through possible purchases on the secondary market.

The Underwriter will have no right to the deferred underwriting commissions held in the escrow account in connection with our Winding-Up.

#### Contractual Rights of Action

The Corporation expects that a contractual right of action for rescission or damages against the Corporation (or its successor) and a contractual right for damages against the directors of the Corporation at the time of the deposit redemption deadline and against every person or company, including the Sponsor, who signs the prospectus that is required to be prepared by the Corporation at the time of its proposed qualifying transaction (the "**QT Prospectus**") will be required to be granted to original purchasers of Class A Restricted Voting Shares and Warrants from the Underwriter in connection with the Offering in the event that there is a misrepresentation in the QT Prospectus. The contractual rights of action against such persons or companies are expected to be consistent with the rights (and defences) under section 130 of the *Securities Act* (Ontario). In addition, the Corporation will indemnify the other parties granting such rights.

#### **Subsequent Events**

On February 2, 2021, the Corporation announced that it had entered into the LOI in connection with a potential transaction which would, if consummated, qualify as the Corporation's qualifying transaction. The LOI is non-binding and proceeding with the potential transaction is subject to a number of conditions, including, among others, satisfactory due diligence and the negotiation and execution

of a Transaction Document. The Corporation intends to disclose additional details regarding the potential transaction following the entry into a Transaction Document, if applicable.

Pursuant to the IPO Prospectus, the execution of the LOI triggered an automatic three-month extension of the Permitted Timeline, extending the Permitted Timeline from 21 months to 24 months. As a product of such extension, the Permitted Timeline shall expire on May 13, 2021, unless shortened or extended.

#### CAPITAL STRUCTURE OF THE CORPORATION

#### General

The Corporation is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Class A Restricted Voting Shares, an unlimited number of Class B Shares, an unlimited number of Subordinate Voting Shares and an unlimited number of Multiple Voting Shares, each without nominal or par value. Prior to the closing of the qualifying transaction, the Corporation will not issue any Subordinate Voting Shares or Multiple Voting Shares. The Founders hold 10,089,751 Class B Shares (representing the Incorporation Share and the Founders' Shares) and the Sponsor holds 109,000 Class B Units and 9,810,000 Founders' Warrants.

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The following description summarizes the material terms of our share capital. Because it is only a summary, it may not contain all the information that is important to you. For a complete description, please refer to our notice of articles, articles of incorporation and the Warrant Agreement on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

#### **Class A Restricted Voting Units**

Each Class A Restricted Voting Unit consists of one Class A Restricted Voting Share and one-half of a Warrant. Each Warrant will entitle the holder to purchase one Class A Restricted Voting Share (and upon the closing of a qualifying transaction, each Warrant would represent the entitlement to purchase one Subordinate Voting Share).

The Class A Restricted Voting Shares and Warrants comprising the Class A Restricted Voting Units initially traded as a unit but as of June 24, 2019 the Class A Restricted Voting Shares and Warrants commenced trading separately.

#### **Class A Restricted Voting Shares**

The following shares of the Corporation are outstanding:

- 40,250,000 Class A Restricted Voting Shares forming part of the Class A Restricted Voting Units (before the exercise of Warrants); and
  - 10,198,751 Class B Shares (being the 1 Incorporation Share held by the Sponsor, the 10,089,750 Founders' Shares held by
- our Founders and 109,000 Class B Shares forming part of the Class B Units held by our Sponsor, but before the exercise of Warrants).

On or following the closing of the qualifying transaction, each Class A Restricted Voting Share would, unless previously redeemed, be automatically converted into one Subordinate Voting Share, as adjusted for stock splits or combinations, stock dividends, Extraordinary Dividends, reorganizations, recapitalizations, and the like.

The holders of the Class A Restricted Voting Shares are entitled to vote on and receive notice of meetings on all matters requiring shareholder approval (including any proposed extension to the Permitted Timeline) other than the election and/or removal of directors and auditors prior to closing of a qualifying transaction. Prior to a qualifying transaction, holders of the Class A Restricted Voting Shares are not entitled to vote at (or receive notice of or meeting materials in connection with) meetings held only to consider the election and/ or removal of directors and auditors.

Only holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares would be entitled to redeem their shares redeemed and receive the escrow proceeds (net of applicable taxes and other permitted deductions): (i) in the event a qualifying transaction does not occur within the Permitted

Timeline; (ii) in the event of a qualifying transaction; and (iii) in the event of an extension to the Permitted Timeline. The holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares and Class B Shares have no pre-emptive rights or other subscription rights and there are no sinking fund provisions applicable to these shares.

In conjunction with any qualifying transaction or to vote on an extension to the Permitted Timeline, we will provide holders of our Class A Restricted Voting Shares, whether they vote for or against, or do not vote on, the qualifying transaction (if required) or the extension to the Permitted Timeline, as applicable, with the opportunity to redeem all or a portion of their Class A Restricted Voting Shares, provided that they deposit their shares for redemption prior to a deadline specified by the Corporation, following public disclosure of the details of the qualifying transaction and prior to the closing of the qualifying transaction, of which prior notice had been provided to holders of the Class A Restricted Voting Shares by any means permitted by the Exchange, not less than 21 days nor more than 60 days in advance of such deadline in each case, with effect, subject to applicable law, immediately prior to the closing of our qualifying transaction, for an amount per share, payable in cash, equal to the pro-rata portion (per Class A Restricted Voting Share) of: (A) the escrowed funds available in the escrow account at the time immediately prior to the redemption deposit deadline, including interest and other amounts earned thereon; less (B) an amount equal to the total of (i) applicable taxes payable by the Corporation on such interest and other amounts earned in the escrow account, and (ii) actual and expected expenses directly related to the redemption, each as reasonably determined by the Corporation, subject to certain limitations. For greater certainty, such amount will not be reduced by the amount of any tax of the Corporation under Part VI.1 of the Tax Act or the deferred underwriting commissions per Class A Restricted Voting Share held in escrow. Participants through CDS may have earlier deadlines for accepting deposits of Class A Restricted Voting Shares pursuant to the redemption right. If a CDS participant's deadline is not met by a holder of Class A Restricted Voting Shares, such holder's Class A Restricted Voting Shares may not be eligible for redemption.

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If we are unable to consummate a qualifying transaction within the Permitted Timeline, we will be required to redeem, as promptly as reasonably possible, on an automatic redemption date specified by the Corporation (such date to be within 10 days following the last day of the Permitted Timeline), all of the outstanding Class A Restricted Voting Shares.

Holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares who redeem or sell their Class A Restricted Voting Shares will continue to have the right to exercise any Warrants they may hold if the qualifying transaction is consummated. Following the closing of our qualifying transaction, we will use the balance of the non-redeemed shares' portion of the escrow account (less tax liabilities on amounts earned on the escrowed funds and certain expenses directly related to redemptions) to pay the Underwriter 75.0% of the deferred underwriting commissions (subject to availability, failing which any shortfall may be made up from other sources at our discretion). However, the Corporation shall be entitled, in its sole discretion, subject to the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, to use the Discretionary Deferred Portion as it sees fit, including for payment to other agents or advisors who have assisted with or participated in the sourcing, diligencing and completion of our qualifying transaction.

#### **Class B Units**

Each Class B Unit consists of one Class B Share and one-half of a Warrant. Each Warrant will entitle the holder to purchase one Class A Restricted Voting Share (and upon the closing of a qualifying transaction, each Warrant would represent the entitlement to purchase one Subordinate Voting Share). It is anticipated that the Class B Units and Class B Shares will not be listed prior to the qualifying transaction.

#### **Class B Shares**

Our Founders have purchased an aggregate of 10,089,750 Founders' Shares (which are Class B Shares) for an aggregate purchase price of \$25,000, or approximately \$0.0025 per Founders' Share. In addition one Class B Share was issued to the Sponsor on April 16, 2019 at a price of \$10.00 per share, with such share being the Incorporation Share.

The Class B Shares will not be entitled to access, or benefit from, the proceeds in the escrow account and will not possess any redemption rights. The Founders will, however, be entitled to benefit from the proceeds in the escrow account for redemptions with respect to any Class A Restricted Voting Shares they may have purchase during or following the Offering if we fail to complete our qualifying transaction within the Permitted Timeline, or seek an extension to the Permitted Timeline. Subject to the prior rights of the holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares, and whether prior to or following the Permitted Timeline, the Class B Shares would be entitled to receive the remaining property and assets of the Corporation available for distribution, after payment of liabilities, upon the Winding-Up

of the Corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, subject to applicable law. The holders of the Founders' Shares have no pre-emptive rights or other subscription rights and there are no sinking fund provisions applicable to these shares.

While the Founders' Post-Qualifying Transaction Shares may be subject to escrow under the Exchange rules following the closing of the qualifying transaction, the Multiple Voting Shares into which the Class B Shares forming part of the Class B Units will be converted are not expected to be subject to escrow following the closing of the qualifying transaction, unless otherwise required by the Exchange.

The Founders have agreed pursuant to the Exchange Agreement and Undertaking, not to transfer any of its Founders' Shares, Founders' Warrants or any of its Class B Units (or any Class B Shares or Warrants forming part of the Class B Units) until after the closing of the qualifying transaction. In each case, permitted transfers, which will be exempt from the restrictions on transfer set forth in the Exchange Agreement and Undertaking, include: (i) transfers required due to the structuring of the qualifying transaction; or (ii) to Permitted Transferees.

Any Class A Restricted Voting Shares purchased by our Founders would not be subject to the restrictions set out in the Relinquishment Agreement or the Exchange Agreement and Undertaking.

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Except for the voting right variations in respect of the election and/or removal of directors and auditors prior to the closing of a qualifying transaction, and with the exception of an extension of the Permitted Timeline and except as required by law, the voting rights of holders of Class B Shares will otherwise be identical to those applicable to the publicly held Class A Restricted Voting Shares.

#### Warrants

There are an aggregate of 29,989,500 Warrants outstanding (comprised of 20,125,000 Warrants forming part of the Class A Restricted Voting Units sold to the public, 54,500 Warrants forming part of the Class B Units sold to our Sponsor, and 9,810,000 Founders' Warrants sold to our Sponsor).

All Warrants will become exercisable only commencing 65 days after the completion of our qualifying transaction. Each Warrant is exercisable to purchase one Class A Restricted Voting Share (and upon the closing of a qualifying transaction, each Warrant would represent the entitlement to purchase one Subordinate Voting Share) at a price of \$11.50 per share, subject to adjustments. The Warrant Agreement provides that the exercise price and number of Subordinate Voting Shares issuable on exercise of the Warrants may be adjusted in certain circumstances, including in the event of a stock dividend, Extraordinary Dividend or a recapitalization, reorganization, merger or consolidation. The Warrants will not, however, be adjusted for issuances of Subordinate Voting Shares, as applicable, at a price below their exercise price.

Once the Warrants become exercisable, we may:

accelerate the expiry date of the outstanding Warrants (excluding the Founders' Warrants but only to the extent still held by our Sponsor at the date of public announcement of such acceleration and not transferred prior to the accelerated expiry date, due to the anticipated knowledge by our Sponsor of material undisclosed information which could limit their flexibility) by providing 30 days' notice if, and only if, the closing share price of the Subordinate Voting Shares

- (a) equals or exceeds \$18.00 per Subordinate Voting Share (as adjusted for stock splits or combinations, stock dividends, Extraordinary Dividends, reorganizations and recapitalizations and the like) for any 20 trading days within a 30-trading day period, in which case the expiry date shall be the date which is 30 days following the date on which such notice if provided; or
- (b) redeem the outstanding Warrants:
  - (i) in whole and not in part;
  - (ii) at a price equal to a number of Subordinate Voting Shares to be determined by reference to the table set forth below;
  - (iii) upon a minimum of 30 days' prior written notice of redemption; and

# (iv) if, and only if, the last reported sale price of the Subordinate Voting Shares or exceeds \$10.00 per share (as adjusted for stock splits or combinations, stock dividends, Extraordinary Dividends, reorganizations, recapitalizations and the like) on the trading day prior to the date on which we send the notice of redemption to the holders of Warrants.

The numbers in the table below represent the "redemption prices," or the number of Subordinate Voting Shares that a holder of Warrants will receive upon redemption by us pursuant to this redemption feature, based on the "fair market value" of the Subordinate Voting Shares on the corresponding redemption date, determined based on the average of the last reported sales price for the 10 trading days ending on the third trading day prior to the date on which the notice of redemption is sent to the holders of Warrants, and the number of months that the corresponding redemption date precedes the expiration date of the Warrants, each as set forth in the table below.

The share prices set forth in the column headings of the table below will be adjusted as of any date on which the number of shares issuable upon exercise of a Warrant is adjusted as described above. The adjusted share prices in the column headings will equal the share prices immediately prior to such adjustment, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of shares deliverable upon exercise of a Warrant immediately prior to such adjustment and the denominator of which is the number of shares deliverable upon exercise of a Warrant as so adjusted. The number of shares in the table below shall be adjusted in the same manner and at the same time as the number of shares issuable upon exercise of a Warrant.

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	Fair Market Value of Subordinate Voting Share								
Redemption Date (period to expiration of Warrants)	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$12.00	\$13.00	\$14.00	\$15.00	\$16.00	\$17.00	\$18.00
57 months	0.257	0.277	0.294	0.310	0.324	0.337	0.348	0.358	0.365
54 months	0.252	0.272	0.291	0.307	0.322	0.335	0.347	0.357	0.365
51 months	0.246	0.268	0.287	0.304	0.320	0.333	0.346	0.357	0.365
48 months	0.241	0.263	0.283	0.301	0.317	0.332	0.344	0.356	0.365
45 months	0.235	0.258	0.279	0.298	0.315	0.330	0.343	0.356	0.365
42 months	0.228	0.252	0.274	0.294	0.312	0.328	0.342	0.355	0.364
39 months	0.221	0.246	0.269	0.290	0.309	0.325	0.340	0.354	0.364
36 months	0.213	0.239	0.263	0.285	0.305	0.323	0.339	0.353	0.364
33 months	0.205	0.232	0.257	0.280	0.301	0.320	0.337	0.352	0.364
30 months	0.196	0.224	0.250	0.274	0.297	0.316	0.335	0.351	0.364
27 months	0.185	0.214	0.242	0.268	0.291	0.313	0.332	0.350	0.364
24 months	0.173	0.204	0.233	0.260	0.285	0.308	0.329	0.348	0.364
21 months	0.161	0.193	0.223	0.252	0.279	0.304	0.326	0.347	0.364
18 months	0.146	0.179	0.211	0.242	0.271	0.298	0.322	0.345	0.363
15 months	0.130	0.164	0.197	0.230	0.262	0.291	0.317	0.342	0.363
12 months	0.111	0.146	0.181	0.216	0.250	0.282	0.312	0.339	0.363
9 months	0.090	0.125	0.162	0.199	0.237	0.272	0.305	0.336	0.362
6 months	0.065	0.099	0.137	0.178	0.219	0.259	0.296	0.331	0.362
3 months	0.034	0.065	0.104	0.150	0.197	0.243	0.286	0.326	0.361
0 months	—	—	0.042	0.115	0.179	0.233	0.281	0.323	0.361

The exact fair market value and redemption date may not be set forth in the table above, in which case, if the fair market value is between two values in the table or the redemption date is between two redemption dates in the table, the number of Subordinate Voting Shares to be issued for each Warrant redeemed will be determined by a straight-line interpolation between the number of shares set forth for the higher and lower fair market values and the earlier and later redemption dates, as applicable, based on a 365 or 366-day year, as applicable. For example, if the average last reported sale price of the Subordinate Voting Shares for the 10 trading days ending on the third trading date prior to the date on which the notice of redemption is sent to the holders of the Warrants is \$13.50 per share, and at such time there are 38 months until the expiration of the Warrants, we may choose to, pursuant to this redemption feature, redeem the Warrants at a "redemption price" of 0.298 of a Subordinate Voting Share for each whole Warrant. Finally, as reflected in the table above, we can redeem the Warrants for no consideration in the event that the Warrants are "out of the money" (i.e. the trading price of the Subordinate Voting Shares is below the exercise price of the Warrants) and about to expire.

No fractional Subordinate Voting Shares will be issued upon redemption. If, upon redemption, a holder would be entitled to receive a fractional interest in a share, we will round down to the nearest whole number of the number of Subordinate Voting Shares to be issued to the holder.

If we accelerate the expiry of the Warrants, our board will have the option to require all holders that wish to exercise Warrants to do so, in whole or in part at the discretion of the board, on a "cashless basis." In determining whether to require all holders to exercise their

Warrants, in whole or in part, on a "cashless basis," our management will consider, among other factors, our cash position, the number of Warrants that are outstanding and the dilutive effect on our shareholders of issuing the maximum number of Subordinate Voting Shares issuable upon the exercise of the Warrants. A cashless exercise means the holder, in lieu of making a cash payment on exercise, will instead surrender its Warrants and receive the number of Subordinate Voting Shares that is equal to the quotient obtained by multiplying (i) the number of Subordinate Voting Shares for which the Warrant is being exercised by (ii) the difference, if positive, between the volume weighted average price of the Subordinate Voting Shares on the Exchange for the 20 trading days immediately prior to (but not including) the date of exercise of the Warrant, and dividing such product by the volume weighted average price of the Subordinate voting Shares on the Exchange for the 20 trading days immediately prior to (but not including) the date of exercise of the Warrant, and dividing such product by the volume weighted average price of the Subordinate voting Shares on the Exchange for the 20 trading days immediately prior to (but not including) the date of exercise.

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In the event that we accelerate the expiry date of the Warrants, the right to exercise will be forfeited unless the Warrants are exercised prior to the date specified in the notice of acceleration of the expiry date. On and after the accelerated expiry date, a record holder of a Warrant will have no further rights. Warrants may be exercised only for a whole number of shares. No fractional shares will be issued upon exercise of the Warrants. If, upon exercise of the Warrants, a holder would be entitled to receive a fractional interest in a share, we will, upon exercise, round down to the nearest whole number of shares to be issued to the Warrant holder.

The exercise of the Warrants by any holder in the United States, or that is a U.S. Person, may only be effected in compliance with an exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act and applicable State "blue sky" securities laws.

The Warrants held by our Founders or their Permitted Transferees may be exercised through cashless exercise. A cashless exercise permits the holder, in lieu of making a cash payment on exercise, to instead elect to surrender its Warrants and receive the number of Subordinate Voting Shares that is equal to the quotient obtained by multiplying (i) the number of Subordinate Voting Shares for which the Warrant is being exercised by (ii) the difference, if positive, between the volume weighted average price of the Subordinate Voting Shares on the Exchange for the 20 trading days immediately prior to (but not including) the date of exercise of the Warrant, and dividing such product by the volume weighted average price of the Subordinate Voting Shares on the Exchange for the 20 trading days immediately prior to (but not including) the date of exercise of the Warrant, and dividing such product by the volume weighted average price of the Subordinate Voting Shares on the Exchange for the 20 trading days immediately prior to (but not including) the date of exercise of the Warrant, and dividing such product by the volume weighted average price of the Subordinate Voting Shares on the Exchange for the 20 trading days immediately prior to (but not including) the date of exercise.

In no event would the Warrants be entitled to escrow account proceeds. The Warrant holders do not have the rights or privileges of holders of shares and any voting rights until they exercise their Warrants and receive corresponding Subordinate Voting Shares. After the issuance of corresponding Subordinate Voting Shares upon exercise of the Warrants, each holder will be entitled to one vote for each Subordinate Voting Share held of record on all matters to be voted on by shareholders. On the exercise of any Warrant, the Warrant exercise price will be \$11.50, subject to adjustments as described herein.

The Warrant Agent shall, on receipt of a written request of the Corporation or holders of not less than 25% of the aggregate number of Warrants then outstanding, convene a meeting of holders of Warrants upon at least 21 calendar days' written notice to holders of Warrants. Every such meeting shall be held in Toronto, Ontario or at such other place as may be approved or determined by the Warrant Agent. A quorum at meetings of holders or Warrants shall be two persons present in person or represented by proxy holding or representing more than 20% of the aggregate number of Warrants then outstanding.

From time to time, the Corporation and the Warrant Agent, without the consent of the holders of Warrants, may amend or supplement the Warrant Agreement for certain purposes including curing defects or inconsistencies or making any change that does not adversely affect the rights of any holder of Warrants. Any amendment or supplement to the Warrant Agreement that adversely affects the interests of the holders of Warrants may only be made by an "extraordinary resolution", which is defined in the Warrant Agreement as a resolution either (i) passed at a meeting of the holders of Warrants by the affirmative vote of holders of Warrants representing not less than twothirds of the aggregate number of the then outstanding Warrants represented at the meeting and voted on such resolution, or (ii) adopted by an instrument in writing signed by the holders of Warrants representing not less than twothirds of the aggregate number of the then outstanding Warrants representing not less than twothirds of the aggregate number of the then outstanding Warrants representing not less than twothirds of the aggregate number of the then outstanding Warrants representing not less than twothirds of the aggregate number of the then outstanding Warrants representing not less than twothirds of the aggregate number of the then outstanding Warrants representing not less than twothirds of the aggregate number of the then outstanding Warrants representing not less than two-thirds of the aggregate number of the then outstanding Warrants.

The Warrants will expire at 5:00 p.m. (Toronto time) on the day that is five years after the completion of our qualifying transaction or may expire earlier if a qualifying transaction does not occur within the Permitted Timeline or if the expiry date is accelerated, as described above.

Except for the ability to accelerate the expiry date of or redeem the outstanding Warrants (that excludes the Founders' Warrants but only to the extent they are still held by our Sponsor at the date of public announcement of such acceleration and not transferred prior to the accelerated expiry date, due to the anticipated knowledge by our Sponsor of material undisclosed information which could limit their flexibility), and the Founders' ability to exercise their Warrants on a cashless basis at their option, the Warrants forming part of the Class B Units and the Founders' Warrants, in each case issued to our Sponsor, will be identical to the Warrants forming part of the Class A Restricted Voting Units. Our Founders have agree, pursuant to the Exchange Agreement and Undertaking, not to transfer any of its Founders' Shares or Founders' Warrants, as applicable, or any of its Class B Units (or any Class B Shares or Warrants forming part of the class B Units), until after the closing of the qualifying transaction. In each case, permitted transfers, which will be exempt from the restrictions on transfer set forth in the Exchange Agreement and Undertaking, include: (i) transfers required due to the structuring of the qualifying transaction; or (ii) to Permitted Transferees.

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#### Subordinate Voting Shares and Multiple Voting Shares

Upon the closing of our qualifying transaction, each Class A Restricted Voting Share would, unless previously redeemed, be automatically converted into one Subordinate Voting Share, and the Class B Shares will be automatically converted on a 100-for-1 basis into new Multiple Voting Shares. No Subordinate Voting Shares or Multiple Voting Shares will be issued prior to closing of the qualifying transaction.

#### Conversion Rights and Transfers

Issued and outstanding Multiple Voting Shares, including fractions thereof, may at any time, at the option of the holder, be converted into Subordinate Voting Shares at a ratio of 100 Subordinate Voting Shares per Multiple Voting Share with fractional Multiple Voting Shares convertible into Subordinate Voting Shares at the same ratio. Further, the Multiple Voting Shares will be automatically converted into Subordinate Voting Shares at a ratio of 100 Subordinate Voting Shares per Multiple Voting Shares with fractional Multiple Voting Shares convertible into Subordinate Voting Shares at a ratio of 100 Subordinate Voting Shares per Multiple Voting Share with fractional Multiple Voting Shares convertible into Subordinate Voting Shares at the same ratio on the date that is five years from the closing of the qualifying transaction, and the resulting issuer board shall not be entitled to issue any more Multiple Voting Shares under the articles of the Corporation thereafter. The Multiple Voting Shares are not transferrable without approval of the resulting issuer board except to Permitted Holders and in compliance with U.S. securities laws.

No fractional Subordinate Voting Shares will be issued on any conversion of any Multiple Voting Shares and any fractional Subordinate Voting Shares will be rounded down to the nearest whole number. For the purposes of the foregoing:

"Affiliate" means, with respect to any specified Person, any other Person which directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with such specified Person.

"**Permitted Holders**" means (i) the initial holders of Multiple Voting Shares, as applicable, on closing of the qualifying transaction; (ii) any Affiliate or Person controlled, directly or indirectly, by one or more of the Persons referred to in clause (i) above, and (iii) with respect to the Multiple Voting Shares held by the Founders, the Founders and persons controlled by them.

"**Person**" means any individual, partnership, corporation, company, association, trust, joint venture or limited liability company. A Person is "controlled" by another Person or other Persons if: (i) in the case of a company or other body corporate wherever or however incorporated: (A) securities entitled to vote in the election of directors carrying in the aggregate at least a majority of the votes for the election of directors and representing in the aggregate at least a majority of the participating (equity) securities are held, other than by way of security only, directly or indirectly, by or solely for the benefit of the other Person or Persons; and (B) the votes carried in the aggregate by such securities are entitled, if exercised, to elect a majority of the board of directors of such company or other body corporate; or (ii) in the case of a Person that is not a company or other body corporate, at least a majority of the participating (equity) and voting interests of such Person are held, directly or indirectly, by or solely for the benefit of the other Person or Persons; and "controls", "controlling" and "under common control with" shall be interpreted accordingly.

Voting Rights

All holders of Multiple Voting Shares and Subordinate Voting Shares will be entitled to receive notice of any meeting of shareholders of the Corporation, and to attend, vote and speak at such meetings, except those meetings at which only holders of a specific class of shares are entitled to vote separately as a class under the BCBCA. A quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of shareholders is present if shareholders who, together, hold not fewer than 25% of the votes attaching to the outstanding voting shares entitled to vote at the meeting are present in person or represented by proxy.

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On all matters upon which holders of Multiple Voting Shares and Subordinate Voting Shares are entitled to vote:

- 1. each Subordinate Voting Share is entitled to one vote per Subordinate Voting Share; and
- 2. each Multiple Voting Share is entitled to 2,500 votes per Multiple Voting Share, and each fraction of a Multiple Voting Share is entitled to the number of votes calculated by multiplying the fraction by 2,500.

The number of votes represented by fractional Multiple Voting Shares will be rounded down to the nearest whole number. Unless a different majority is required by law or the articles of the Corporation, resolutions to be approved by holders of Subordinate Voting Shares and Multiple Voting Shares require approval by a simple majority of the total number of votes of all Subordinate Voting Shares and Multiple Voting Shares cast at a meeting of shareholders at which a quorum is present based on the voting entitlements of each class of shares described above.

#### Dividend Rights

Holders of Subordinate Voting Shares and Multiple Voting Shares are entitled to receive dividends out of the assets available for the payment or distribution of dividends at such times and in such amount and form as the resulting issuer board may from time to time determine on the following basis, and otherwise without preference or distinction among or between the Subordinate Voting Share and Multiple Voting Shares: each Multiple Voting Share will be entitled to 100 times the amount paid or distributed per Subordinate Voting Share (including by way of share dividends, which holders of Multiple Voting Shares will receive in Multiple Voting Shares, unless otherwise determined by the resulting issuer board) and each fraction of a Multiple Voting Share will be entitled to the applicable fraction thereof. See "Conversion Rights and Transfers" above.

#### Liquidation Rights

In the event of the liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Corporation or any other distribution of its assets among its shareholders for the purpose of winding-up its affairs, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, the holders of Subordinate Voting Share and Multiple Voting Shares will be entitled to receive all of the Corporation's assets remaining after payment of all debts and other liabilities on the basis that each Multiple Voting Share will be entitled to 100 times the amount distributed per Subordinate Voting Share (and each fraction of a Multiple Voting Share will be entitled to the amount calculated by multiplying the fraction by the amount otherwise payable in respect of a whole Multiple Voting Share), and otherwise without preference or distinction among or between the shares. See "Conversion Rights and Transfers" above.

#### Pre-emptive and Redemption Rights

Holders of Subordinate Voting Share and Multiple Voting Shares will not have any pre-emptive or redemption rights. No subdivision or consolidation of any class of Subordinate Voting Shares or Multiple Voting Shares may be effected unless, at the same time, the Subordinate Voting Shares and Multiple Voting Shares, as the case may be, are subdivided or consolidated in the same manner and on the same basis, so as to preserve the relative rights of the holders of each class of shares.

#### Certain Amendments

In addition to any other voting right or power to which the holders of Subordinate Voting Shares and Multiple Voting Shares shall be entitled by law or regulation or other provisions of the articles of the Corporation from time to time in effect, but subject to the provisions of the articles of the Corporation, holders of Subordinate Voting Shares and Multiple Voting Shares shall each be entitled to vote separately as a class, in addition to any other vote of shareholders that may be required, in respect of any alteration, repeal or amendment of the Corporation's articles which would adversely affect the rights or special rights of the holders of Subordinate Voting Shares or Multiple Voting Shares, as applicable, or which would affect the rights of the holders of the Subordinate Voting Shares and the holders of Multiple Voting Shares differently, on a per share basis.

Pursuant to the articles of the Corporation, holders of Subordinate Voting Shares and Multiple Voting Shares will be treated equally and identically, on a per share basis, in certain change of control transactions that require approval of the Corporation's shareholders under the BCBCA, unless different treatment of the shares of each such class is approved by a majority of the votes cast by the holders of the Subordinate Voting Shares and Multiple Voting Shares, each voting separately as a class.

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#### Issuance of Additional Multiple Voting Shares

The Corporation may issue additional Multiple Voting Shares upon the approval of the board of directors. Approval is not required in connection with a subdivision or consolidation on a pro rata basis as between the Subordinate Voting Shares and the Multiple Voting Shares.

#### Coattail Agreement

Under applicable Canadian law, an offer to purchase Multiple Voting Shares would not necessarily require that an offer be made to purchase Subordinate Voting Shares. In accordance with the rules applicable to most senior issuers in Canada, in the event of a takeover bid, the holders of Subordinate Voting Shares would be entitled to participate on an equal footing with holders of Multiple Voting Shares. The owners of all the outstanding Multiple Voting Shares would enter into a customary coattail agreement with the Corporation and a trustee (the "**Coattail Agreement**"). The Coattail Agreement would contain provisions customary for dual class, listed corporations designed to prevent transactions that otherwise would deprive the holders of Subordinate Voting Shares of rights under applicable provincial take-over bid legislation to which they would have been entitled if the Multiple Voting Shares had been Subordinate Voting Shares. The undertakings in the Coattail Agreement would not apply to prevent a sale by any holder of Multiple Voting Shares if concurrently an offer is made to purchase Subordinate Voting Shares that:

offers a price per Subordinate Voting Share in the same form of consideration and at least as high as the highest price
 (a) per share paid pursuant to the take-over bid for the Multiple Voting Shares (on an as-converted basis to Subordinate Voting Shares);

(b) provides that the percentage of outstanding Subordinate Voting Shares to be taken up (exclusive of shares owned immediately prior to the offer by the offeror or persons acting jointly or in concert with the offeror) is at least as high as the percentage of Multiple Voting Shares to be sold (exclusive of Multiple Voting Shares owned immediately prior to the offer by the offeror or persons acting jointly or in concert with the offeror);

- (c) has no condition attached other than the right not to take up and pay for Subordinate Voting Shares or Multiple Voting Shares tendered if no shares are purchased pursuant to the offer for Multiple Voting Shares; and
- (d) is in all other material respects identical to the offer for Multiple Voting Shares.

In addition, the Coattail Agreement would not prevent the transfer of Multiple Voting Shares by a holder to Permitted Holders. The conversion of Multiple Voting Shares into Subordinate Voting Shares would not constitute a disposition of Multiple Voting Shares for the purposes of the Coattail Agreement.

Under the Coattail Agreement, any disposition of Multiple Voting Shares (including a transfer to a pledgee as security) by a holder of Multiple Voting Shares party to the agreement would be conditional upon the transferee or pledgee abiding by the terms of the Coattail Agreement. The Coattail Agreement would contain provisions for authorizing action by the trustee to enforce the rights under the Coattail Agreement on behalf of the holders of the Subordinate Voting Shares. The obligation of the trustee to take such action would be conditional on the Corporation or holders of the Subordinate Voting Shares providing such funds and indemnity as the trustee may require. No holder of Subordinate Voting Shares would have the right, other than through the trustee, to institute any action or proceeding or to exercise any other remedy to enforce any rights arising under the Coattail Agreement unless the trustee fails to act on a request authorized by holders of not less than 10% of the outstanding Subordinate Voting Shares, and reasonable funds and indemnity have been provided to the trustee. the Corporation would agree to pay the reasonable costs of any action that may be taken in good faith by holders of Subordinate Voting Shares pursuant to the Coattail Agreement.

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The Coattail Agreement would provide that it may not be amended, and no provision thereof may be waived, unless, prior to giving effect to such amendment or waiver, the following have been obtained:

(a) the consent of the applicable securities regulatory authority in Canada; and

the approval of at least 66 2/3% of the votes cast by holders of Subordinate Voting Shares, excluding votes attached

(b) to Subordinate Voting Shares, if any, held by the holders of Multiple Voting Shares, their affiliates and any persons who have an agreement to purchase Multiple Voting Shares on terms which would constitute a sale or disposition for purposes of the Coattail Agreement other than as permitted thereby.

No provision of the Coattail Agreement would limit the rights of any holders of Subordinate Voting Shares under applicable law. A detailed description of the Multiple Voting Share / Subordinate Voting Share structure, as well as the terms of the Coattail Agreement, will be included in the Corporation's QT Prospectus.

#### **Compliance Provisions**

The Corporation's notice of articles and articles facilitate compliance with applicable regulatory and/or licensing regulations. In particular, the articles contain certain provisions (the "Compliance Provisions"), including a combination of certain remedies such as an automatic suspension of voting and/or dividend rights, a discretionary right to force a share transfer to a third party and/or a discretionary redemption right in favour of the Corporation, in each case to seek to ensure that the Corporation and its subsidiaries are able to comply with applicable regulatory and licensing regulations. The purpose of the Compliance Provisions is to provide the Corporation with a means of protecting itself from having a shareholder, or as determined by the resulting issuer board, a group of shareholders acting jointly or in concert, with an ownership interest of, whether of record or beneficially (or having the power to exercise control or direction over) ("Owning or Controlling"), five percent (5%) or more of the issued and outstanding shares of the Corporation, or such other number as is determined by the resulting issuer board from time to time, and (i) who a governmental authority granting licenses to, or otherwise governing the operations of, the Corporation or its subsidiaries has determined to be unsuitable to own Subordinate Voting Shares and/or Multiple Voting Shares, as applicable; (ii) whose ownership of Subordinate Voting Shares and/or Multiple Voting Shares, as applicable, may reasonably result in the loss, suspension or revocation (or similar action) with respect to any licenses or permits relating to the Corporation's or its subsidiaries' conduct of business (being the conduct of any activities relating to the cultivation, manufacturing and dispensing of cannabis and cannabis-derived products in the United States, which include the owning and operating of cannabis licenses) or in the Corporation being unable to obtain any new licenses or permits in the normal course, all as determined by the resulting issuer board; or (iii) who have not been determined by the applicable regulatory authority to be an acceptable person or otherwise have not received the requisite consent of such regulatory authority to own the Subordinate Voting Shares and/or Multiple Voting Shares, as applicable, in each case within a reasonable time period acceptable to the resulting issuer board or prior to acquiring any Subordinate Voting Shares and/or Multiple Voting Shares, as applicable (in each case, an "Unsuitable Person"). The ownership restrictions in the Corporation's notice of articles and articles are also subject to an exemption for applicable depositaries and clearing houses as well as underwriters (as defined in the Securities Act (Ontario)) in the course of a distribution of securities of the Corporation.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Compliance Provisions provide that any shareholder (or group of shareholders acting jointly or in concert) proposing to own or control five percent (5%) or more of the issued and outstanding shares of the Corporation (or such other number as is determined by the resulting issuer board from time to time) will be required to provide not less than 30 days' advance written notice to the Corporation by mail sent to the Corporation's registered office to the attention of the Corporate Secretary and to obtain all necessary regulatory approvals. Upon any such shareholder(s) Owning or Controlling five percent (5%) or more of the issued and outstanding shares of the Corporation (or such other number as is determined by the resulting issuer board from time to time), and having not received the requisite approval of any applicable regulatory authority to own the Subordinate Voting Shares and/or Multiple Voting Shares, as applicable, the Compliance Provisions provide: (i) that such shareholder(s) may, in the discretion of the resulting issuer board, be prohibited from exercising any voting rights and/or receiving any dividends from the Corporation, unless and until all requisite regulatory approvals are obtained; and (ii) the Corporation with a right, but not the obligation, at its option, upon notice to the Unsuitable Person, to: (A) redeem any or all Subordinate Voting Shares and/or Multiple Voting Shares, as applicable, directly held by an Unsuitable Person; and/or (B) forcibly transfer any or all Subordinate Voting Shares and/or Multiple Voting Shares, as applicable, directly held by an

or indirectly held directly or indirectly by an Unsuitable Person to a third party. Such rights are required in order for the Corporation to comply with regulations in various jurisdictions where the Corporation or its subsidiaries conduct business or are expected to conduct business.

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Upon receipt by the holder of a notice to redeem or to transfer any or all of its Subordinate Voting Shares and/or Multiple Voting Shares, the holder will be entitled to receive, as consideration therefor, no less than 95% of the lesser of: (i) the closing price of the Subordinate Voting Shares on the Exchange (or the then principal exchange on which the Corporation's securities are quoted for trading) on the trading day immediately prior to the closing of the redemption or transfer (or the average of the last bid and last asking prices if there was no trading on the specified date); and (ii) the five-day volume weighted average price of the Subordinate Voting Shares on the Exchange (or the then principal exchange on which the Corporation's securities are quoted for trading) for the five trading days immediately prior to the closing of the redemption or transfer (or the average of the last bid and last asking prices if there was no trading on the trading days immediately prior to the closing of the redemption or transfer (or the average of the last bid and last asking prices if there was no trading on the redemption or transfer (or the average of the last bid and last asking prices if there was no trading on the specified dates).

Further, a holder of the Subordinate Voting Shares and/or Multiple Voting Shares, as applicable, will be prohibited from acquiring five percent (5%) or more of the issued and outstanding shares of the Corporation, directly or indirectly, in one or more transactions, without providing 30 days' advance written notice to the Corporation by mail sent to the Corporation's registered office to the attention of the Corporate Secretary. The foregoing restriction will not apply to the ownership, acquisition or disposition of Subordinate Voting Shares, as applicable, as a result of: (i) transfer of Subordinate Voting Shares and/or Multiple Voting Shares, as applicable, occurring by operation of law including, inter alia, the transfer of Subordinate Voting Shares and/or Multiple Voting Shares, as applicable, to a trustee in bankruptey, (ii) an acquisition or proposed acquisition by one or more underwriters who hold Subordinate Voting Shares and/or Multiple Voting Shares, as applicable, for the purposes of distribution to the public or for the benefit of a third party provided that such third party is in compliance with the foregoing restriction, or (iii) conversion, exchange or exercise of securities issued by the Corporation or a subsidiary into or for Subordinate Voting Shares and/or Multiple Voting Shares may have failed to comply with the foregoing restrictions, the Corporation may apply to the Supreme Court of British Columbia, or any other court of competent jurisdiction, for an order directing that such shareholder disclose the number of Subordinate Voting Shares and/or Multiple Voting Shares may have failed to comply with the foregoing restriction the corporation may apply to the Supreme Court of British Columbia, or any other court of competent jurisdiction, for an order directing that such shareholder disclose the number of Subordinate Voting Shares and/or Multiple Voting Shares, as applicable, directly or indirectly held.

Notwithstanding the adoption of the Compliance Provisions, the Corporation may not be able to exercise such rights in full or at all, including its redemption rights. Under the BCBCA, a corporation may not make any payment to redeem shares if there are reasonable grounds for believing that the Corporation is unable to pay its liabilities as they become due in the ordinary course of its business or if making the payment of the redemption price or providing the consideration would cause the Corporation to be unable to pay its liabilities as they become due in the ordinary course of its business. Furthermore, the Corporation may become subject to contractual restrictions on its ability to redeem its Subordinate Voting Shares and/or Multiple Voting Shares, as applicable, by, for example, entering into a secured credit facility subject to such restrictions. In the event that restrictions prohibit the Corporation from exercising its redemption rights in part or in full, the Corporation will not be able to exercise its redemption rights absent a waiver of such restrictions, which the Corporation may not be able to obtain on acceptable terms or at all.

#### **Advance Notice Provisions**

The Corporation has included certain advance notice provisions with respect to the election of its directors in its articles (the "Advance Notice Provisions"). The Advance Notice Provisions are intended to: (i) facilitate orderly and efficient annual general meetings or, where the need arises, special meetings; (ii) ensure that all shareholders receive adequate notice of director nominations to the board of directors and sufficient information with respect to all nominees; and (iii) allow shareholders to register an informed vote. Only persons who are nominated by shareholders in accordance with the Advance Notice Provisions will be eligible for election as directors at any annual meeting of shareholders, or at any special meeting of shareholders if one of the purposes for which the special meeting was called was the election of directors.

Under the Advance Notice Provisions, a shareholder wishing to nominate a director would be required to provide the Corporation, in the prescribed form, within the prescribed time periods. These time periods include, (i) in the case of an annual meeting of shareholders (including annual and special meetings), not fewer than 30 days prior to the date of the annual meeting of shareholders; provided, that if the first public announcement of the date (the "**Notice Date**") of the annual meeting of shareholders is less than 50 days before the meeting date, not later than the close of business on the 15th day following the Notice Date; and (ii) in the case of a special meeting (which is not also an annual meeting) of shareholders called for any purpose which includes electing directors, not later than the close of business on the 15th day following the Notice Date, if notice-and-access (as defined in National Instrument 54-101 – *Communication with Beneficial Owners of Securities of a Reporting Issuer*) is used for delivery of proxy related materials in respect of a meeting described above, and the Notice Date in respect of the meeting is not fewer than 50 days prior to the date of the applicable meeting, the notice must be received not later than the close of business on the 40th day before the applicable meeting.

#### **Make Whole Covenants**

Although we will seek to have all vendors, service providers (other than our auditors), prospective qualifying business targets or other entities with which we do business, execute agreements with us waiving any right, title, interest or claim of any kind in or to any monies held in the escrow account for the benefit of holders of our Class A Restricted Voting Shares, there is no guarantee that they will execute such agreements or that, even if they execute such agreements, they would be prevented from bringing claims against the Corporation (including amounts held in the escrow account) including, but not limited to, fraudulent inducement, breach of fiduciary responsibility or other similar claims, as well as claims challenging the enforceability of the waiver, in each case in order to gain an advantage with respect to a claim against our assets, including the funds held in the escrow account. In addition, there is no guarantee that such entities will agree to waive any claims they may have in the future as a result of, or arising out of, any negotiations, contracts or agreements with us and will not seek recourse against the escrow account for any reason.

In order to protect the amounts held in the escrow account, pursuant to the Make Whole Agreement and Undertaking, our Sponsor has agreed that, (A) in the event of the liquidation of the escrow account upon the occurrence of the automatic redemption by the Corporation of the Class A Restricted Voting Shares resulting from the inability of the Corporation to complete a qualifying transaction within the Permitted Timeline, or on a Winding-Up, or (B) in the event of an extension to the Permitted Timeline or the completion of a qualifying transaction, it will be liable to us if and to the extent any claims by any third party (other than our auditors) for services rendered or products sold to us, or a prospective qualifying transaction target with which we have entered into, or discussed entering into a transaction agreement, reduce the amount of funds in the escrow account to below the lesser of (i) \$10.00 (as adjusted for stock splits or combinations, stock dividends, Extraordinary Dividends, reorganizations, recapitalizations and the like) per Class A Restricted Voting Share, or (ii) such lesser amount per Class A Restricted Voting Share held in the escrow account as of the date of the full or partial liquidation of the escrow account, as applicable, due to reductions in value of the assets held in escrow (other than due to the failure to obtain waivers from such third parties), in the case of both (i) and (ii), less the amount of interest which may be withdrawn to pay taxes, except as to any claims by a third party who executed a waiver of any and all rights to seek access to the escrow account, and except as to any claims under our indemnity of the Underwriter against certain liabilities.

We cannot assure investors, however, that our Sponsor would be able to satisfy those obligations. In the event that an executed waiver is deemed to be unenforceable against a third party, our Sponsor will not be responsible to the extent of any liability for such third party claims. We have not independently verified whether our Sponsor has sufficient funds to satisfy its indemnity obligations and, therefore, our Sponsor may not be able to satisfy those obligations. We have not asked our Sponsor to reserve for such eventuality. We believe the likelihood of our Sponsor having to indemnify us as a result of third party claims is limited because we will endeavor to have all vendors and prospective qualifying transaction targets as well as other entities execute agreements with us waiving any right, title, interest or claim of any kind in or to monies held in the escrow account. None of our directors or officers will indemnify us for claims by third parties including, without limitation, claims by vendors and prospective qualifying transaction targets.

In the event of an extension to the Permitted Timeline, an automatic redemption, or a Winding-Up, whereby the taxes payable pursuant to Part VI.1 of the Tax Act would cause the amounts paid per share from the escrow account to redeeming holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares to be less than the initial \$10.00 invested (as adjusted for stock splits or combinations, stock dividends, Extraordinary Dividends, reorganizations, recapitalizations and the like), our Sponsor will, pursuant to the Make Whole Agreement and Undertaking, be liable to the Corporation for an amount required in order for the Corporation to be able to pay \$10.00 (as adjusted for stock splits or combinations, stock dividends, Extraordinary Dividends, reorganizations, recapitalizations and the like) per Class A Restricted Voting Share to redeeming holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares (but in no event more than the Part VI.1 taxes that would be owing by the Corporation where the amount paid to redeem each applicable Class A Restricted Voting Share would be \$10.00 (as adjusted for stock splits or combinations, stock dividends, Extraordinary Dividends, reorganizations, recapitalizations and the like) per Class A Restricted Voting Share to redeeming holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares (but in no event more than the Part VI.1 taxes that would be owing by the Corporation where the amount paid to redeem each applicable Class A Restricted Voting Share would be \$10.00 (as adjusted for stock splits or combinations, stock dividends, Extraordinary Dividends, reorganizations, recapitalizations and the like) per Class A Restricted Voting Share). Other than as described herein, our Sponsor will not be liable to the Corporation for any other reductions to the escrow account that would cause the Corporation to pay less than \$10.00 per Class A Restricted Voting Share to redeeming holders, including any amount on account of non-resident withholding tax applicable to any deemed dividends that arise on any redemptions.

Our Sponsor is permitted to make direct payments or contributions to the escrow account in the manner it determines, for indemnity purposes or otherwise.

In the event that our Sponsor asserts that it is unable to satisfy its indemnification obligations or that it has no indemnification obligations related to a particular claim, our independent directors would determine whether to take legal action against our Sponsor to enforce its indemnification obligations. While we currently expect that our independent directors would take legal action on our behalf against our Sponsor to enforce its indemnification obligations to us, it is possible that our independent directors, in exercising their business judgment, may choose not to do so in any particular instance. Accordingly, we cannot assure investors that due to claims of creditors, the actual value of the per share redemption price will not be substantially less than \$10.00 per Class A Restricted Voting Share.

#### **DIVIDEND POLICY**

We have not paid any cash dividends on our shares to date. Class A Restricted Voting Shares and Class B Shares would be entitled to dividends on an equal per share basis, if, as and when declared by the board of directors of the Corporation. However, we do not intend to declare or pay any cash dividends prior to the completion of our qualifying transaction. The payment of cash dividends in the future following the completion of our qualifying transaction will be dependent upon our revenues and earnings, if any, capital requirements and general financial condition and will be at the discretion of our existing board of directors at that time.

#### MARKET FOR SECURITIES

#### **Trading Price and Volume**

On May 13, 2019, the Corporation's Class A Restricted Voting Units commenced trading on the Exchange under the symbol "BRND.UN". As of June 24, 2019, the Class A Restricted Voting Units are no longer trading, however, the Class A Restricted Voting Shares and the Warrants comprising of the Class A Restricted Voting Units are trading under the symbols "BRND.A" and "BRND.WT", respectively.

The following is a monthly summary of trading in the Class A Restricted Voting Shares and Warrants:

#### **Class A Restricted Voting Shares**

Month	High price (\$)	Low price (\$)	Total volume by month (number of shares)
March 2020	10.50	9.84	815109
April 2020	9.75	9.50	735222
May 2020	9.80	9.60	632950
June 2020	9.95	9.66	2069640
July 2020	9.93	9.71	210274
August 2020	9.95	9.83	487983
September 2020	9.95	9.80	5539402
October 2020	9.95	9.82	676469
November 2020	10.02	9.84	496774

Month	High price (\$)	Low price (\$)	Total volume by month (number of shares)
December 2020	10.08	9.91	995473
January 2021	10.80	10.08	2349382
February 2021	10.75	10.06	3058107
March 1 – 28, 2021	10.5	9.84	3021562

#### Warrants

Month	High price (\$)	Low price (\$)	Total volume by month (number of shares)
March 2020	0.89	0.3	1438870
April 2020	0.59	0.305	218775
May 2020	0.70	0.30	649925
June 2020	0.70	0.50	50140
July 2020	1.08	0.65	199350
August 2020	0.70	0.55	125388
September 2020	0.9	0.51	302802
October 2020	0.95	0.6	305836
November 2020	1.25	0.69	497870
December 2020	1.20	0.90	1784867
January 2021	1.76	0.76	1424089
February 2021	2.30	1.63	727270
March 1 – 28, 2021	2.00	1.46	396183

#### **Prior Sales**

There have been no issuances of shares, including any securities convertible or exchangeable into shares, during the 12-month period ended December 31, 2020.

#### ESCROWED SECURITIES AND SECURITIES SUBJECT TO CONTRACTUAL RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER

	Designation of Class	Number of securities that are subject to a contractual restriction on transfer	Percentage of class as at December 31, 2020
Class B Shares <sup>(1)</sup>		10,198,751	100%
Warrants <sup>(1)</sup>		29,989,500	100%

Notes:

Each of our Founders has agreed pursuant to the Exchange Agreement and Undertaking, not to transfer any of its Founders' Shares, Founders' Warrants or any of its Class B Units (or any Class B Shares or Warrants forming part of the Class B Units), as

(1) applicable, until after the closing of the qualifying transaction. In each case, transfers required due to the structuring of the qualifying transaction, would be exempt, in which case such restriction would apply to the securities received in connection with the qualifying transaction.

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#### VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS

The Corporation is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Class A Restricted Voting Shares, an unlimited number of Class B Shares, an unlimited number of Subordinate Voting Shares and an unlimited number of Multiple Voting Shares, each without nominal or par value. The Founders hold 10,089,751 Class B Shares (representing the Incorporation Share and the Founders' Shares), 109,000 Class B Units and 9,810,000 Founders' Warrants, as applicable.

The following table discloses the names of the persons or companies who, to the knowledge of the Corporation, as of the date hereof, beneficially owned, or controlled or directed, directly or indirectly, more than 10% of any class or series of the voting securities of the Corporation:

Name	Number of Class A Restricted Voting Shares	Percentage of Class A Restricted Voting Shares (%)	Number of Class B Shares, including Class B Shares underlying the Class B Units	Percentage of Class B Shares (%)
Mercer Park CB II, L.P.	-	-	10,178,751	99.8%

#### **DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

#### Name, Address, Occupation and Securities Holding

The following are the names and municipalities of residence of our current directors and officers, their positions and offices with the Corporation and corresponding start dates, and their principal occupations during the last five years.

Name and municipality of residence	Office held with the — Corporation	Director or Officer Since	Present principal occupation and positions held <sup>(2)</sup>	Number of Securities of Corporation Beneficially Owned or Controlled
Jonathan Sandelman <sup>(1) (2)</sup> New York, NY	Chairman and Director	April 16, 2019	Chief Executive Officer, Mercer Park, L.P.	10,178,751 Class B Shares 9,810,000 Warrants
Louis Karger <sup>(1)</sup> Needham, MA	Chief Executive Officer	April 16, 2019	Founder and Manager, Panther Properties Management LLC, Panther Residential Management LLC	Nil
Carmelo Marrelli <sup>(1)</sup> Woodbridge, ON	Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary	April 16, 2019	Chartered Professional Accountant and President, Marrelli Support Services Inc.	Nil
Lawrence Hackett <sup>(2)</sup> New York, NY	Director	October 14, 2020	President, Hackett Media	Nil
Andrew Smith <sup>(2)</sup> Los Angeles, California	Director	October 14, 2020	Partner, iBorrow LP	Nil
Charles Miles <sup>(1) (2)</sup> Brooklyn, NY	Director	October 14, 2020	Consultant, Recapture Partners,	40,000 Class A Restricted Voting Shares 10,000 Class B Shares

Notes:

Each of the persons has held these positions for five years. (1)

(2) Audit Committee member.

As of the date hereof, the officers and directors of the Corporation hold, whether directly or indirectly, (i) 40,000 Class A Restricted Voting Shares representing 0.1% of the issued and outstanding Class A Restricted Voting Shares, and (ii) 10,178,751 Class B Shares, representing 99.8% of the issued and outstanding Class B Shares.

The following are brief biographies of the directors and officers of the Corporation.

#### Directors

#### Jonathan Sandelman

Jonathan (Jon) Sandelman is the Chief Executive Officer of Mercer Park, L.P., the parent of the Sponsor, as well as serving as President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Ayr Wellness Inc. (formerly Ayr Strategies Inc.). Prior to this role, he was Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer of Sandelman Partners, LP. Previously, he was the President of Banc of America Securities and former Head of Debt and Equities at Banc of America Securities. While at Banc of America Securities, he served as a member of the Corporation's Operating Committee, Banc of America Securities Leadership Committee and The Global Corporate and Investment Banking Compensation Committee. As Head of Debt and Equities, Mr. Sandelman was responsible for all of market risk and the strategic direction of the firm's trading, distribution and new products development efforts. He oversaw the firm's capital markets function in coordination with the head of banking. Mr. Sandelman began his career with Banc of America Securities in 1998 as head of the Equity Financial Products business, and he became head of Equities in 2002. He was appointed President of Banc of America Securities in early 2004. Prior to joining Banc of America, he was deputy head of Global Equities and Managing Director of equity derivatives and proprietary trading at Salomon Brothers and a member of the firm's Risk Management Committee and Compensation Committee. Mr. Sandelman has been honored with Risk Magazine's prestigious "Derivative Superstar" award and Derivative Magazine's "Derivative Person of the Year." Mr. Sandelman earned a Bachelor of Science (BS) from Adelphi University and earned his law degree (Juris Doctor) from Cardozo School of Law.

#### Lawrence Hackett

Lawrence Hackett is a contributor for ABC News and a partner with 10Ten Media, an editorial content agency in New York City. Mr. Hackett was the longest-serving editor-in-chief in the history of People magazine, one of the United States' most well-known magazine brands, with a readership of more than 30 million and revenues in excess of \$800 million. Prior to joining People, he was an editor, national correspondent and city desk reporter at the New York Daily News for eight years. He is a graduate of Boston University. From 2006 to 2014, Mr. Hackett supervised all editorial work for Time Inc.'s most valuable brand, selecting covers, stories, designs, photos, leading a staff of 200 and directing news coverage on its website. In that role, he led the magazine to its highest average weekly newsstand sales in its 40- year history and re-established its pre-eminence in the highly competitive celebrity magazine market. He also served as the magazine's spokesman and brand steward. Mr. Hackett served a two-year term as the president of the American Society of Magazine Editors and oversaw the annual National Magazine Awards. Andrew Smith

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Andrew (Andy) Smith is a Partner and Member of the Investment Committee of iBorrow L.P., among the leading private lenders in commercial real estate in the US. Mr. Smith has over 28 years of professional experience in real estate, finance and asset management. Prior to this role, Mr. Smith was Chairman of the Board and Head of Originations for Genesis Capital from 2012-2018. While at Genesis, he built the company into one of the nation's largest private residential real estate lending platforms before selling the company to Goldman Sachs in January, 2018. During his time at Genesis, the company grew annual origination volume by 60X and expanded across 33 states. Prior to his tenure at Genesis, Mr. Smith held senior investment positions at Openarc Asset Management, Chester Investments, CIBC World Markets and Cantor Fitzgerald. Mr. Smith earned his Bachelor of Arts (BA) at Dartmouth College.

#### Charles Miles

Charles (Charlie) Miles is a Managing Director at Recapture Partners, which is a venture capital company that advises, invests and raises money in early stage Fintech companies. Prior to this role, he worked at Bloomberg LLP as an equity option trader. Prior to his tenure at Bloomberg, he was a volatility arbitrage hedge fund portfolio manager and Managing Director at Deutsche Bank. He also was a portfolio manager at Del Mar Asset Management, and started his own hedge fund, Claris Capital Management. He began his career at Salomon Brothers, where he was involved in equity research, quantitative portfolio management and equity derivatives sales and management. As a Managing Director at Salomon Brothers and Citibank, he ran one of the most successful equity derivatives sales teams on Wall Street during a time of unprecedented growth in the product. Mr. Miles received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Political Science from Middlebury College.

#### Officers

#### Louis Karger, Chief Executive Officer

Louis Karger is the sole Manager and Founder of Panther Residential Investments LLC and Panther Residential Management LLC. Both companies focus on the acquisition, development, management and sale of multi-family apartment properties in the Southeast United States. Panther Residential Investments LLC also serves as the Manager of many affiliated real estate entities (collectively with Panther Residential Investments LLC and Panther Residential Management LLC, the "**PRM Group Companies**"). Mr. Karger is responsible for the overall direction, vision and leadership of the PRM Group Companies with a focus on investment strategies, capital and debt financings, and determining new development objectives. In addition, he oversees the PRM Group Companies' day-to-day operations and the execution of its overall business, management and development strategy. To date, the PRM Group Companies has acquired over 7,000 residential apartment units with a total transaction value of approximately \$1.4 billion. Mr. Karger is also a Director of Ayr Wellness Inc. (formerly known as "Cannabis Strategies Acquisition Corp." and "Ayr Strategies Inc.", respectively) ("**Ayr**") and a Director and the Treasurer of Sira Naturals, Inc. and is a Co-Founder of (i) Compass Realty Associates, LLC, a private equity real estate firm that owns and manages approximately one million square feet of property throughout the New England region, and (ii) Compass Realty Partners, LLC, a roughly \$100 million real estate investment fund. Mr. Karger holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the Boston University School of Hospitality Administration.

#### Carmelo Marrelli, Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary

Carmelo Marrelli is the principal of Marrelli Support Services Inc., a firm that has delivered accounting and regulatory compliance services to listed companies on various exchanges for over twenty years. In addition, Mr. Marrelli also controls DSA Corporate Services Inc., a firm providing corporate secretarial and regulatory filing services. Mr. Marrelli is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA, CGA), and a member of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, a professional body that certifies corporate secretaries. He received a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Toronto.

#### **Indemnification and Insurance**

The Corporation maintains a director and officer insurance program to limit the Corporation's exposure to claims against, and to protect, its directors and officers. In addition, the Corporation has entered into indemnification agreements with each of its directors and officers. The indemnification agreements generally require that the Corporation indemnify and hold the indemnitees harmless to the greatest extent permitted by law for liabilities arising out of the indemnitees' service to the Corporation as directors and officers, provided that the indemnitees acted honestly and in good faith and in a manner the indemnitees reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the Corporation's best interests and, with respect to criminal and administrative actions or proceedings that are enforced by monetary penalty, the indemnitees had no reasonable grounds to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful. The indemnification agreements also provide for the advancement of defence expenses to the indemnitees by the Corporation. Statutory indemnification rights also apply. The funds in the escrow account will not be accessible to cover any of the foregoing indemnities.

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#### Corporate Cease Trade Orders, Bankruptcies, Penalties or Sanctions

None of our directors and officers is, or within 10 years prior to the date hereof has been, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including the Corporation) that (i) was subject to a cease trade order, an order similar to a cease trade order, or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days, that was issued while the director or officer was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer, or (ii) was subject to a cease trade order, an order similar to a cease trade order, or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days, that was issued to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer.

None of our directors and officers (i) is, or within 10 years prior to the date hereof has been, a director or executive officer of any company (including the Corporation) that, while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets, or (ii) has, within ten years prior to the date hereof, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankrupt or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the director or executive officer.

Except for the following, none of our directors and officers has been subject to (i) any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority, or (ii) any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable securityholder in deciding whether to invest in the Corporation.

In August 2013, litigation was commenced against Inspiration Mining Corporation, Nitinat Minerals Corp., and certain present and past directors and officers of the companies, including Mr. Marrelli, the Chief Financial Officer of Nitinat Minerals at the time, in the Superior Court of Justice in Toronto. Certain shareholders of Nitinat Minerals Corp. alleged that there had been certain misrepresentations made (although misrepresentation was not alleged as a cause of action) and that certain actions were oppressive and caused undue prejudice and disregarded the interests of the plaintiffs in Inspiration Mining Corporation. The defendants denied the plaintiffs' claims and filed a Statement of Defense in May 2016. The claim of one shareholder was dismissed in April 2016. On June 28, 2017, the five remaining plaintiffs settled with the defendants. The proceeds of the settlement were funded entirely by a policy of insurance, and there was no admission of liability as part of the settlement.

#### INDEBTEDNESS OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

None of the directors, officers or employees of the Corporation, and none of their associates, is or has, at any time since the beginning of the Corporation's most recently completed fiscal year, been indebted to the Corporation. Additionally, the Corporation has not provided any guarantee, support agreement, letter of credit or other similar agreement or understanding in respect of any indebtedness of any such person to any person or entity, except for routine indebtedness as defined under applicable securities legislation.

#### INTEREST OF MANAGEMENT AND OTHERS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

To the knowledge of the Corporation, except as otherwise disclosed elsewhere in this AIF, no director or executive officer of the Corporation, no person or company that is the direct or indirect beneficial owner of, or who exercises control or direction over, directly or indirectly, more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of the Corporation, and no associate or affiliate of any of the foregoing persons or companies, has or has had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction since inception of the Corporation (up to the date hereof) that has materially affected or is reasonably expected to materially affect the Corporation.

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#### DISCLOSURE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

#### **Board of Directors**

All directors are elected on an annual basis, and unless re-elected, the term of office of the directors will expire at each annual meeting of shareholders. The board of directors is comprised of three directors, two of whom are independent. Pursuant to NI 52-110, as amended from time to time, an independent director is one who is free from any direct or indirect relationship which could, in the view of the board of directors, be reasonably expected to interfere with a director's exercise of independent judgment.

The officers, advisors and directors will devote such time and expertise as is required by us. Time actually spent may vary according to our needs.

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

The following potential conflicts of interest or differences in incentives, among others, to which some of our directors and officers will or may be subject in connection with our operations:

• None of our officers and directors is required to commit their full time to our affairs and, accordingly, they may be susceptible to conflicts of interest in allocating their time among various business activities.

In the course of their other business activities, our officers and directors may owe similar or other duties, and may have obligations, to other entities or pursuant to other outside business arrangements, including seeking and presenting investment and business opportunities. Our officers and directors are not required to present investment and business opportunities to the Corporation in priority to other entities with which they are affiliated or to which they owe duties. In

- particular, certain of our officers and directors and certain employees of Mercer Park, L.P. have fiduciary and contractual duties to Ayr, of which Jonathan Sandelman is the Chief Executive Officer. Accordingly, acquisition opportunities suitable for us may be required to be presented to Ayr. In addition, the Corporation has undertaken to renounce its interest in any excluded opportunity and has entered into the Strategic Opportunities Agreement with Ayr (then known as Cannabis Strategies Acquisition Corp.) and Mercer Park, L.P., the parent of our Sponsor and the sponsor of Ayr, regarding the allocation of corporate opportunities by granting rights of first refusal to Ayr.
- Our officers and directors may in the future become affiliated with entities, including other special purpose acquisition corporations, engaged in business activities similar to those intended to be conducted by the Corporation.
- Unless we consummate our initial qualifying transaction, our Sponsor, officers, directors or special advisors, or their respective affiliates or our affiliates, will not receive reimbursement for any out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them to the extent that such expenses exceed the amount of proceeds not deposited in the escrow account.

Subject to the following, in no event our Founders or any of our officers or directors be paid any fees or other compensation (for greater certainty, excluding reimbursement of expenses), including finder's fees, consulting fees or other compensation on the closing of our qualifying transaction for services rendered in order to effect a qualifying transaction, except that members of our board of directors who are not employees of the Corporation or our Sponsor may receive finder's fees if such fees are expressly approved by a majority of our unconflicted directors, being the other directors who do not have a conflict of interest in respect of the proposed acquisition, and subject to any required Exchange consent. The material terms of such finder's fee or similar compensation would be disclosed in our prospectus related to the qualifying acquisition, or otherwise publicly disclosed, including, as applicable, the fees payable, the payor of such finder's fee or similar compensation, the basis for payment and a description of the services provided by the independent director in exchange for the compensation.

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We have no present intention to enter into a qualifying transaction with a target business that is affiliated with any of our Sponsor, officers or directors; however, we are not prohibited from pursuing a qualifying transaction with a company that is affiliated with any of our Sponsor, officers or directors. In the event we seek to complete our qualifying transaction with a company that is affiliated with any of our Sponsor, officers or directors, in addition to any requirements imposed by applicable law, we may be required to seek shareholder approval of such qualifying transaction and in connection therewith we, or a committee of independent directors, may be required to obtain an opinion from a qualified person concluding that our qualifying transaction is fair to us or our shareholders from a financial point of view. In addition, if the qualifying transaction involves a related party, the transaction may be subject to the minority shareholder protections of MI 61-101, which would, in certain circumstances, require approval by minority shareholders and/or an independent valuation. The Exchange may also impose additional requirements in such circumstances. Further, pursuant to the requirements of the BCBCA in this respect, officers and directors will be required to recuse themselves from our consideration of a potential acquisition involving a conflict of interest.

#### Allocation of Opportunities

The Corporation intends to undertake to renounce, to the maximum extent permitted by law, any interest or expectancy of the Corporation in, or in being offered an opportunity to participate in, any Excluded Opportunity. An "Excluded Opportunity" is any matter, transaction or interest that is presented to, or acquired, created or developed by, or which otherwise comes into the possession of, any director or officer of the Corporation (or any of its subsidiaries) who is also a director or officer of another company or corporation (or of any subsidiaries thereof) (collectively, "Covered Persons"), unless such matter, transaction or interest is presented to, or acquired, created or developed by, or otherwise comes into the possession of, a Covered Person expressly and solely in such Covered Person's capacity as a director or officer of the Corporation or a subsidiary thereof.

The Corporation entered into the Strategic Opportunities Agreement with Ayr (formerly, Cannabis Strategies Acquisition Corp.) and Mercer Park, L.P. the parent of our Sponsor and the sponsor of Ayr, regarding the allocation of corporate opportunities by granting rights of first refusal in an established order to the parties thereto for certain corporate opportunities involving businesses with a value, in the opinion of the Sponsor, of more than US\$20 million, that are in alignment with either the Corporation's priority business focus (being cannabis-related brands, trade marks and/or service marks and ancillary businesses) or Ayr's priority business focus (being cultivation, manufacturing, wholesale, retail operations and/or licenses in respect of cannabis, not mainly attributable to brand value). For greater certainty, the rights of first refusal are not intended to apply to: (i) acquisition opportunities with respect to businesses with a value, in the opinion of the Sponsor, of less than US\$20 million; or (ii) acquisition opportunities in respect of non-controlling interests.

#### Audit Committee

The Corporation's Audit Committee is composed of Lawrence Hackett, Andrew Smith and Charles Miles, each of whom is independent. Each of them is financially literate. The relevant education and experience of each member of the Audit Committee is described as part of their respective biographies above under "*Directors and Officers – Name, Address, Occupation and Securities Holding*".

The board of directors has determined that the exemption in Section 3.2(2) of NI 52-110 is available and has determined that reliance on such exemption will not materially adversely affect the ability of the Audit Committee to act independently and to satisfy the other requirements of NI 52–110. The exemption in Section 3.2(2) of NI 52–110 relieves an issuer for a period of up to one year after it becomes a reporting issuer from the requirement that every audit committee member be independent, provided that a majority of the audit committee members are independent and the issuer's board of directors makes the determination in the preceding sentence.

The board of directors of the Corporation has adopted a written charter for the Audit Committee which sets out the Audit Committee's responsibility in reviewing and approving the financial statements of the Corporation and public disclosure documents containing financial information and reporting on such review to the board of directors of the Corporation, ensuring that adequate procedures are in place for the reviewing of the Corporation's public disclosure documents that contain financial information, overseeing the work and reviewing the independence of the external auditors. The text of the Charter of the Audit Committee that has been adopted is attached to this AIF as Appendix A.

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#### **External Audit Service Fees**

The fees billed to Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. by its auditor, MNP LLP, for the financial year ended December 31, 2020, were as follows:

Year	Audit fees <sup>(1)</sup> Audit-related fees <sup>(2)</sup>			Tax fees <sup>(3)</sup>		All other fees <sup>(4)</sup>	
2020	\$	80,000	Nil	Nil	\$		5,000

Notes:

(1) Of the audit fee, \$80,000 represents an accrual and has not yet been billed by the auditor.

- (2) Audit-related fees include fees paid to the company's auditors for statutory audits, attestation services, quarterly reviews and due diligence services.
- (3) Tax fees include fees paid for preparation of the company's annual tax return.
- (4) All other fees include fees incurred in connection with an initial review of the company and its operations and administrative expenses.

#### EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND OTHER PAYMENTS

#### **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

There will be no salaries, consulting fees, management contract fees or directors' fees, finder's fees, loans, bonuses, deposits or similar payments to our officers, directors or special advisors directly or indirectly, for services rendered to us prior to or in connection with the completion of our initial qualifying transaction, or other payments to insiders prior to or in connection with the completion of our initial qualifying transaction, other than (i) repayment of unsecured loans, and any interest thereon, which may be made by our Sponsor, (ii) the payment of \$10,000 (plus applicable taxes) per month for administrative and related services pursuant to an administrative services agreement entered into with our Sponsor which, if applicable, may include payment for services of related parties or qualified affiliates of related parties, for, but not limited to, various administrative, managerial or operational services or to help effect our qualifying transaction, reimbursement of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the above noted persons in connection with certain activities performed on our behalf, such as identifying possible business targets and qualifying transactions, performing business due diligence on suitable target businesses and qualifying transactions as well as traveling to and from the offices, plants or similar locations of prospective target businesses to examine their operations, (iii) payment to certain consultants and investor relation professionals, including payments to SWAT, and (iv) if approved by a majority of our unconflicted directors (being the other directors who do not have a conflict of interest in respect of the proposed acquisition), and subject to any required Exchange consent, payment of a customary finder's fee, consulting fee or other similar compensation to members of our board of directors who are not employees of the Corporation or Sponsor for services rendered in order to effect a qualifying transaction, none of which will be made from the proceeds of the Offering held in the escrow account prior to the completion of the qualifying transaction.

There is no limit on the amount of out-of-pocket expenses reimbursable by us; provided, however, that to the extent such expenses exceed the available proceeds not deposited in the escrow account, such expenses would not be reimbursed by us unless we consummate a qualifying transaction.

Our board of directors will review and be required to approve all payments made to us by our Founders, officers, directors or special advisors, or our affiliates or associates or their respective affiliates or associates, with any interested director abstaining from such review and approval, except for certain exceptions.

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Following completion of the qualifying transaction, it is anticipated that we will pay compensation to our directors and officers. Members of our management team who remain with the Corporation following our qualifying transaction may be paid consulting, management or other fees from the resulting issuer of the qualifying transaction with any and all amounts being fully disclosed to shareholders, to the extent then known, in the information circular that will be prepared and furnished to our shareholders in connection with any proposed qualifying transaction.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

The risks and uncertainties described in this AIF are those the Corporation currently believes to be material, but they are not the only ones it faces. If any of the following risks, or any other risks and uncertainties that the Corporation has not yet identified or that it currently considers not to be material, actually occur or become material risks, then our business, financial condition and operating results may be materially adversely affected. In that event, the trading price of our securities could be materially and adversely affected.

### We are a newly incorporated company with no operating history and no revenues, and you have no basis on which to evaluate our ability to achieve our business objective.

We are a recently incorporated company with no operating results. Because we lack an operating history, investors have no basis upon which to evaluate our ability to achieve our business objective of completing our qualifying transaction with one or more target businesses. There is no assurance that the Corporation will complete our qualifying transaction within the Permitted Timeline. If we fail to complete our qualifying transaction, we will never generate any operating revenues.

The ability of our holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares to redeem their Class A Restricted Voting Shares for cash may make our financial condition unattractive to potential qualifying transaction targets, which may make it difficult for us to enter into our qualifying transaction with a target.

We may enter into a transaction agreement with a prospective target that requires as a closing condition that we have a minimum net worth or a certain amount of cash. If too many holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares exercise their redemption rights, we may not be able to meet such closing condition, and as a result, would not be able to proceed with the qualifying transaction. If accepting all properly submitted redemption requests would cause our net cash or net tangible assets to be less than the amount necessary to satisfy a closing condition as described above, we would not be able to proceed with such redemption and the related qualifying transaction and may instead search for an alternate qualifying transaction. Prospective targets would be aware of these risks and, thus, may be reluctant to enter into our qualifying transaction with us.

The requirement that we complete our qualifying transaction within the Permitted Timeline may give potential target businesses leverage over us in negotiating our qualifying transaction and may decrease our ability to conduct due diligence on potential acquisition targets as we approach the end of the Permitted Timeline, which could undermine our ability to consummate our qualifying transaction on terms that would produce value for our shareholders.

Any potential target business with which we enter into negotiations concerning our qualifying transaction will be aware that we must consummate our qualifying transaction within 24 months from the IPO Closing, as it may be extended or shortened. Consequently, such target businesses may obtain leverage over us in negotiating our qualifying transaction, knowing that if we do not complete our qualifying transaction with that particular target business, we may be unable to complete our qualifying transaction with any target business. This risk will increase as we get closer to the timeframe described above. In addition, we may have limited time to conduct due diligence and may enter into our qualifying transaction on terms that we would have rejected upon a more comprehensive investigation.

### We may not be able to consummate our qualifying transaction within the Permitted Timeline, in which case we would redeem our Class A Restricted Voting Shares.

We must complete our qualifying transaction within the Permitted Timeline; however, we may not be able to find a suitable target business and consummate our qualifying transaction within such time period. If we are unable to consummate our qualifying transaction within the Permitted Timeline, we will be required to redeem 100% of the outstanding Class A Restricted Voting Shares, as described herein.

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## Because of our limited resources and the significant competition for acquisition opportunities of target businesses, it may be difficult for us to complete our qualifying transaction. If we are unable to complete our qualifying transaction, our Warrants will expire worthless.

We expect to encounter intense competition from other entities having a business objective similar to ours, including private investors, pension funds and private equity firms, other prospective special purpose acquisition corporations and other entities, domestic and international, competing for the types of businesses we intend to acquire. Many of these individuals and entities are well-established and have significant experience identifying and effecting, directly or indirectly, acquisitions of companies operating in or providing services to various industries. Some of these competitors may possess greater technical, human and other resources than we do and our financial resources will be relatively limited when contrasted with those of many of these competitors. While we believe there are numerous target businesses we could potentially acquire, our ability to compete with respect to the acquisition of certain target businesses that are sizeable will be limited by our available financial resources. This inherent competitive limitation gives others an advantage in pursuing the acquisition of certain target businesses. If we are unable to complete our qualifying transaction, our Class A Restricted Voting Shares would be redeemed, as provided herein, and our Warrants (including the Warrants underlying the Class A Restricted Voting Units and the Class B Units and the Founders' Warrants) will expire worthless.

#### Holders of Warrants will not have redemption rights.

If we are unable to complete our qualifying transaction within the Permitted Timeline, the Warrants will expire worthless and holders will not have any access to, or benefit from, the proceeds in the escrow account.

### We may accelerate the expiry date of your Warrants at a time that is disadvantageous to you, thereby making your Warrants worthless.

We have the ability to accelerate the expiry date of outstanding Warrants at any time after they become exercisable and prior to their expiration if, and only if, the closing price of the Subordinate Voting Shares equals or exceeds \$18.00 per Subordinate Voting Share (as

adjusted for stock splits or combinations, stock dividends, Extraordinary Dividends, reorganizations, recapitalizations and the like) for any 20 trading days within a 30-trading day period.

Acceleration of the expiry date of the Warrants could force you to: (i) exercise your Warrants and pay the exercise price therefor at a time when it may be disadvantageous for you to do so; (ii) sell your Warrants at the then-current market price when you might otherwise wish to hold your Warrants; or (iii) continue to hold your Warrants until they expire.

#### Our ability to consummate an attractive qualifying transaction may be impacted by the market for initial public offerings.

It is very likely that our target will want to be a public reporting company. If the market for initial public offerings is limited, we believe that there will be a greater number of attractive target businesses open to being acquired by us as a means to achieve publicly held status. Alternatively, if the market for initial public offerings is robust, we believe that there will be fewer attractive target businesses amenable to being acquired by us to become a public reporting company. Accordingly, during periods with strong public offering markets, it may be more difficult for us to complete our initial qualifying transaction.

## If the net proceeds of from the offering that is not being held in the escrow account (including the net remaining proceeds of the sale of the Class B Shares, Class B Units and the Founders' Warrants) are insufficient to allow us to operate for at least the period preceding the end of the Permitted Timeline, we may be unable to complete our qualifying transaction.

The funds available to us outside of the escrow account may not be sufficient to allow us to operate until the end of the Permitted Timeline, assuming that our qualifying transaction is not consummated during that time. Of the funds available to us, we could use a portion of the funds to pay fees to consultants to assist us with our search for a target business. We could also use a portion of the funds as a down payment with respect to a particular proposed qualifying transaction, although we do not have any current intention to do so. If we are unable to fund such down payments, our ability to close a contemplated transaction could be impaired.

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### If third parties bring claims against us, the proceeds held in the escrow account could be reduced and the per share redemption amount received by holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares may be less than \$10.00 per share.

Our placing of funds in the escrow account may not protect those funds from third party claims against us. Given that, we will not have access to the escrowed funds except under certain permitted circumstances with respect to payment of taxes and of redemptions, and that the funds we hold which are not held in escrow are intended to be used in accordance with our estimates, we may not have the financial resources to defend a potential claim, nor may we have the ability to sue to enforce a potential claim. Although we will seek, where practicable, to have material vendors, service providers, prospective target businesses or other entities with which we do business execute agreements to waive any right, title, interest or claim of any kind in or to any monies held in the escrow account, such parties may not execute such agreements they may not be prevented from bringing claims against the escrow account.

### Our directors may decide not to enforce the indemnification obligations of our Sponsor, resulting in a reduction in the amount of funds in the escrow account available for distribution to holders of our Class A Restricted Voting Shares.

In the event that the proceeds in the escrow account are reduced below the lesser of (i) \$10.00 (as adjusted for stock splits or combinations, stock dividends, Extraordinary Dividends, reorganizations, recapitalizations and the like) per Class A Restricted Voting Share, or (ii) such lesser amount per share held in the escrow account as of the date of the full or partial liquidation of the escrow account, as applicable, due to reductions in the value of the escrow assets, in the case of both (i) and (ii), less the amount of interest which may be withdrawn to pay taxes, except as to claims by a third party who executed a waiver, or by our auditors or the Underwriter, and our Sponsor asserts that it is unable to satisfy its obligations or that it has no indemnification obligations related to a particular claim, our independent directors would determine whether to take legal action against our Sponsor to enforce its indemnification obligations. While we currently expect that our independent directors, in exercising their business judgment, may choose not to do so in any particular instance. If our independent directors choose not to enforce these indemnification obligations, the amount of funds in the escrow account available for distribution to holders of our Class A Restricted Voting Shares may be reduced below \$10.00 per share.

## Holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares will not be afforded an opportunity to vote on our proposed qualifying transaction, which means we may complete our qualifying transaction even though a majority of our holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares do not support such a transaction.

We do not intend to hold a shareholder vote to approve our qualifying transaction. Accordingly, we may consummate qualifying transaction even if holders of a majority of the Class A Restricted Voting Shares do not approve of the qualifying transaction we consummate.

### The only opportunity for holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares to affect the investment decision regarding a potential qualifying transaction will be to exercise their right to redeem their Class A Restricted Voting Shares for cash.

Holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares will not be provided with an opportunity to evaluate the specific merits or risks of one or more target businesses. Since our board of directors intends to complete a qualifying transaction without seeking approval from holders of the Class A Restricted Voting Shares, this means that the only opportunity for holders of the Class A Restricted Voting Shares to affect the investment decision regarding a potential qualifying transaction will be to exercise their redemption rights.

## The ability of our holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares to exercise redemption rights with respect to a large number of our Class A Restricted Voting Shares may not allow us to complete the most desirable qualifying transaction or optimize our capital structure.

At the time we enter into an agreement for our qualifying transaction, we will not know how many holders of our Class A Restricted Voting Shares may exercise their redemption rights, and therefore will need to structure the transaction based on our expectations as to the number of Class A Restricted Voting Shares that will be submitted for redemption. This consideration may limit our ability to complete the most desirable qualifying transaction available to us or optimize our capital structure.

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## Our key personnel may negotiate employment or consulting agreements with a target business in connection with a qualifying transaction. These agreements may provide for them to receive compensation following our qualifying transaction and as a result, may cause them to have different interests in determining whether a particular qualifying transaction is the most advantageous.

Our key personnel may choose to, or be asked to, remain with the Corporation after the completion of our qualifying transaction, and if so, they may negotiate employment or consulting agreements in connection with the transaction. Such negotiations may take place simultaneously with the negotiation of the qualifying transaction and could provide for such individuals to receive compensation in the form of cash payments and/or our securities for services they would render to the Corporation after the completion of our qualifying transaction. The personal and financial interests of such individuals may influence their motivation in identifying and selecting a target business. However, the decision of our board of directors as to whether or not we will put any potential qualifying transaction to a shareholder vote will be based on a variety of factors, and we do not believe the ability of such individuals to remain with us after the completion of our qualifying transaction will be the determining factor in our decision.

### Each of our Founders will lose its investment in us if our qualifying transaction is not completed and their holdings of Founders' Shares may create financial incentives that differ compared to holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares.

Our Founders will not be entitled to redeem their Founders' Shares and our Sponsor will not be entitled to redeem its Class B Units (including their underlying securities) or its Founders' Warrants in connection with a qualifying transaction or entitled to access to the escrow account in respect thereof or in respect of our Winding-Up. In addition, following completion of the qualifying transaction, the Founders' Shares and the Founders' Warrants will be subject to certain transfer and resale restrictions, subject to applicable securities laws and other exceptions. Our Founders have purchased an aggregate of 10,089,750 Founders' Shares for approximately \$0.0025 per Founders' Share, and our Sponsor purchased an aggregate of 9,810,000 Founders' Warrants at a price of \$1.00 per Founders' Warrant. The average cost per Founders' Share owned by the Founders was approximately \$0.0025, as compared to an average cost per share of \$10.00 for holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares (in each case assuming no value is attributed to the underlying Warrants).

Simultaneously with the IPO Closing, our Sponsor purchased 109,000 Class B Units, each Class B Unit consisting of one Class B Share and one-half of a Warrant, for an aggregate purchase price of \$1,090,000. The average cost per Class B Unit owned by our Sponsor is be \$10.00, as compared to an average cost per share of \$10.00 for holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares (in each case

assuming no value is attributed to associated Warrants). As a result, the personal and financial interests of our Sponsor may influence the identifying and selecting of a qualifying transaction, the voting of the qualifying transaction and the operation of the business following our qualifying transaction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares can elect to redeem all or a portion of their Class A Restricted Voting Shares in connection with the completion of our qualifying transaction.

### Because there may be other companies with a business plan similar to ours seeking to effect a qualifying transaction, and specifically in Canada, it may be more difficult for us to complete a qualifying transaction.

Other Canadian special purpose acquisition companies exist or may be created to pursue qualifying transactions. Such other Canadian special purpose acquisition companies may consummate a qualifying transaction in any industry they choose, and so we may be subject to competition from these and other companies seeking to consummate a business plan similar to ours. Accordingly, we cannot assure investors that we will be able to successfully compete for an attractive qualifying transaction and, because of this competition, we cannot assure investors that we will be able to complete a qualifying transaction within the required time period.

### Changes in laws or regulations, or a failure to comply with any laws and regulations, may adversely affect our business, investments and results of operations.

We are subject to laws and regulations enacted by national, regional and local governments. In particular, we will be required to comply with certain Canadian securities law, income tax law and the Exchange and other legal and regulatory requirements. Compliance with, and monitoring of, applicable laws and regulations may be difficult, time consuming and costly. Those laws and regulations and their interpretation and application also may change from time to time and those changes could have a material adverse effect on our business, investments and results of operations. In addition, a failure to comply with applicable laws or regulations, as interpreted and applied, could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

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### In the event the Corporation acquires a United States entity or assets of a United States entity, it may have adverse tax consequences on holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares and on the Corporation.

In the event the Corporation acquires a United States entity or assets of a United States entity, under certain circumstances, the Corporation will be treated under section 7874 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "**Code**") as a United States corporation for United States federal income tax purposes. While the Corporation does not have any current plans to engage in an acquisition which will be subject to section 7874 of the Code, there can be no assurances provided by the Corporation that it will not engage in such an "inversion" transaction at the time of the qualifying transaction.

If the Corporation engages in such an inversion transaction and the Corporation is treated as a United States corporation, the Corporation generally would be subject to United States federal income tax and the United States and Canadian federal income tax consequences to United States, Canadian and other non-United States holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares (which, upon the closing of a qualifying transaction, would, unless previously redeemed, be automatically converted into Subordinate Voting Shares) may materially differ. Any such United States federal corporate tax liability could have a material adverse effect on the results of the Corporation's operations. If the Corporation engages in such an inversion transaction, any dividends paid by the Corporation to non-United States holders may be subject to United States federal income tax withholding at a 30% rate or such lower rate as provided in an applicable treaty. Because the Subordinate Voting Shares would be treated as shares of a United States holder of Subordinate Voting Shares.

### Because we have not selected a particular qualifying transaction, you will be unable to ascertain the merits or risks of any particular target business' operations.

We intend to focus our search for target businesses that operate branded product businesses in cannabis and/or cannabis-adjacent industries; however, we are not limited to a particular industry or geographic region for purposes of completing our qualifying transaction. We will also evaluate businesses that have additional, strategic capabilities such as distribution, manufacturing, or product development, which support brand value. To the extent we consummate our qualifying transaction, we may be affected by numerous risks inherent in the business operations with which we combine. For example, if we combine with a financially unstable business or an entity lacking an established record of sales or earnings, we may be affected by the risks inherent in the business and operations of a financially unstable or a development stage entity. Although our officers and directors will endeavor to evaluate the risks inherent in a particular target business,

we may not properly ascertain or assess all of the significant risk factors or that we will have adequate time to complete due diligence. Furthermore, some of these risks may be outside of our control and leave us with no ability to control or reduce the chances that those risks will adversely impact a target business.

### We may seek acquisition opportunities outside of our management's area of expertise and our management may not be able to adequately ascertain or assess all significant risks associated with the target company.

We may be presented with a qualifying transaction target in a sector unfamiliar to our management team, but determine that such candidate offers an attractive acquisition opportunity for the Corporation. In the event we elect to pursue an investment outside of our management's experience may not be directly applicable to the target business or their evaluation of its operations.

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# Although we identified general criteria and guidelines that we believe are important in evaluating prospective target businesses, we may enter into our qualifying transaction with a target that does not meet such criteria and guidelines, and as a result, the target business with which we enter into our qualifying transaction may not have attributes entirely consistent with our general criteria and guidelines.

Although we have identified specific investment criteria and guidelines for evaluating prospective target businesses, it is possible that a target business with which we enter into our qualifying transaction will not have all of these positive attributes. If we consummate our qualifying transaction with a target that does not meet some or all of these guidelines, such acquisition may not be as successful as an acquisition with a business that does meet all of our general criteria and guidelines. In addition, if we announce our qualifying transaction with a target that does not meet our general criteria and guidelines, a greater number of holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares may exercise their redemption rights, which may make it difficult for us to meet any closing condition with a target business that requires us to have a minimum net worth or a certain amount of cash. In addition, it may be more difficult for us to attain shareholder approval, which is a prerequisite to the closing of our qualifying transaction if the target business does not meet our general criteria and guidelines.

### We are not required to obtain an opinion from a qualified person, and consequently, an independent source may not confirm that the price we are paying for the business is fair to us or our shareholders from a financial point of view.

We may not be required to obtain an opinion from a qualified person that the price we are paying is fair to us or our shareholders from a financial point of view. Accordingly, our shareholders may be relying on the judgment of our management and board of directors without them having the benefit of such opinion.

### Resources could be wasted in researching acquisitions that are not consummated, which could materially adversely affect subsequent attempts to locate and acquire or merge with another business.

We anticipate that the investigation of each specific target business and the negotiation, drafting, and execution of relevant agreements, disclosure documents, and other instruments will require substantial management time and attention and substantial costs for accountants, attorneys and other experts. If we decide not to complete a specific qualifying transaction, the costs incurred up to that point for the proposed transaction likely would not be recoverable. Furthermore, if we reach an agreement relating to a specific target business, including but not limited to the LOI, we may fail to consummate our qualifying transaction for any number of reasons, including those beyond our control. Any such event will result in a loss to us of the related costs incurred which could materially adversely affect subsequent attempts to locate and acquire or merge with another business.

## After our qualifying transaction, it is possible that a majority of our directors and officers will continue to live outside of Canada and all or the majority of our assets will be located outside of Canada; therefore investors may not be able to enforce applicable securities laws or their other legal rights.

While it is our intention to focus on operating businesses that have their primary operations located in Canada, our qualifying transaction may involve the acquisition of a business or assets located outside of Canada. Accordingly, it is possible that after our qualifying transaction, a number of our directors and officers will continue to reside outside of Canada and all or the majority of our assets will be located outside of Canada. As a result, it may be difficult, or in some cases not possible, for investors in Canada to enforce their legal rights, to effect service of process upon all of our directors or officers or to enforce judgments of Canadian courts predicated upon civil liabilities and criminal penalties on our directors and officers under Canadian laws.

### We are highly dependent upon our officers and directors and their loss could adversely affect our ability to operate and effect our qualifying transaction.

Our operations are dependent upon a relatively small group of individuals and, in particular, our officers and directors. We believe that our success depends on the continued service of our officers and directors, at least until we have consummated our qualifying transaction. In addition, our officers and directors are not required to commit any specified amount of time to our affairs and, accordingly, may have conflicts of interest in allocating management time among various business activities, including identifying potential qualifying transactions and monitoring the related due diligence. We do not have an employment agreement with, or key-man insurance on the life of, any of officers or directors. The unexpected loss of the services of one or more of our officers or directors could have a detrimental effect on us, our operations and our ability to effect our qualifying transaction.

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## Our ability to successfully effect our qualifying transaction and to be successful thereafter will be largely dependent upon the efforts of our key personnel, some of whom may join us following our qualifying transaction. The loss of key personnel could negatively impact the operations and profitability of our post-qualifying transaction business.

Our ability to successfully effect our qualifying transaction is dependent upon the efforts of our key personnel. The role of our key personnel in the target business, however, cannot presently be ascertained. Although some of our key personnel may remain with the target business in senior management or advisory positions following our qualifying transaction, it is likely that some or all of the management of the target business will remain in place. While we intend to closely scrutinize any individuals we engage after our qualifying transaction, our assessment of these individuals may not prove to be correct. As well, these individuals may be unfamiliar with the requirements of operating a company regulated as a reporting issuer under applicable Canadian securities laws, which could cause us to have to expend time and resources helping them become familiar with such requirements.

## We may have a limited ability to assess the management of a prospective target business and, as a result, may effect our qualifying transaction with a target business whose management may not have the skills, qualifications or abilities to manage a public company.

When evaluating the desirability of effecting our qualifying transaction with a prospective target business, our ability to assess the target business' management may be limited due to a lack of time, resources or information. Our assessment of the capabilities of the target business' management, therefore, may prove to be incorrect and such management may lack the skills, qualifications or abilities we suspected. Should the target's management not possess the skills, qualifications or abilities necessary to manage a public company, the operations and profitability of the post-qualifying transaction business may be negatively impacted.

## The officers and directors of an acquisition target may resign upon or following the closing of our qualifying transaction. The loss of an acquisition target's key personnel could negatively impact the operations and profitability of our post-qualifying transaction business.

The role of an acquisition target's key personnel upon or following the closing of our qualifying transaction cannot be ascertained at this time. Although we contemplate that certain members of an acquisition target's management team will remain associated with the acquisition target following our qualifying transaction, it is possible that some members of the management team of an acquisition target will not wish to remain in place, which could negatively affect the business.

## Certain of our officers and directors may now be, and all of them may in the future become, affiliated with entities engaged in business activities similar to those intended to be conducted by us and, accordingly, may have conflicts of interest in allocating their time and determining to which entity a particular business opportunity should be presented.

Certain of our officers and directors and certain employees of Mercer Park, L.P. have fiduciary and contractual duties to certain companies in which Mercer Park, L.P., has invested, notably Ayr, of which Jonathan Sandelman is the Chief Executive Officer. While Ayr, through its subsidiaries, is engaged in the manufacture, possession, sale or distribution of cannabis and/or hold licenses in the adult-use and/ or medicinal cannabis marketplace, we may nonetheless compete with Ayr for acquisition opportunities in the event that an acquisition target operates businesses in multiple sectors of the cannabis industry. Neither Mercer Park, L.P. nor members of our management team who are also employed by certain affiliates of Mercer Park, L.P. may have any obligation to present us with any opportunity for a potential qualifying acquisition of which they become aware, unless presented to such member in his or her capacity as an officer of the Corporation. Mercer Park, L.P. and/or our management, in their capacities as officers of Mercer Park, L.P. or in their other endeavors, may choose to or be required to present potential acquisition opportunities to the related entities, including Ayr, current or future Mercer Park, L.P. investment vehicles, or third parties, before they present such opportunities to us.

Each of our officers and directors presently has, and any of them in the future may have, additional, fiduciary or contractual obligations to other entities pursuant to which such officer or director is or will be required to present a qualifying acquisition opportunity. Accordingly, if any of our officers or directors becomes aware of a qualifying acquisition opportunity which is suitable for an entity to which he or she has then-current fiduciary or contractual obligations, he or she may be required to honour his or her fiduciary or contractual obligations to present such opportunity to such entity. We cannot assure investors that any of the conflicts or different incentives will be resolved in our favour. We do not believe, however, that the fiduciary duties or contractual obligations of our officers or directors to any other party will materially affect our ability to complete our qualifying acquisition.

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### Our officers, directors, security holders and their respective affiliates and associates may have interests that conflict with our interests.

We have not adopted a policy that expressly prohibits our directors, officers, security holders, affiliates or associates from having a direct or indirect financial interest in any investment to be acquired or disposed of by us or in any transaction to which we are a party or have an interest. In fact, even though it is not our current intention to do so, we may enter into our qualifying transaction with a target business that is affiliated with our Sponsor, or our directors or officers. In the event that we did wish to enter into our qualifying transaction with a target business affiliated with our Sponsor, however, we would be required to obtain a fairness opinion from a qualified person, concluding that our qualifying transaction is fair to us or our shareholders from a financial point of view.

Our Sponsor, our executive officers and our directors are not restricted from participating in the formation of, or becoming an officer or director of, any other special purpose acquisition corporation. In the event that they do so, such persons or entities may have a conflict between their interests and ours.

#### We may attempt to contemporaneously consummate qualifying transactions with multiple prospective targets, which may hinder our ability to consummate our qualifying transaction and give rise to increased costs and risks that could negatively impact our operations and profitability.

If we determine to contemporaneously acquire several businesses that are owned by different sellers, we will need each of such sellers to agree that our purchase of its business is contingent on the contemporaneous closings of the other qualifying transactions, which may make it more difficult for us, and delay our ability, to complete the qualifying transaction. With multiple qualifying transactions, we could also face additional risks, including additional burdens and costs with respect to possible multiple negotiations and due diligence investigations (if there are multiple sellers) and the additional risks associated with the subsequent integration of the operations and services or products of the acquired companies in a single operating business. If we are unable to adequately address these risks, it could negatively impact us.

### We may attempt to consummate our qualifying transaction with a private company about which little information is available, which may result in a qualifying transaction with a company that is not as profitable as we suspected, if at all.

In pursuing our acquisition strategy, we may seek to effect our qualifying transaction with a privately held company. By definition, very little public information exists about private companies, and we could be required to make our decision on whether to pursue a potential qualifying transaction on the basis of limited information, which may result in our qualifying transaction with a company that is not as profitable as we suspected, if at all.

#### We may not be able to maintain control of a target business after our qualifying transaction.

We may structure our qualifying transaction to acquire less than 100% of the equity interests or assets of a target business. Even though we may own a majority interest in the target, our shareholders prior to the qualifying transaction may collectively own a minority interest in

the post-qualifying transaction company, depending on valuations ascribed to the target and us in the qualifying transaction. For example, we could pursue a transaction in which we issue a substantial number of new shares in exchange for all of the outstanding capital of a target. In this case, even if we were to acquire a 100% interest in the target, as a result of the issuance of a substantial number of new shares, our shareholders immediately prior to such transaction could own less than a majority of our outstanding shares subsequent to such transaction. In addition, other minority shareholders may subsequently combine their holdings resulting in a single person or group obtaining a larger share of the target company's shareholdings than we initially acquired. Accordingly, this may make it more likely that we will not be able to maintain control of the target business. In the event that we structure our qualifying transaction to acquire less than 100% of the equity interest or assets of the target business, specific securities regulatory requirements may apply to the qualifying transaction, including pursuant to National Policy 41-201 – Income Trusts and Other Indirect Offerings.

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### We may be unable to obtain additional financing to complete our qualifying transaction or to fund the operations and/or growth of a target business, which could compel us to restructure or abandon a particular qualifying transaction.

Although we believe that the net proceeds of the Offering, and the net proceeds of any loans we may incur from our Sponsor or its affiliates, as further described herein, will be sufficient to allow us to consummate our qualifying transaction, we have not yet identified any prospective target business and thus we cannot ascertain the capital requirements for any particular transaction. If the net proceeds from the Offering prove to be insufficient, either because of the size of our qualifying transaction, the depletion of the available net proceeds in search of a target business, the obligation to redeem for cash a significant number of Class A Restricted Voting Shares from holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares who elect redemption in connection with our qualifying transaction, or the terms of negotiated transactions to purchase shares in connection with our qualifying transaction, we may be required to seek additional financing or to abandon the proposed qualifying transaction. Additional financing may not be available on acceptable terms, if at all. To the extent that additional financing proves to be unavailable when needed to consummate our qualifying transaction, we would be compelled to either restructure the transaction or abandon that particular qualifying transaction and seek an alternative target business candidate. In addition, even if we do not need additional financing to consummate our qualifying transaction, we may require such financing to fund the operations and/or growth of the target business. None of our officers, directors, Sponsor or shareholders are required to provide any financing to us in connection with or after our qualifying transaction.

### We may only be able to complete one qualifying transaction with the proceeds of the Offering, which will cause us to be solely dependent on a single target business which may have a limited number of products or services.

We may consummate a qualifying transaction with a single target business, although we have the ability to simultaneously acquire several target businesses. By consummating a qualifying transaction with only a single entity, our lack of diversification may subject us to numerous economic, competitive and regulatory developments, any or all of which may have a substantial adverse impact upon the particular industry in which we may operate subsequent to a qualifying transaction. Further, we would not be able to immediately diversify our operations or benefit from the possible spreading of risks or offsetting of losses, unlike other entities which may have the resources to complete several acquisitions or business combinations in different industries or different areas of a single industry. Accordingly, the prospects for our success may be solely dependent upon the performance of a single business, or dependent upon the development or market acceptance of a single or limited number of products, processes or services.

#### There may be tax consequences to our qualifying transaction that may adversely affect us.

While we expect to undertake any merger or acquisition so as to minimize taxes both to the acquired business and/or asset and us, such qualifying transaction might not meet the statutory requirements of a tax-deferred rollover for the Corporation or for shareholders. A qualifying transaction that does not qualify for a tax-deferred rollover could result in the imposition of substantial taxes, and may have other adverse tax consequences to us and/or our shareholders.

### Our search for a business to complete our qualifying transaction with, and any target business with which we ultimately consummate a qualifying transaction, may be materially adversely affected by the recent coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

In December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus was reported to have surfaced in Wuhan, China, which has and is continuing to spread throughout China and other parts of the world, including the United States. On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern." On March 11, 2020 the

World Health Organization characterized the outbreak as a "pandemic". Since the onset of the pandemic, several novel variants of the SARS-CoV-2 virus have been identified and it is not currently understood how these variants may affect the transmission and severity of COVID-19 or the efficacy of any treatments or vaccines. A significant outbreak of COVID-19 has resulted in a widespread health crisis that has adversely affected economies and financial markets worldwide. As such, the business of any potential target business with which we consummate a qualifying transaction could be materially and adversely affected. Furthermore, we may be unable to complete a qualifying transaction if continued concerns relating to COVID-19 restrict travel, limiting our ability to conduct meetings to negotiate and consummate transactions in a timely manner with potential investors, target company's personnel, or vendors and services providers. The extent to which COVID-19 impacts our search for a qualifying transaction will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted, including new information concerning the actions to contain COVID-19 or treat its impact and the efficacy of the ongoing vaccination programs globally, among others. If the disruptions posed by COVID-19 or other matters of global concern continue for an extensive period of time, our ability to consummate a qualifying transaction, or the operations of a target business with which we ultimately consummate a qualifying transaction, may be materially adversely affected.

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#### Risks associated with the contractual right of action.

The contractual right of action expected to be provided at the time of a qualifying transaction could expose the Corporation to one or more actions for rescission or damages, and costs, following a qualifying transaction if the applicable prospectus contains or is alleged to have contained a misrepresentation. In addition, as the Corporation will indemnify the other parties granting such rights, it could suffer additional expenses. The Corporation may seek to mitigate its exposure through insurance. These contractual rights could potentially have a material adverse effect on the Corporation.

### We may redeem your unexpired Warrants prior to their exercise at a time that is disadvantageous to you, thereby making your Warrants worthless.

We may redeem your Warrants after they become exercisable for a number of Subordinate Voting Shares determined based on a redemption formula related to the redemption date and the fair market value of our Subordinate Voting Shares (determined based on the average of the last reported sales price for the 10 trading days ending on the third trading day prior to the date on which the notice of redemption is sent to the holders of Warrants, and the number of months that the corresponding redemption date precedes the expiration date of the Warrants). Any such redemption may force you to exercise your Warrants when you might otherwise wish to hold your Warrants. In addition, such redemption may occur at a time when the Warrants are "out-of-the-money," in which case you could lose the potential embedded value from a subsequent increase in the value of the Subordinate Voting Shares had your Warrants remained outstanding.

#### Risks Associated with Acquiring and Operating a Cannabis Business

### Cannabis businesses may be highly regulated entities and, subject to identifying an appropriate target business or businesses for our qualifying transaction, we may be subject to significant regulatory risks.

Successful execution of a qualifying transaction and the Corporation's strategy within the cannabis sector is contingent, in part, upon compliance with regulatory requirements enacted by governmental authorities and obtaining all regulatory approvals, where necessary, for the sale of its products, including maintaining and renewing all applicable licenses. The commercial cannabis industry is still a nascent industry and the Corporation cannot predict the impact of the compliance regime to which it may be subject following completion of a qualifying transaction in the sector. Similarly, the Corporation cannot predict the time required to secure all appropriate regulatory approvals for any of the products, or the extent of testing and documentation that may be required by governmental authorities. Any delays in obtaining, or failure to obtain regulatory approvals may significantly delay or impact the development of markets, products and sales initiatives and could have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition and operating results of the Corporation. Without limiting the foregoing, failure to comply with the requirements of any underlying licenses or any failure to maintain any underlying licenses that any required licenses for the operation of our business will be extended or renewed in a timely manner, if at all, or that if they are extended or renewed, that the licenses will be extended or renewed on the same or similar terms.

We will incur ongoing costs and obligations related to regulatory compliance, and such costs may prove to be material. Failure to comply with regulations may result in additional costs for corrective measures, penalties or in restrictions on the Corporation's operations. In

addition, changes in regulations, more vigorous enforcement thereof or other unanticipated events could require extensive changes to the Corporation's operations, increased compliance costs or give rise to material liabilities, which could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation.

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### The cannabis sector will be subject to a variety of changes in laws, regulations and guidelines, the full effect of which cannot yet be fully determined or assessed.

The Corporation is seeking target businesses that operate branded product businesses in cannabis and/or cannabis-adjacent industries and/or related sectors which are subject to various laws, regulations and guidelines relating to the manufacture, management, packaging/ labelling, advertising, sale, transportation, storage and disposal of cannabis but also including laws and regulations relating to drug, controlled substances, health and safety, the conduct of operations and the protection of the environment. These laws also differ internationally and from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Changes to such laws, regulations and guidelines due to matters beyond the control of the Corporation could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation.

Following the Cannabis Act coming into force in Canada on October 17, 2018, uncertainty remains with respect to the implementation of the Cannabis Act, federal regulations thereunder, as well as the various provincial and territorial legislation regulating the distribution and sale of cannabis for adult use purposes. There can be no assurance that the legalization of adult-use cannabis by the federal, provincial and territorial governments will be carried out on the terms currently anticipated or announced, or create the opportunities for growth anticipated by the Corporation, and the impact of the implementation of the varied legislative framework pertaining to the Canadian adult-use cannabis market remains uncertain. The impact of these new laws, regulations and guidelines on the business of the Corporation, including increased costs of compliance and other potential risks cannot be predicted, and accordingly, the Corporation may experience adverse effects.

### Scientific research related to the benefits of cannabis remains in early stages, is subject to a number of important assumptions and may prove to be inaccurate.

Research in Canada, the United States and internationally regarding the medical benefits, viability, safety, efficacy and dosing of cannabis or isolated cannabinoids remains in early stages. To the Corporation's knowledge, there have been relatively few clinical trials on the benefits of cannabis or isolated cannabinoids.

Although the Corporation believes that the articles and reports, and details of research studies and clinical trials that are publicly available reasonably support the medical benefits, viability, safety, efficacy and dosing of cannabis, future research and clinical trials may prove such statements to be incorrect, or could raise concerns regarding and perceptions relating to cannabis. Future research studies and clinical trials may reach negative conclusions regarding the viability, safety, efficacy, dosing, social acceptance or other facts and perceptions related to medical cannabis that could materially impact issuers in this sector.

### Competition in the cannabis industry is intense and increased competition by larger and better-financed competitors could materially and adversely affect the business, financial condition and results of operations of the Corporation.

The Corporation expects intense competition in the cannabis industry, some of which can be expected to come from companies with long operating histories and significant financial resources and manufacturing and marketing experience. In addition, there is potential that the cannabis industry will undergo consolidation, creating larger companies with financial resources, manufacturing and marketing capabilities, and products that will be greater than those achievable by the Corporation. As a result of this competition, we may be unable to identify a target or after our qualifying transaction maintain our operations or develop them on terms we consider to be acceptable or at all. Increased competition by larger, better-financed competitors with geographic advantages could materially and adversely affect the Corporation's business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### Negative publicity or consumer perception may affect the success of our business.

The success of the cannabis industry may be significantly influenced by the public's perception of cannabis. Both the medical and recreational use of cannabis are controversial topics, and there is no guarantee that future scientific research, publicity, regulations, medical opinion and public opinion relating to cannabis will be favourable. The cannabis industry is an early-stage business that is constantly evolving with no guarantee of viability. The market for medical and recreational cannabis is uncertain, and any adverse or

negative publicity, scientific research, limiting regulations, medical opinion and public opinion (whether or not accurate or with merit) relating to the consumption of cannabis, whether in Canada, or internationally, may have a material adverse effect on our opportunities and in the future operational results, consumer base and financial results. Among other things, such a shift in public opinion could cause jurisdictions in the United States to abandon initiatives or proposals to legalize medical cannabis, thereby limiting the number of new State jurisdictions into which the Corporation could identify potential acquisition opportunities.

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#### Certain events or developments in the cannabis industry more generally may impact the Corporation's reputation.

Damage to an issuer's reputation can be the result of the actual or perceived occurrence of any number of events, and could include any negative publicity, whether true or not. Cannabis has often been associated with various other narcotics, violence and criminal activities, the risk of which is that the business might attract negative publicity. There is also risk that the action(s) of other participants, companies and service providers in the cannabis industry may negatively affect the reputation of the industry as a whole and thereby negatively impact the reputation of an issuer. The increased usage of social media and other web-based tools used to generate, publish and discuss user-generated content and to connect with other users has made it increasingly easier for individuals and groups to communicate and share opinions and views in regards to an issuer and its activities, whether true or not and the cannabis industry in general, whether true or not. The Corporation does not ultimately have direct control over how it or the cannabis industry is perceived by others. Reputation loss may result in decreased investor confidence, increased challenges in developing and maintaining community relations and an impediment to the Corporation's overall ability to advance its business strategy and realize on its growth prospects.

### Third parties with whom the Corporation may do business may perceive themselves as being exposed to reputational risk as a result of their relationship with the Corporation.

The parties with which the Corporation may do business may perceive that they are exposed to reputational risk as a result of the Corporation's cannabis-related business activities. Failure to establish or maintain business relationships due to reputational risk arising in connection with the nature of the Corporation's business could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, financial condition and results of operations.

### We may be subject to advertising and promotional risk in the event we cannot effectively implement a successful branding strategy.

If we successfully execute a qualifying transaction with a cannabis-related business, our future growth and profitability may depend on the effectiveness and efficiency of advertising and promotional costs, including our ability to (i) create brand recognition for any products we may develop or sell; (ii) determine appropriate advertising strategies, messages and media; and (iii) maintain acceptable operating margins on such costs. There can be no assurance that advertising and promotional costs will result in revenues for the Corporation's business in the future, or will generate awareness for any of the Corporation's product. In addition, no assurance can be given that we will be able to manage our advertising and promotional costs on a cost-effective basis.

The Cannabis Act prohibits the promotion of cannabis, cannabis accessories and services related to cannabis, except in very limited circumstances. It also establishes plain packaging and labelling requirements of cannabis and cannabis accessories. The Cannabis Act contains specific prohibitions on several types of promotional activities or packaging or labelling, including in relation to promotion, packaging or labelling: (i) that there are reasonable grounds to believe could be appealing to young persons; (ii) that sets out a testimonial or endorsement; (iii) that sets out the depiction of a person, character or animal, whether real or fictional; (iv) that associates cannabis, the cannabis accessory or service or any of its brand elements, or evokes a positive or negative emotion about or image of, a way of life such as one that includes glamour, recreation, excitement, vitality, risk or daring. Provincial and territorial governments will also regulate the distribution and sale of cannabis in their respective jurisdictions and may impose additional restrictions and regulations that may affect the promotion, sale or marketing of cannabis. The restriction on the use of logos and brand names on cannabis products, and any other restrictions or regulations on the promotion, sale or marketing of cannabis in development stage and restrictions on advertising, marketing and branding of cannabis companies and products by Health Canada, various medical associations, other governmental or quasi-governmental bodies or voluntary industry associations may adversely affect an issuer's ability to conduct sales and marketing activities and to create brand recognition, and could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business. Furthermore, there can be no assurance that similar

regulations prohibiting the promotion of cannabis and plain label packaging requirements will not be adopted in any American federal or state jurisdiction, or any other international jurisdiction, in which a potential target business may operate.

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#### The businesses we acquire may be subject to product liability regimes and strict product recall requirements.

The sale of cannabis products involves the risk of injury to consumers due to tampering by unauthorized third parties or product contamination. Previously unknown adverse reactions resulting from human consumption of cannabis products alone or in combination with other medications or substances could occur. The Corporation may be subject to various product liability claims, including, among others, that specific cannabis products caused injury or illness, or include inadequate warnings concerning possible side effects or interactions with other substances. A product liability claim or regulatory action against the Corporation could result in increased costs, could adversely affect our reputation with our clients and consumers generally, and could have a material adverse effect on us.

In addition, manufacturers and distributors of products are sometimes subject to the recall or return of their products for a variety of reasons, including product defects, such as contamination, unintended harmful side effects or interactions with other substances, packaging safety and inadequate or inaccurate labelling disclosure. To the extent any products are recalled due to an alleged product defect or for any other reason, we could be required to incur the unexpected expense of the recall and any legal proceedings that might arise in connection with the recall. We may lose a significant amount of sales and may not be able to replace those sales at an acceptable margin or at all. In addition, a product recall may require significant management attention. Moreover, a recall for any of the foregoing reasons could lead to decreased demand and could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation. Product recalls may lead to increased scrutiny of operations by applicable regulatory agencies, requiring further management attention and potential legal fees and other expenses.

#### We may not be able to successfully develop new products or find a market for their sale.

The cannabis industry is in its early stages of development and the sector participants may seek to introduce new products in the future. In attempting to keep pace with any new market developments, an issuer may need to expend significant amounts of capital in order to successfully develop and generate revenues from new products introduced by it. The issuer may also be required to obtain additional regulatory approvals from Health Canada and any other applicable regulatory authorities, which may take significant amounts of time. An issuer may not be successful in developing effective and safe new products, bringing such products to market in time to be effectively commercialized, or obtaining any required regulatory approvals, which, together with any capital expenditures made in the course of such product development and regulatory approval processes, may have a material adverse effect on us.

### We may be unable to attract or retain key personnel with sufficient experience in the cannabis industry, and may prove unable to attract, develop, and retain additional employees required for the Corporation's development and future success.

The success of the Corporation is currently largely dependent on the performance of its management team (collectively, "**Key Persons**"). The Corporation's future success depends on its continuing ability to attract, develop, motivate and retain highly qualified and skilled employees. Qualified individuals are in high demand, and the Corporation may incur significant costs to attract and retain them. In addition, the Corporation's lean management structure may be strained as the Corporation pursues growth opportunities in the future. The loss of the services of a Key Person, or an inability to attract other suitably qualified persons when needed, could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's ability to execute on its business plan and strategy, and we may be unable to find adequate replacements on a timely basis, or at all.

Key Persons may be subject to applicable security clearances by regulatory agencies. Security clearances are valid for a limited period of time must subsequently be renewed. There is no assurance that any of the Corporation's personnel who may in the future require a security clearance will be able to obtain or renew such clearances, or that new personnel who require a security clearance will be able to obtain or renew his or her security clearance could result in a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, if a Key Person leaves the Corporation and we are unable to find a suitable replacement that has the requisite security clearance in a timely manner, or at all, such delay or failure could result in a material adverse effect on the Corporation.

### The Corporation may be subject to risks related to the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights, and may become subject to allegations that the Corporation is in violation of intellectual property rights of third parties.

The ownership and protection of intellectual property rights may be a significant aspect of the Corporation's future success. We may rely on trade secrets, technical know-how and proprietary information that are not protected by patents to maintain our competitive position. We will try to protect such intellectual property by entering into confidentiality agreements with parties that have access to it, such as our partners, collaborators, employees and consultants. Any of these parties may breach these agreements and we may not have adequate remedies for any specific breach. In addition, trade secrets and technical know-how, which are not protected by patents, may otherwise become known to or be independently developed by competitors, in which event we could be materially adversely affected.

Unauthorized parties may attempt to replicate or otherwise obtain and use the Corporation's products, trade secrets, technical knowhow and proprietary information. Policing the unauthorized use of the Corporation's future intellectual property rights could be difficult, expensive, time-consuming and unpredictable, as may be enforcing these rights against unauthorized use by others. Identifying unauthorized use of intellectual property rights is difficult as the Corporation may be unable to effectively monitor and evaluate the products being distributed by its competitors, including parties such as unlicensed dispensaries, and the processes used to produce such products. In addition, in any infringement proceeding, some or all of the Corporation's future trademarks, patents or other intellectual property rights or other proprietary know-how, or arrangements or agreements seeking to protect the same for the benefit of the Corporation, may be found invalid, unenforceable, anti-competitive or not infringed. An adverse result in any litigation or defense proceedings could put one or more of the Corporation's future trademarks, patents or other intellectual property rights or other arrively. Any or all of these events could materially and adversely affect the business, financial condition and results of operations of the Corporation.

In addition, other parties may claim that the Corporation's products infringe on their proprietary and perhaps patent protected rights. Such claims, whether or not meritorious, may result in the expenditure of significant financial and managerial resources, legal fees, result in injunctions, temporary restraining orders and/or require the payment of damages. As well, the Corporation may need to obtain licenses from third parties who allege that the Corporation has infringed on their lawful rights. However, such licenses may not be available on terms acceptable to the Corporation or at all. In addition, the Corporation may not be able to obtain or utilize on terms that are favorable to it, or at all, licenses or other rights with respect to intellectual property that it does not own.

#### The Corporation may be subject to risks related to information technology systems, including cyber-attacks.

The Corporation's operations may depend, in part, on how well it and its suppliers protect networks, equipment, information technology ("**IT**") systems and software against damage from a number of threats, including, but not limited to, cable cuts, damage to physical plants, natural disasters, intentional damage and destruction, fire, power loss, hacking, computer viruses, vandalism and theft. Following its qualifying transaction, the Corporation's operations may also depend on the timely maintenance, upgrade and replacement of networks, equipment, IT systems and software, as well as pre-emptive expenses to mitigate the risks of failures. Any of these and other events could result in information system failures, delays and/or increase in capital expenses. The failure of information systems or a component of information systems could, depending on the nature of any such failure, adversely impact the Corporation's reputation and results of operations. The Corporation's risk and exposure to these matters cannot be fully mitigated because of, among other things, the evolving nature of these threats. As a result, cyber security and the continued development and enhancement of controls, processes and practices designed to protect systems, computers, software, data and networks from attack, damage or unauthorized access may become a priority to ensure the ongoing success and security of the business. As cyber threats continue to evolve, the Corporation may be required to expend additional resources to continue to modify or enhance protective measures or to investigate and remediate any security vulnerabilities.

#### Insurance risks in the cannabis industry are not insignificant.

While the Corporation believes it will be able to acquire adequate insurance coverage, such insurance will be subject to coverage limits and exclusions and may not be available for all risks and hazards to which the Corporation may be exposed. No assurance can be given that such insurance will be adequate to cover the Corporation's liabilities or will be generally available in the future or, if available, that premiums will be commercially justifiable. If the Corporation were to incur substantial liability and such damages were not covered by insurance or were in excess of policy limits, or if the Corporation were to incur such liability at a time when it is not able to obtain liability insurance, we could be materially adversely affected. There can be also no assurances that the Corporation will be able to obtain or maintain product liability insurance on acceptable terms or with adequate coverage against potential liabilities. Such insurance is expensive and may not be available in the future on acceptable terms, or at all. The inability to obtain sufficient insurance coverage on reasonable terms or to otherwise protect against potential product liability claims could prevent or inhibit the commercialization of any of the Corporation's potential products.

#### The Corporation may be subject to transportation risks.

The Corporation's business may involve, directly or indirectly, the production, sale and distribution of cannabis products. Due to the perishable nature of such products, the Corporation may depend on fast and efficient third party transportation services to distribute its product. Any prolonged disruption of third party transportation services could have an adverse effect on the Corporation. Rising costs associated with the third party transportation services which will be used by the Corporation to ship its proposed products may also adversely impact the business of the Corporation.

#### The Corporation may be vulnerable to rising energy costs.

The Corporation's business may involve, directly or indirectly, the production of cannabis products which will consume considerable energy, making the Corporation vulnerable to rising energy costs. Rising or volatile energy costs may adversely impact the business of the Corporation and its ability to operate profitably.

#### The Corporation may be subject to risks inherent in an agricultural business.

The Corporation's business may involve, directly or indirectly, the growing of cannabis, which is an agricultural product. As such, the business may be subject to the risks inherent in the agricultural business, such as insects, plant diseases and similar agricultural risks. Even when grown indoors under climate-controlled conditions monitored by trained personnel, there can be no assurance that natural elements, such as insects and plant diseases, will not have a material adverse effect on the production of cannabis products and on the Corporation.

#### The Corporation may be subject to significant environmental regulations and risks.

Participants in the cannabis industry are subject to environmental regulation in the various jurisdictions in which they operate. These regulations mandate, among other things, the maintenance of air and water quality standards and land reclamation. They also set forth limitations on the generation, transportation, storage and disposal of solid and hazardous waste. Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner which will require stricter standards and enforcement, increased fines and penalties for non-compliance, more stringent environmental assessments of proposed projects and a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and their officers, directors and employees. There is no assurance that future changes in environmental regulation, if any, will not adversely affect the Corporation.

Government approvals and permits are currently, and may in the future be required in connection with operations in the cannabis sector. To the extent such approvals are required and not obtained, a business may be curtailed or prohibited from producing cannabis or from proceeding with the development of its operations.

Failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations and permitting requirements may result in enforcement actions thereunder, including orders issued by regulatory or judicial authorities causing operations to cease or be curtailed, and may include corrective measures requiring capital expenditures, installation of additional equipment, or remedial actions. An issuer may be required to compensate those suffering loss or damage by reason of its operations and may have civil or criminal fines or penalties imposed for violations of applicable laws or regulations.

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#### Management of growth may prove to be difficult.

The Corporation may be subject to growth-related risks including capacity constraints and pressure on its internal systems and controls. The ability of the Corporation to manage growth effectively will require it to continue to implement and improve its operational and

financial systems and to expand, train and manage its employee base. The inability of the Corporation to deal with this growth may have a material adverse effect on the Corporation.

#### A limited number of licenses have been issued in certain U.S. States.

In certain States, the cannabis laws and regulations limit not only the number of cannabis licenses issued, but also the number of cannabis licenses that one person may own. To the extent we acquire cannabis businesses or assets in the United States in connection with our qualifying transaction, such limitations on the acquisition of ownership of additional licenses within certain States may limit the Corporation's ability to obtain licenses, grow organically or increase its market share in such States.

#### While cannabis is legal in many State jurisdictions, it continues to be a controlled substance under the United States federal CSA.

Unlike in Canada, which has federal legislation uniformly governing the cultivation, distribution, sale and possession of cannabis under the Cannabis Regulations and the Cannabis Act, cannabis is largely regulated at the State level in the United States. To the Corporation's knowledge, there are to date a total of 47 States, plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam that have legalized cannabis in some form. Notwithstanding the permissive regulatory environment of medical cannabis at the State level, cannabis continues to be categorized as a controlled substance under the CSA and as such, violates federal law in the United States.

The United States Congress has passed appropriations bills each of the last three years that have not appropriated funds for prosecution of cannabis offenses of individuals who are in compliance with State medical cannabis laws. American courts have construed these appropriations bills to prevent the U.S. federal government from prosecuting individuals when those individuals comply with State law. However, because this conduct continues to violate U.S. federal law, American courts have observed that should Congress at any time choose to appropriate funds to fully prosecute the CSA, any individual or business – even those that have fully complied with State law – could be prosecuted for violations of U.S. federal law. If Congress restores funding, the government will have the authority to prosecute individuals for violations of the law before it lacked funding under the CSA's five-year statute of limitations.

Violations of any U.S. federal laws and regulations could result in significant fines, penalties, administrative sanctions, convictions or settlements arising from civil proceedings conducted by either the U.S. federal government or private citizens, or criminal charges, including, but not limited to, disgorgement of profits, cessation of business activities or divestiture. This could have a material adverse effect on an issuer, including its reputation and ability to conduct business, its holding of medical cannabis licenses in the United States, the listing of its securities on various stock exchanges, its financial position, operating results, profitability or liquidity or the market price of its publicly traded shares. In addition, it is difficult to estimate the time or resources that would be needed for the investigation of any such matters or its final resolution because, in part, the time and resources that may be needed are dependent on the nature and extent of any information requested by the applicable authorities involved, and such time or resources could be substantial.

### Even where cannabis is permitted at the individual State level, regulations vary from State to State and the Corporation may be not be able to comply with such regulations in a cost-efficient manner, if at all.

Certain State jurisdictions such as Colorado and Washington have de facto residency requirements that require investors in cannabis businesses to be a resident of such state, particularly if the cannabis business in question is one that directly involves the production, sale and distribution of cannabis. Such requirements may prove to be excessively onerous or otherwise impracticable for an issuer to comply with, which may have the result of excluding such investment opportunities from the list of possible qualifying transactions that the Corporation would otherwise consider.

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### The differing regulatory requirements across State jurisdictions may hinder or otherwise prevent the Corporation from achieving economies of scale.

Traditional rules of investing may prove to be imperfect in the cannabis industry. For example, while it would be common for investment managers to purchase equity in companies in different States to reach economies of scale and to conduct business across State lines, such an investment thesis may not be feasible in the U.S. cannabis industry because of varying State-by-State legislation. As no two regulated markets in the cannabis industry are exactly the same, doing business across state lines may not be possible or commercially practicable.

As a result, the Corporation may be limited to identifying opportunities in individual States, which may have the effect of slowing the growth prospects of the Corporation.

#### The approach to the enforcement of cannabis laws may be subject to change or may not proceed as previously outlined.

As a result of the conflict between state and federal law regarding cannabis, investments in cannabis businesses in the U.S. are subject to inconsistent legislation and regulation. The response to this inconsistency was addressed in the memorandum dated August 29, 2013 authored by then Deputy Attorney General, James Cole (the "**Cole Memorandum**") in which the U.S. DOJ attempted to address this inconsistency and to provide guidance to enforcement agencies acknowledging that notwithstanding the designation of cannabis as a controlled substance at the federal level in the United States, several States have enacted laws relating to cannabis for medical and recreational purposes.

The Cole Memorandum outlined certain priorities for the U.S. DOJ relating to the prosecution of cannabis offenses. In particular, the Cole Memorandum noted that in jurisdictions that have enacted laws legalizing cannabis in some form and that have also implemented strong and effective regulatory and enforcement systems to control the cultivation, distribution, sale and possession of cannabis, conduct in compliance with those laws and regulations is less likely to be a priority at the federal level. Notably, however, the U.S. DOJ has never provided specific guidelines for what regulatory and enforcement systems it deems sufficient under the Cole Memorandum standard.

In light of limited investigative and prosecutorial resources, the Cole Memorandum concluded that the U.S. DOJ should be focused on addressing only the most significant threats related to cannabis. States where medical cannabis had been legalized were not characterized as a high priority. In March 2017, then newly appointed Attorney General Jeff Sessions again noted limited federal resources and acknowledged that much of the Cole Memorandum had merit; however, he had previously stated that he did not believe it had been implemented effectively and, on January 4, 2018, former Attorney General Jeff Sessions issued a memorandum, which rescinded the Cole Memorandum (the "Sessions Memorandum"). The Sessions Memorandum rescinded previous nationwide guidance specific to the prosecutorial authority of United States Attorneys relative to cannabis enforcement on the basis that they are unnecessary, given the well-established principles governing federal prosecution that are already in place. Those principles are included in chapter 9.27.000 of the USAM and require federal prosecutors deciding which cases to prosecute to weigh all relevant considerations, including federal law enforcement priorities set by the Attorney General, the seriousness of the crime, the deterrent effect of criminal prosecution, and the cumulative impact of particular crimes on the community.

As a result of the Sessions Memorandum, federal prosecutors are free to utilize their prosecutorial discretion to decide whether to prosecute cannabis activities despite the existence of State-level laws that may be inconsistent with federal prohibitions. No direction was given to federal prosecutors in the Sessions Memorandum as to the priority they should ascribe to such cannabis activities, and resultantly it is uncertain how active U.S. federal prosecutors will be in relation to such activities.

On November 7, 2018, Mr. Sessions tendered his resignation as Attorney General at the request of then President Donald Trump. Following Mr. Sessions' resignation, Matthew Whitaker began serving as Acting United States Attorney General, and William Barr was eventually appointed to the role. During his Senate confirmation hearing, Mr. Barr stated that he disagrees with efforts by States to legalize marijuana, but would not go after marijuana companies in states that legalized it under Obama administration policies. He stated further that he would not upset settled expectations that have arisen as a result of the Cole Memorandum. Federal enforcement of cannabis-related activity remained consistent with the priorities outlined in the Cole Memorandum throughout Attorney General Barr's tenure.

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In January 2021, Joseph R. Biden Jr. was sworn in as the new President of the United States. President Biden nominated federal judge Merrick Garland to serve as his Attorney General. During his confirmation hearings in the Senate on February 22, 2021, Attorney General Garland confirmed that he would not prioritize pursuing cannabis prosecutions in States that have legalized and that are regulating the use of cannabis, both for medical and adult use. The Senate confirmed Judge Garland as Attorney General on March 10, 2021.

However, unless and until the United States Congress amends the Controlled Substances Act with respect to medical and/or adult-use cannabis (and as to the timing or scope of any such potential amendments there can be no assurance), there is a risk that U.S. federal authorities may enforce current U.S. federal law. If the U.S. federal government were to begin to enforce U.S. federal laws relating to cannabis in States where the sale and use of cannabis is currently legal, or if existing applicable State laws are repealed or curtailed,

BRND's Target Business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects and BRND would likely be materially adversely affected.

Such potential proceedings could involve significant restrictions being imposed upon the Resulting Issuer or third parties, while diverting the attention of key executives. Such proceedings could have a material adverse effect on the Resulting Issuer, as well as the Resulting Issuer's reputation, even if such proceedings were concluded successfully in favour of the Resulting Issuer. In the extreme case, such proceedings could ultimately involve the prosecution of key executives of the Resulting Issuer or the seizure of corporate assets; however as of the date hereof, BRND believes that proceedings of this nature are remote.

There is no certainty as to how the U.S. DOJ, Federal Bureau of Investigation and other government agencies will handle cannabis matters in the future. BRND regularly monitors the activities of the current administration in this regard.

### Any investments or acquisitions by the Corporation in the United States may be subject to applicable anti-money laundering laws and regulations.

If the Corporation were to acquire or invest in a U.S. cannabis business, the Corporation would be subject to a variety of laws and regulations domestically and in the United States that involve money laundering, financial recordkeeping and proceeds of crime, including the *Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970* (commonly known as the Bank Secrecy Act), as amended by Title III of the *Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001* (USA PATRIOT Act), the *Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act* (Canada), as amended and the rules and regulations thereunder, the *Criminal Code* (Canada) and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by governmental authorities in the United States and Canada.

In February 2014, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network of the Treasury Department issued a memorandum providing instructions to banks seeking to provide services to cannabis-related businesses (the "FCEN Memorandum"). The FCEN Memorandum states that in some circumstances, it is permissible for banks to provide services to cannabis related businesses without risking prosecution for violation of U.S. federal money laundering laws. It refers to supplementary guidance that Deputy Attorney General Cole issued to U.S. federal prosecutors relating to the prosecution of U.S. money laundering offenses predicated on cannabis-related violations of the CSA. It is unclear at this time whether the current administration will follow the guidelines of the FCEN Memorandum.

In the event that the Corporation's investments, or any proceeds thereof, any dividends or distributions therefrom, or any profits or revenues accruing from such investments in the United States were found to be in violation of money laundering legislation or otherwise, such transactions may be viewed as proceeds of crime under one or more of the statutes noted above or any other applicable legislation. This could restrict or otherwise jeopardize the ability of the Corporation to declare or pay dividends, effect other distributions or subsequently repatriate such funds back to Canada.

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### To the extent we acquire cannabis businesses or assets in the United States in connection with our qualifying transaction, we may be subject to measures that would restrict the ability of our investors to trade our securities.

As described in the IPO Prospectus, subject to certain exceptions, registration of the Class A Restricted Voting Units and transfers thereof held through CDS, or its nominee, were made electronically through the non-certificated inventory ("NCI") system of CDS. Class A Restricted Voting Units registered in the name of CDS or its nominee were deposited electronically with CDS on an NCI basis on the IPO Closing.

CDS provides and facilitates reliable, cost-effective depository, clearing, regulatory and other information services to securities market participants. Among other things, CDS is used in connection with clearing and settling eligible Canadian exchange-traded and over-the-counter equity, debt and money market transactions, settling Canadian exchange-traded derivatives, broker-to-broker trade matching, depository and custodial services, ledger-keeping as well as real-time messaging and flexible interfaces to and from CDS and its participants.

Given the heightened risk profile associated with cannabis in the United States, CDS may implement procedures or protocols that would prohibit or significantly curtail the ability of CDS to settle trades for cannabis companies that have cannabis businesses or assets in the United States. It is not certain whether CDS will decide to enact such measures, nor whether it has the authority to do

so unilaterally. Nevertheless, on February 8, 2018, following discussions with the Canadian Securities Administrators and recognized Canadian securities exchanges, the TMX Group Limited announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (the "**TMX MOU**") with the Exchange, the Canadian Securities Exchange, the Toronto Stock Exchange and the TSX Venture Exchange. The TMX MOU outlines the parties' understanding of Canada's regulatory framework applicable to the rules, procedures, and regulatory oversight of the exchanges and CDS as it relates to issuers with cannabis-related activities in the United States. The TMX MOU confirms, with respect to the clearing of listed securities of issuers with cannabis-related activities in the United States. However, there is no CDS ban on the clearing of securities of issuers with cannabis-related activities in the United States. However, there can be no guarantee that this approach to regulation will continue in the future. If such a ban were to be implemented, it would have a material adverse effect on the ability of holders of Class A Restricted Voting Units to make and settle trades. In particular, the Class A Restricted Voting Units would become highly illiquid as until an alternative was implemented, investors would have no ability to effect a trade of the Class A Restricted Voting Units through the facilities of a stock exchange.

#### Any investments or acquisitions by the Corporation in the United States may be subject to heightened scrutiny.

Any future investments or acquisitions by the Corporation in the United States may become the subject of heightened scrutiny by regulators, stock exchanges and other authorities in Canada. As a result, the Corporation may be subject to significant direct and indirect interaction with public officials. There can be no assurance that this heightened scrutiny will not in turn lead to the imposition of certain restrictions on the Corporation's ability to invest in the United States or any other jurisdiction.

## To the extent we acquire cannabis businesses or assets in the United States in connection with our qualifying transaction, U.S. border officials could deny entry into the U.S. to employees of, or investors in companies with cannabis operations in the United States.

Since medical cannabis remains illegal under U.S. federal law, those employed at or investing in legal and licensed medical and recreational cannabis companies could face detention, denial of entry or lifetime bans from the U.S. for their business associations with U.S. cannabis businesses. Entry happens at the sole discretion of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers on duty, and these officers have wide latitude to ask questions to determine the admissibility of a foreign national. The Government of Canada has started warning travelers on its website that previous use of cannabis, or any substance prohibited by U.S. federal laws, could mean denial of entry to the U.S. In addition, business or financial involvement in the legal cannabis industry in the United States could also be reason enough for U.S. border guards to deny entry. On September 21, 2018, U.S. Customs and Border Protection released a statement outlining its current position with respect to enforcement of the laws of the United States. It stated that U.S. Customs and Border Protection enforcement of United States laws regarding controlled substances has not changed and because cannabis continues to be a controlled substance under United States law, working in or facilitating the proliferation of the legal cannabis industry in U.S. States where it is deemed legal may affect admissibility to the U.S. As a result, U.S. Customs and Border Protection has affirmed that, employees, directors, officers, managers and investors of companies involved in business activities related to cannabis in the U.S. or Canada, who are not U.S. citizens face the risk of being barred from entry into the United States, including for life. On October 9, 2018, U.S. Customs and Border Protection released an additional statement regarding the admissibility of Canadian citizens working in the legal cannabis industry. U.S. Customs and Border Protection stated that a Canadian citizen working in or facilitating the proliferation of the legal cannabis industry in Canada, coming to into the U.S. for reasons unrelated to the cannabis industry, will generally be admissible to the U.S.; however, if a traveler such person is found to be coming to into the U.S. for reasons related to the cannabis industry, such person may be deemed inadmissible.

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### To the extent we acquire cannabis businesses or assets in the United States in connection with our qualifying transaction, there may be difficulty accessing the services of banks, which may make it difficult for us to operate our business.

Financial transactions involving proceeds generated by cannabis-related conduct can form the basis for prosecution under the federal money laundering statutes, unlicensed money transmitter statute and the U.S. Bank Secrecy Act. Previous guidance issued by the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, a division of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, clarifies how financial institutions can provide services to cannabis-related businesses consistent with their obligations under the U.S. Bank Secrecy Act. Prior to the DOJ's announcement in January 2018 of the rescission of the Cole Memorandum and related memoranda, supplemental guidance from the DOJ directed federal prosecutors to consider the federal enforcement priorities enumerated in the Cole Memorandum when determining whether to charge institutions or individuals with any of the financial crimes described above based upon cannabis-related activity. It is unclear what impact the rescission of the Cole Memorandum will have, but federal prosecutors may increase enforcement activities

against institutions or individuals that are conducting financial transactions related to cannabis activities. The increased uncertainty surrounding financial transactions related to cannabis activities may also result in financial institutions discontinuing services to the cannabis industry.

Consequently, those businesses involved in the regulated medical-use cannabis industry continue to encounter difficulty establishing banking relationships, which may increase over time. The inability to maintain a bank accounts would make it difficult for any company to operate its business, increase its operating costs, and pose additional operational, logistical and security challenges and could result in its inability to implement its business plan.

### To the extent we acquire cannabis businesses or assets in the United States in connection with our qualifying transaction, there may be a restriction on the deduction of certain expenses.

Section 280E of the Code generally prohibits businesses from deducting or claiming tax credits with respect to expenses paid or incurred in carrying on any trade or business if such trade or business (or the activities which comprise such trade or business) consists of trafficking in controlled substances (within the meaning of Schedule I and II of the U.S. Controlled Substance Act of 1970) which is prohibited by U.S. federal law or the law of any State in which such trade or business is conducted. Section 280E of the Code currently applies to businesses operating in the cannabis industry, irrespective of whether such businesses that are licensed and operating in accordance with applicable state laws. The application of section 280E of the Code generally causes such businesses to pay higher effective U.S. federal tax rates than similar businesses in other industries. The impact of section 280E of the Code on the effective tax rate of a cannabis business generally depends on how large the ratio of non-deductible expenses is to the business's total revenues. The application of section 280E of the Code to any business that we may acquire as part of our qualifying transaction may adversely affect our profitability and, in fact, may cause us to operate at a loss. While recent legislative proposals, if enacted into law, could eliminate or diminish the application of section 280E of the Code to cannabis businesses, the enactment of any such law is uncertain.

### To the extent we acquire cannabis businesses or assets in the United States in connection with our qualifying transaction, there may be a lack of access to U.S. bankruptcy protections.

Because the use of medical cannabis is illegal under federal law, many courts have denied cannabis businesses bankruptcy protections, thus making it very difficult for lenders to recoup their investments in the cannabis industry in the event of a bankruptcy. If a company we acquire as part of a qualifying transaction was to experience a bankruptcy, there is no guarantee that U.S. federal bankruptcy protections would be available, which could have a material adverse effect on the financial condition and prospects of such business and on the rights of lenders to and securityholders of such business.

### To the extent we acquire cannabis businesses or assets in the United States in connection with our qualifying transaction, there may be difficulty with the enforceability of contracts.

It is a fundamental principle of law that a contract will not be enforced if it involves a violation of law or public policy. Because cannabis remains illegal in the United States at a federal level, judges in multiple U.S. States have on a number of occasions refused to enforce contracts for the repayment of money when the loan was used in connection with activities that violate federal law, even if there is no violation of State law. There could thus be doubt and uncertainty that any company we may acquire as part of a qualifying transaction will be able to legally enforce contracts it enters into if necessary, which means there can be no assurance that there will be a remedy for breach of contract, which would have a material adverse effect on the business, revenues, operating results, financial condition and prospects of such entity.

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### The ability to grow any business with cannabis operations in the United States depends on State laws pertaining to the cannabis industry

Continued development of the medical-use cannabis industry depends upon continued legislative authorization of cannabis at the State level. The status quo of, or progress in, the regulated medical-use cannabis industry is not assured and any number of factors could slow or halt further progress in this area. While there may be ample public support for legislative action permitting the manufacture and use of cannabis, numerous factors impact the legislative process. For example, many States that voted to legalize medical and/or adult-use cannabis have seen significant delays in the drafting and implementation of industry regulations and issuance of licenses. In addition, burdensome regulation at the State level could slow or stop further development of the medical-use cannabis industry, such as limiting the

medical conditions for which medical cannabis can be recommended by physicians for treatment, restricting the form in which medical cannabis can be consumed, imposing significant registration requirements on physicians and patients or imposing significant taxes on the growth, processing and/or retail sales of cannabis, which could have the impact of dampening growth of the cannabis industry and making it difficult for cannabis businesses to operate profitably in those States. Any one of these factors could slow or halt additional legislative authorization of medical-use cannabis, which could harm business prospects.

#### Risks Associated with Acquiring and Operating a Cannabis Business in Emerging Market Countries

### If we effect our qualifying transaction with a company located outside of North America, we could be subject to a variety of additional risks that may negatively impact our operations.

We may pursue acquisition opportunities in any industry or geographic region. If we effect our qualifying transaction with a company located or operated outside of Canada, we could be subject to any special considerations or risks associated with companies operating in the target business' home jurisdiction, including any of the following:

- rules and regulations regarding currency redemption;
- complex corporate withholding taxes on individuals;
- laws governing the manner in which future qualifying transactions may be effected;
- exchange listing and/or delisting requirements;
- tariffs and trade barriers;
- regulations related to customs and import/export matters;
- longer payment cycles;
- tax issues, such as tax law changes and variations in tax laws as compared to Canada;
- currency fluctuations and exchange controls;
- rates of inflation;
- challenges in collecting accounts receivable;
- cultural and language differences;
- employment regulations;
- crime, strikes, riots, civil disturbances, terrorist attacks and wars; and
- deterioration of political relations with Canada or other governments or sanctions imposed by Canada or other governments.

We may also be subject to currency exchange risks in connection with any qualifying transaction. We may not be able to adequately address these additional risks. If we were unable to do so, our operations of the continued business might suffer.

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Because of the costs and difficulties inherent in managing cross-border business operations, our results of operations may be negatively impacted.

Managing a business, operations, personnel or assets in another country is challenging and costly. Any management that we may have (whether based abroad or in Canada) may be inexperienced in cross-border business practices and unaware of significant differences in accounting rules, legal regimes and labour practices. Even with a seasoned and experienced management team, the costs and difficulties inherent in managing cross-border business operations, personnel and assets can be significant (and much higher than in a purely domestic business) and may negatively impact us.

#### If social unrest, acts of terrorism, regime changes, changes in laws and regulations, political upheaval, or policy changes or enactments occur in a country in which we may operate after we effect our qualifying transaction, it may result in a negative impact on our business.

Political events in another country may significantly affect our business, assets or operations. Social unrest, acts of terrorism, regime changes, changes in laws and regulations, political upheaval, and policy changes or enactments could negatively impact our business in a particular country.

### Many countries have difficult and unpredictable legal systems and underdeveloped laws and regulations that are unclear and subject to corruption and inexperience, which may adversely impact our results of operations and financial condition.

Our ability to seek and enforce legal protections, including with respect to intellectual property and other property rights, or to defend ourselves with regard to legal actions taken against us in a given country, may be difficult or impossible, which could adversely impact us.

Rules and regulations in many countries are often ambiguous or open to differing interpretations by responsible individuals and agencies at the municipal, state, provincial, regional and federal levels. The attitudes and actions of such individuals and agencies are often difficult to predict and can be inconsistent. Delay with respect to the enforcement of particular rules and regulations, including those relating to customs, tax, environment and labour, could cause serious disruptions to operations abroad and negatively impact us.

# After our qualifying transaction, substantially all of our assets may be located in a foreign country and substantially all of our revenue will be derived from our operations in such country. Accordingly, our results of operations and prospects will be subject, to a significant extent, to the economic, political and legal policies, developments and conditions in the country in which we operate.

The economic, political and social conditions, as well as government policies, of the country in which our operations are located could affect our business. If in the future such country's economy experiences a downturn or grows at a slower rate than expected, there may be less demand for spending in certain industries. A decrease in demand for spending in certain industries could materially and adversely affect our ability to find an attractive target business with which to consummate our qualifying transaction and if we effect our qualifying transaction, the ability of that target business to become profitable.

#### Currency policies may cause a target business' ability to succeed in the international markets to be diminished.

In the event we acquire a non-Canadian target, or a Canadian target with material non-Canadian operations, some or all of our revenues and income would likely be received in a foreign currency, and the dollar equivalent of our net assets and distributions, if any, could be adversely affected by reductions in the value of the local currency. The value of the currencies in our target regions fluctuate and are affected by, among other things, changes in political and economic conditions. Any change in the relative value of such currency against our reporting currency may affect the attractiveness of any target business or, following the closing of our qualifying transaction, our financial condition and results of operations. Additionally, if a currency appreciates in value against the Canadian dollar prior to the closing of our qualifying transaction, the cost of a target business as measured in dollars will increase, which may make it less likely that we are able to consummate such transaction.

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#### AUDITORS, TRANSFER AGENT, WARRANT AGENT AND ESCROW AGENT

Our auditors, MNP LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants, of 111 Richmond St W #300, Toronto, ON M5H 2G4, were first appointed on April 17, 2019. MNP LLP is independent of the Corporation within the meaning of the Rules of Professional Conduct of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario (registered name of The Institute of Chartered Accountants

of Ontario) and within the meaning of the U.S. Securities Act, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder adopted by the SEC and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States).

Odyssey Trust Company, at its principal offices in Toronto, Ontario, is the transfer agent and registrar for our Class A Restricted Voting Units and Class A Restricted Voting Shares.

Odyssey Trust Company, at its principal offices in Toronto, Ontario, is the Warrant Agent for our Warrants under the Warrant Agreement and is the Escrow Agent.

#### PROMOTER

Our Sponsor is considered a promoter of the Corporation within the meaning of applicable securities legislation. As of the date of this AIF, our Sponsor holds or is deemed to hold, of record and beneficially, 10,178,751 Class B Shares, 9,810,000 Founders' Warrants and 109,000 Class B Units (comprising 109,000 Class B Shares and 54,500 Warrants), representing 20.18% of our issued and outstanding shares.

We have entered into an administrative services agreement pursuant to which the Corporation will pay our Sponsor a total of \$10,000 (plus applicable taxes) per month, the Corporation may, as needed and as may be approved by the board of directors, from time to time, both prior to and following our qualifying transaction, enter into service agreements with related parties or qualified affiliates of related parties for, but not limited to, various administrative, managerial or operational services or to help effect our qualifying transaction.

#### LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

#### Legal Proceedings

To the knowledge of the Corporation there are no material legal proceedings to which the Corporation is a party or to which its property is subject, nor were there any such proceedings during fiscal year 2020, and, to the Corporation's knowledge, no such proceedings are contemplated.

#### **Regulatory Actions**

We are not aware of any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or securities regulatory authority or other regulatory body against us, nor have we entered into any settlement agreements before a court or with a securities regulatory authority.

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#### MATERIAL CONTRACTS

The following are the only material contracts of the Corporation (other than certain agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business):

- (a) the Underwriting Agreement;
- (b) The Relinquishment Agreement;
- (c) The Exchange Agreement and Undertaking;
- (d) The Make Whole Agreement and Undertaking;
- (e) the Escrow Agreement;
- (f) the Warrant Agreement; and
- (g) the Strategic Opportunities Agreement.

Copies of these agreements are available for inspection at our offices, during ordinary business hours and are available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

#### **EXEMPTIVE RELIEF**

The Corporation received exemptive relief from the Exchange with respect to s. 10.16(22) of the NEO Exchange Listing Manual to not adopt a Security Based Compensation Arrangement (as such term is defined in the Exchange Listing Manual) prior to completing a qualifying transaction.

The Corporation applied and received exemptions from certain requirements of applicable Canadian securities laws relating to the issuance of the Multiple Voting Shares and Subordinate Voting Shares on the close of a qualifying transaction.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information relating to the Corporation may be found on SEDAR at www.sedar.com. Additional financial information is provided in our audited financial statements and Management's Discussion & Analysis for the period ended December 31, 2020.

#### APPENDIX A

#### CHARTER OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF MERCER PARK BRAND ACQUISITION CORP.

#### SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The audit committee (the "Audit Committee") is a committee of the board of directors (the "Board") of Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. (the "Corporation"). The primary function of the Audit Committee is to assist the directors of the Corporation in fulfilling their applicable roles by:

- (a) recommending to the Board the appointment and compensation of the Corporation's external auditor;
- (b) overseeing the work of the external auditor, including the resolution of disagreements between the external auditor and management;
- (c) pre-approving all non-audit services (or delegating such pre-approval if and to the extent permitted by law) to be provided to the Corporation by the Corporation's external auditor;
- satisfying themselves that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Corporation's public disclosure of
  financial information, other than those described in (g) below, extracted or derived from its financial statements, including periodically assessing the adequacy of such procedures;

establishing procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Corporation regarding accounting, internal controls or auditing matters, and for the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Corporation of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters;

- (f) reviewing and approving any proposed hiring of current or former partner or employee of the current and former auditor of the Corporation; and
- (g) reviewing and approving the annual and interim financial statements, related Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") and other financial information provided by the Corporation to any governmental body or the public.

The Audit Committee should primarily fulfill these roles by carrying out the activities enumerated in this Charter. However, it is not the duty of the Audit Committee to prepare financial statements, to plan or conduct internal or external audits, to determine that the financial statements are complete and accurate and are in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, to conduct investigations, or to assure compliance with laws and regulations or the Corporation's internal policies, procedures and controls, as these are the responsibility of management, and in certain cases, the external auditor.

#### SECTION 2. LIMITATIONS ON AUDIT COMMITTEE'S DUTIES

In contributing to the Audit Committee's discharge of its duties under this Charter, each member of the Audit Committee shall be obliged only to exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances. Nothing in this Charter is intended to be, or may be construed as, imposing on any members of the Audit Committee a standard of care or diligence that is in any way more onerous or extensive than the standard to which the directors are subject.

Members of the Audit Committee are entitled to rely, absent actual knowledge to the contrary, on (i) the integrity of the persons and organizations from whom they receive information, (ii) the accuracy and completeness of the information provided, (iii) representations made by management as to the non-audit services provided to the Corporation by the external auditor, (iv) financial statements of the Corporation represented to them by a member of management or in a written report of the external auditors to present fairly the financial position of the Corporation in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and (v) any report of a lawyer, accountant, engineer, appraiser or other person whose profession lends credibility to a statement made by any such person.

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#### SECTION 3. COMPOSITION AND MEETINGS

The Audit Committee should be comprised of not less than three directors as determined by the Board, all of whom shall be independent within the meaning of NI 52-110 – *Audit Committees* ("**52-110**") of the Canadian Securities Administrators (or exempt therefrom), and free of any relationship that, in the opinion of the Board, would interfere with the exercise of his or her independent judgment as a member of the Audit Committee. All members of the Audit Committee should have (or should gain within a reasonable period of time after appointment) a working familiarity with basic finance and accounting practices. At least one member of the Audit Committee should have accounting or related financial management expertise and be considered a financial expert. Each member should be "financially literate" within the meaning of 52-110. The Audit Committee members may enhance their familiarity with finance and accounting by participating in educational programs conducted by the Corporation or an outside consultant.

The members of the Audit Committee shall be elected by the Board on an annual basis or until their successors shall be duly appointed. Unless a Chair of the Audit Committee (the "**Chair**") is elected by the full Board, the members of the Audit Committee may designate a Chair by majority vote of the full Audit Committee membership.

In addition, the Audit Committee members should meet all of the requirements for members of audit committees as defined from time to time under applicable legislation and the rules of any stock exchange on which the Corporation's securities are listed or traded.

The Audit Committee should meet at least four times annually, or more frequently as circumstances require. The Audit Committee should meet within forty-five (45) days following the end of the first three financial quarters to review and discuss the unaudited financial results for the preceding quarter and the related MD&A, and should meet within 90 days following the end of the fiscal year end to review and discuss the audited financial results for the preceding quarter and year and the related MD&A.

The Audit Committee may ask members of management or others to attend meetings and provide pertinent information as necessary. For purposes of performing their duties, members of the Audit Committee shall have full access to all corporate information and any other information deemed appropriate by them, and shall be permitted to discuss such information and any other matters relating to the financial position of the Corporation with senior employees, officers and the external auditor of the Corporation, and others as they consider appropriate.

For greater certainty, management is indirectly accountable to the Audit Committee and is responsible for the timeliness and integrity of the financial reporting and information presented to the Board.

In order to foster open communication, the Audit Committee or its Chair should meet at least annually with management and the external auditor in separate sessions to discuss any matters that the Audit Committee or each of these groups believes should be discussed

privately. In addition, the Audit Committee or its Chair should meet with management quarterly in connection with the Corporation's interim financial statements.

A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Audit Committee shall be a majority of the number of members of the Audit Committee or such greater number as the Audit Committee shall by resolution determine.

Meetings of the Audit Committee shall be held from time to time and at such place as any member of the Audit Committee shall determine upon 48 hours' notice to each of its members. The notice period may be waived by all members of the Audit Committee. Each of the Chair of the Board, the external auditor, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer or the Corporate Secretary shall be entitled to request that any member of the Audit Committee call a meeting.

This Charter is subject in all respects to the Corporation's notice of articles and articles of incorporation from time to time.

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#### SECTION 4. ROLE

As part of its function in assisting the Board in fulfilling its oversight role (and without limiting the generality of the Audit Committee's role), the Audit Committee should:

- (1) Determine any desired agenda items;
- (2) Review and recommend to the Board changes to this Charter, as considered appropriate from time to time;
- (3) Review the public disclosure regarding the Audit Committee required by 52-110;
- (4) Review and seek to ensure that disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting frameworks are operational and functional;
- (5) Summarize in the Corporation's annual information form the Audit Committee's composition and activities, as required; and
- (6) Submit the minutes of all meetings of the Audit Committee to the Board upon request.

#### **Documents / Reports Review**

Review and recommend to the Board for approval the Corporation's annual and interim financial statements, including any certification, report, opinion, undertaking or review rendered by the external auditor and the related MD&A, as well as such other financial information of the Corporation provided to the public or any governmental body as the Audit Committee or the Board require.

- (8) Review other financial information provided to any governmental body or the public as they see fit.
- (9) Review, recommend and approve any of the Corporation's press releases that contain financial information.

(10) Seek to satisfy itself and ensure that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Corporation's public disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Corporation's financial statements and related MD&A and periodically assess the adequacy of those procedures.

#### **External Auditor**

- (11) Recommend to the Board the selection of the external auditor, considering independence and effectiveness, and review the fees and other compensation to be paid to the external auditor.
- (12) Review and seek to ensure that all financial information provided to the public or any governmental body, as required, provides for the fair presentation of the Corporation's financial condition, financial performance and cash flow.

- (13) Instruct the external auditor that its ultimate client is not management and that it is required to report directly to the Audit Committee, and not management.
- (14) Monitor the relationship between management and the external auditor including reviewing any management letters or other reports of the external auditor and discussing any material differences of opinion between management and the external auditor.
- (15) Review and discuss, on an annual basis, with the external auditor all significant relationships it has with the Corporation to determine the external auditor's independence.
- (16) Pre-approve all non-audit services (or delegate such pre-approval, as the Audit Committee may determine and as permitted by applicable Canadian securities laws) to be provided by the external auditor.

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(17) Review the performance of the external auditor and any proposed discharge of the external auditor when circumstances warrant.

(18) Periodically consult with the external auditor out of the presence of management about significant risks or exposures, internal controls and other steps that management has taken to control such risks, and the fullness and accuracy of the financial statements, including the adequacy of internal controls to expose any payments, transactions or procedures that might be deemed illegal or otherwise improper.

- (19) Communicate directly with the external auditor and arrange for the external auditor to be available to the Audit Committee and the full Board as needed.
- (20) Review and approve any proposed hiring by the Corporation of current or former partners or employees of the current (and any former) external auditor of the Corporation.

#### **Audit Process**

Review the scope, plan and results of the external auditor's audit and reviews, including the auditor's engagement letter, the
 post-audit management letter, if any, and the form of the audit report. The Audit Committee may authorize the external auditor to perform supplemental reviews, audits or other work as deemed desirable.

(22) Following completion of the annual audit and quarterly reviews, review separately with each of management and the external auditor any significant changes to planned procedures, any difficulties encountered during the course of the audit and, if applicable, reviews, including any restrictions on the scope of work or access to required information and the cooperation that the external auditor received during the course of the audit and, if applicable, reviews.

(23) Review any significant disagreements among management and the external auditor in connection with the preparation of the financial statements.

Where there are significant unsettled issues between management and the external auditor that do not affect the audited financial
 statements, the Audit Committee shall seek to ensure that there is an agreed course of action leading to the resolution of such matters.

#### **Financial Reporting Processes**

(25) Review the integrity of the financial reporting processes, both internal and external, in consultation with the external auditor as they see fit.

(26) Consider the external auditor's judgments about the quality, transparency and appropriateness, not just the acceptability, of the Corporation's accounting principles and financial disclosure practices, as applied in its financial reporting, including the degree of aggressiveness or conservatism of its accounting principles and underlying estimates, and whether those principles are common practices or are minority practices.

(27) Review all material balance sheet issues, material contingent obligations (including those associated with material acquisitions or dispositions) and material related party transactions.

(28) Review with management and the external auditor the Corporation's accounting policies and any changes that are proposed to be made thereto, including all critical accounting policies and practices used, any alternative treatments of financial information that have been discussed with management, the ramification of their use and the external auditor's preferred treatment and any other material communications with management with respect thereto.

- (29) Review the disclosure and impact of contingencies and the reasonableness of the provisions, reserves and estimates that may have a material impact on financial reporting.
- (30) If considered appropriate, establish separate systems of reporting to the Audit Committee by each of management and the external auditor.
- (31) Periodically consider the need for an internal audit function, if not present.

#### **Risk Management**

(32) Review program of risk assessment and steps taken to address significant risks or exposures of all types, including insurance coverage and tax compliance.

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#### General

- With prior Board approval, the Audit Committee may at its discretion retain independent counsel, accountants and other
  professionals to assist it in the conduct of its activities and to set and pay (as an expense of the Corporation) the compensation for any such advisors.
- (34) Respond to requests by the Board with respect to the functions and activities that the Board requests the Audit Committee to perform.
- (35) Periodically review this Charter and, if the Audit Committee deems appropriate, recommend to the Board changes to this Charter.
- (36) Review the public disclosure regarding the Audit Committee required from time to time by applicable Canadian securities laws, including:
  - (i) the Charter of the Audit Committee;
  - (ii) the composition of the Audit Committee;
  - (iii) the relevant education and experience of each member of the Audit Committee;
  - (iv) the external auditor services and fees; and
  - (v) such other matters as the Corporation is required to disclose concerning the Audit Committee.
- (37) Review in advance, and approve, the hiring and appointment of the Corporation's senior financial executives by the Corporation, if any.
- (38) Perform any other activities as the Audit Committee deems necessary or appropriate including ensuring all regulatory documents are compiled to meet Committee reporting obligations under 52-110.

#### SECTION 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

#### Submitting a Complaint

Anyone may submit a complaint regarding conduct by the Corporation or its employees or agents (including its independent auditors) reasonably believed to involve questionable accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters. The Chair should oversee treatment of such complaints.

#### Procedures

- (2) The Chair will be responsible for the receipt and administration of employee complaints.
- (3) In order to preserve anonymity when submitting a complaint regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters, the employee may submit a complaint confidentially.

#### Investigation

(4) The Chair should review and investigate the complaint. Corrective action will be taken when and as warranted in the Chair's discretion.

#### Confidentiality

(5) The identity of the complainant and the details of the investigation should be kept confidential throughout the investigatory process.

#### **Records and Report**

(6) The Chair should maintain a log of complaints, tracking their receipt, investigation, findings and resolution, and should prepare a summary report for the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee is a committee of the Board and is not and shall not be deemed to be an agent of the Corporation's securityholders for any purpose whatsoever. The Board may, from time to time, permit departures from the terms hereof, either prospectively or retrospectively, and no provision contained herein is intended to give rise to civil liability to securityholders of the Corporation or other liability whatsoever.

#### MERCER PARK BRAND ACQUISITION CORP.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

AND

#### **APRIL 16, 2019 (DATE OF INCORPORATION)**

#### **TO DECEMBER 31, 2019**

#### (EXPRESSED IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS)

#### AUDITORS REPORT

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#### **REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Shareholders of Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp.

#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. ("the Corporation") as of December 31, 2020 and 2019 and the related statements of operations and comprehensive income, shareholders' deficiency, and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2020 and the period from April 16, 2019 (date of incorporation) to December 31, 2019, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the financial statements).

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2020 and the period from April 16, 2019 (date of incorporation) to December 31, 2019, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Corporation will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Corporation is dependent on the continued support of its Sponsor and/or the completion of the Qualifying Transaction within the permitted timeline, that raise substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. Management's plans in regard to these matters are also described in Note 1. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

#### **Change in Accounting Framework**

The Corporation has elected to change its accounting framework from International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for the year ended December 31, 2020 and the period from April 16, 2019 (date of incorporation) to December 31, 2019.

## **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Corporation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Corporation's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Corporation Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Corporation in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Corporation is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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Chartered Professional Accountants Licensed Public Accountants

We have served as the Corporation's auditor since 2019.

Toronto, Canada March 29, 2021

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Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp.		
Balance Sheets (Expressed in United Stated Dollars)		
(Expressed in Onited Stated Donars)		 
As at December 31,	 2020	 2019
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash	\$ 2,095,023	\$ 4,127,262

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Income tax recoverable Prepaid expenses		9,852		
	2 20			140,869
		4,875		4,268,131
Marketable securities held in a escrow account (note 5)	407,53	· /	4	405,796,047
Deferred tax asset (note 14)		8,435		713,425
Total assets	\$ 411,44	/	<b>S</b> 4	410,777,603
	<u>+,</u>	- <u>,</u>	-	
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIENCY				
Comment				
Current	¢ 20/	( 770	\$	144 757
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Income tax payable (note 14)	\$ 39	5,779	Э	144,757 713,425
Due to related parties (note 12)	24	-		172,214
Due to related parties (note 12)		/		
Defendent demonitories (note 0)		5,813		1,030,396
Deferred underwriters' commission (note 9)	16,10	<u> </u>	_	16,100,000
Total liabilities	16,84	5,813		17,130,396
Commitments and contingencies				
Class A Restricted Voting Shares subject to redemption, 40,250,000 shares (at a redemption value of \$10.00 per share) (note 6)	402,50	),000	4	402,500,000
Shareholders' deficiency				
Class B shares, unlimited authorized, 10,198,751 issued (note 8(a))		-		-
Additional paid-in-capital	(11,684	4,284)		(11,684,284)
Retained earnings	3,77	8,837		2,831,491
Total shareholders' deficiency	(7,905	5,447)		(8,852,793)
Total liabilities and shareholders' deficiency	\$ 411,440	),366	<b>\$</b> 4	410,777,603

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Description of organization and business operations and going concern** (note 1) **Subsequent event** (note 15)

Approved on behalf of the Board:

"Jonathan Sandelman", Director

"Charles Miles", Director

Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Expressed in United States Dollars)

	 Year Ended December 31 2020		to cember 31, 2019
Income			
Interest income	\$ 1,742,747	\$	3,296,977
Expenses			
General and administrative (note 11)	702,259		381,137
Travel	50,000		85,000
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	43,142		(651)
	 795,401		465,486
Net income before income taxes	947,346		2,831,491
		_	
Income taxes (note 14)			
Current tax (recovery) expense	(114,990)		713,425
Deferred tax expense (recovery)	114,990		(713,425)
	-		-
Net income and comprehensive income for the year/period	\$ 947,346	\$	2,831,491
Basic and diluted net income per Class B share	\$ 0.09	\$	0.31
Weighted average number of Class B Shares outstanding (basic and diluted)	 10,198,751		9,253,693

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. Statements of Cash Flows (Expressed in United States Dollars)

	-	ar Ended cember 31 2020	( Inco	rom April 16, 2019 (Date of orporation) to cember 31, 2019
Operating activities				
Net income for the year/period	\$	947,346	\$	2,831,491
Items not affecting cash:				
Deferred tax		114,990		(713,425)
Changes in non-cash working capital items:				
Prepaid expenses		140,869		(140,869)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		252,022		144,757
Due to related parties		176,820		172,214
Income tax payable/(recoverable)		(1,923,277)		713,425
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities		(291,230)		3,007,593
Investing activity				
Investment in marketable securities held in a escrow account, net		(1,741,009)	(4	105,796,047)
Net cash used in investing activity		(1,741,009)	(4	105,796,047)
Financing activities				
Proceeds from issuance of Class B Shares to Founders (note 8(a))		-		25,010

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Proceeds from issuance of Class B Units (note 8(a))	-	1,090,000
Proceeds from issuance of Warrants to Founders (note 7)	-	9,810,000
Proceeds from issuance of Class A Restricted Voting Units (note 6)	-	402,500,000
Transaction costs (note 9)	-	(6,509,294)
Net cash provided by financing activities		406,915,716
Net change in cash during the year/period	(2,032,239)	4,127,262
Balance, beginning of year/period	4,127,262	-
Balance, end of year/period	\$ 2,095,023	\$ 4,127,262
Supplementary information		
Income taxes paid	\$ 1,808,297	\$ -
Interest received in cash	1,742,747	2,506,813

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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# Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Deficiency (Expressed in United States Dollars)

	Class B shares			Additional Paid-in capital			
	Number	Amount		Number	Amount	Retained Earnings	Total Shareholder's Deficiency
From commencement of operations on April 16, 2019	-	\$	-	-	<b>\$</b> -	\$ -	\$ -
Issuance of Class B Shares in connection with organization of the Corporation (note 8(a))	1		-	-	10	-	10
Issuance of Class B Shares to Founders (note 1 and note 8(a))	10,089,750		-	-	25,000	-	25,000
Issuance of Warrants to Founders	-		-	9,810,000	9,810,000	-	9,810,000
Issuance of Class B Units to Sponsor (note 1 and note 8(a)) (share portion)	109,000		-	-	1,056,210	-	1,056,210
Issuance of Class B Units to Sponsor (note 1 and note 8(a)) (Warrant portion)	-		-	54,500	33,790	-	33,790
Issuance of Class A Restricted Voting Units pursuant to the Offering (note 6) (share portion)	-		-	40,250,000	390,022,500	-	390,022,500
Issuance of Class A Restricted Voting Units pursuant to the Offering (note 6) (Warrant portion)	-		-	20,125,000	12,477,500	-	12,477,500
Class A Restricted Voting Shares subject to possible redemption; 40,250,000 Shares at a redemption value of \$10 per share	-		-	(40,250,000	(402,500,000)	-	(402,500,000)
Transaction costs (note 9)			-	-	(22,609,294)	-	(22,609,294)
Net income and comprehensive income for the period	-			-	-	2,831,491	2,831,491
Balance, December 31, 2019	10,198,751		-	29,989,500	(11,684,284)	2,831,491	(8,852,793)
Net income and comprehensive income for the year	-			-	-	947,346	947,346
Balance, December 31, 2020	10,198,751	\$	-	29,989,500	\$ (11,684,284)	\$ 3,778,837	\$ (7,905,447)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended December 31, 2020 and From April 16, 2019 (Date of Incorporation) To December 31, 2019 (Expressed in United States Dollars)

### 1. Description of organization and business operations and going concern

Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. (the "Corporation") is a corporation which was incorporated for the purpose of effecting an acquisition of one or more businesses or assets, by way of a merger, amalgamation, arrangement, share exchange, asset acquisition, share purchase, reorganization, or any other similar business combination involving the Corporation (a "Qualifying Transaction"). The Corporation's business activities are carried out in a single business segment.

The Corporation was incorporated on April 16, 2019 under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia), commenced operations on April 16, 2019. The head office of the Sponsor (as defined below) is located at 590 Madison Avenue, 26<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York, 10022.

The Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on the continued support of its Sponsor, Mercer Park CB II, L.P. and/or upon the completion of the Qualifying Transaction within the permitted timeline which is prior to May 13, 2021. There can be no assurance that we will be successful in completing our Qualifying Transaction. Under the NEO rules, the Corporation is able to borrow funds from the Sponsor (see Note 10). In the event our Qualifying Transaction does not occur the escrowed cash will be returned to the Class A restricted voting shareholders and the Sponsor will have no recourse against the escrowed cash.

These uncertainties cast significant doubt upon the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern and the ultimate appropriateness of using accounting principles applicable to a going concern. These financial statements do not include any adjustments to the amounts and classification of assets and liabilities that might be necessary should the Corporation be unable to continue as a going concern. If the Corporation is not able to continue as a going concern, the Corporation may be required to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in other than the normal course of business and at amounts different from those reflected in these financial statements. These differences could be material.

On May 13, 2019, the Corporation completed its initial public offering (the "Offering") of 40,250,000 Class A Restricted Voting Units (including 5,250,000 Class A Restricted Voting Units issued pursuant to the exercise in full of the over-allotment option) at \$10.00 per Class A Restricted Voting Unit. Each Class A Restricted Voting Unit consisted of one Class A restricted voting share ("Class A Restricted Voting Share") of the Corporation and one-half of a share purchase warrant (each, a "Warrant"). In accordance with the Corporation's articles, each Class A Restricted Voting Share, unless previously redeemed, will be automatically converted into one Subordinate Voting Share following the closing of a Qualifying Transaction. All Warrants will become exercisable at a price of \$11.50 per share, commencing 65 days after the completion of a Qualifying Transaction, and will expire on the day that is five years after the completion of a Qualifying Transaction does not occur within the permitted timeline of 21 months ("Permitted Timeline") (subject to extension, as further described herein) from the closing of the Offering or if the expiry date is accelerated. Each Whole Warrant is exercisable to purchase one Class A Restricted Voting Share (which, following the closing of the Qualifying Transaction, would become one Subordinate Voting Share).

In connection with the Offering, the Corporation granted the underwriter a 30-day non- transferable option to purchase up to an additional 5,250,000 Class A Restricted Voting Units, at a price of \$10.00 per Class A Restricted Voting Unit, to cover over-allotments, if any, and for market stabilization purposes. The over-allotment option was exercised prior to the close of the IPO. As a result of the exercise of the over-allotment option, Mercer Park CB II, L.P. (the "Sponsor"), a limited partnership formed under the laws of the State of Delaware, indirectly controlled by Mercer Park, L.P., a privately-held family office based in New York, New York and Charles Miles and Sean Goodrich (or persons or companies controlled by them) (collectively with the Sponsor, the "Founders"), own an aggregate of 10,089,750 Class B Shares, including 109,000 Class B Units and 9,810,000 Founders' Warrants.

### 1. Description of organization and business operations (continued)

Concurrent with the completion of the Offering, the Founders purchased an aggregate of 10,089,750 Class B Shares ("Founders' Shares"), consisting of 10,069,750 Class B Shares purchased by the Sponsor, 10,000 Class B Shares purchased by Charles Miles, and 10,000 Class B Shares purchased by Sean Goodrich. In addition, the Sponsor purchased an aggregate of 9,810,000 Warrants ("Founders' Warrants") at \$1.00 per Founders' Warrant and purchased 109,000 Class B Units.

Upon closing of the Qualifying Transaction, the Class B Shares will, in accordance with the Corporation's articles, convert on a 100-for-1 basis into Multiple Voting Shares.

Each Class A Restricted Voting Unit commenced trading on May 13, 2019 on the Neo Exchange Inc. (the "Exchange") under the symbol "BRND.U", and separated into Class A Restricted Voting Shares and Warrants on June 24, 2019, which trade under the symbols "BRND.A.U", and "BRND.WT", respectively. The Class B Shares issued to the Founders will not be listed prior to the completion of the Qualifying Transaction.

The proceeds of \$402,500,000 from the Offering are held by Odyssey Trust Company, as Escrow Agent, in an escrow account (the "Escrow Account") at a Canadian chartered bank or subsidiary thereof, in accordance with the escrow agreement. Subject to applicable law and payment of certain taxes, permitted redemptions and certain expenses, as further described herein, none of the funds held in the Escrow Account will be released to the Corporation prior to the closing of a Qualifying Transaction. The escrowed funds will be held to enable the Corporation to (i) satisfy redemptions made by holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares (including in the event of a Qualifying Transaction or an extension to the Permitted Timeline or up to 36 months with shareholder approval from the holders of Class A Restricted Shares and the Corporation's board of directors, or in the event a Qualifying Transaction does not occur within the Permitted Timeline), (ii) fund a Qualifying Transaction with the net proceeds following payment of any such redemptions and deferred underwriting commissions, and/or (iii) pay taxes on amounts earned on the escrowed funds and certain permitted expenses. Such escrowed funds and all amounts earned, subject to such obligations and applicable law, will be assets of the Corporation. These escrowed funds will also be used to pay the deferred underwriting commissions in the amount of \$16,100,000, 75% of which will be payable by the Corporation to the underwriter only upon the closing of a Qualifying Transaction (subject to availability, failing which any short fall would be required to be made up from other sources and the remaining 25% of which (or, if a lesser amount, the balance of the non-redeemed shares' portion of the Escrow Account, less tax liabilities on amounts earned on the escrowed funds and certain expenses directly related to redemptions) will be payable by the Corporation as it sees fit, including for payment to other agents or advisors who have assisted with or participated in the sourcing, diligence and completion of its Qualifying Transaction).

In connection with consummating a Qualifying Transaction, the Corporation will require approval by a majority of the directors unrelated to the Qualifying Transaction. In connection with the Qualifying Transaction, holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares will be given the opportunity to elect to redeem all or a portion of their Class A Restricted Voting Shares at a per share price, payable in cash, equal to the pro-rata portion per Class A Restricted Voting Share of: (A) the escrowed funds available in the Escrow Account at the time immediately prior to the redemption deposit timeline), including interest and other amounts earned thereon; less (B) an amount equal to the total of (i) applicable taxes payable by the Corporation on such interest and other amounts earned in the Escrow Account and (ii) actual and expected direct expenses related to the redemption, each as reasonably determined by the Corporation, subject to certain limitations. Each holder of Class A Restricted Voting Shares, together with any affiliate of such holder or any other person with whom such holder or affiliate is acting jointly or in concert, will be subject to a redemption limitation of an aggregate 15% of the number of Class A Restricted Voting Shares issued and outstanding. Class B Shares will not be redeemable in connection with a Qualifying Transaction or an extension to the Permitted Timeline and holders of Class B Shares shall not be entitled to access the Escrow Account should a Qualifying Transaction not occur within the Permitted Timeline.

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## 1. Description of organization and business operations (continued)

If the Corporation is unable to complete its Qualifying Transaction within the Permitted Timeline (or within an extension of the Permitted Timeline), the Corporation will be required to redeem each of the Class A Restricted Voting Shares. In such case, each holder of a Class A Restricted Voting Share will receive for an amount, payable in cash, equal to the pro-rata portion per Class A Restricted Voting Share of: (A) the Escrow Account, including any interest and other amounts earned; less (B) an amount equal to the total of (i) any applicable taxes payable by the Corporation on such interest and other amounts earned in the Escrow Account, (ii) any taxes of the Corporation arising in connection with the redemption of the Class A Restricted Voting Shares, and (iii) up to a maximum of \$50,000 of interest and other amounts earned to the dissolution and certain other related costs as reasonably determined by the Corporation. The underwriter will have no right to the deferred underwriting commissions held in the Escrow Account in such circumstances.

The outbreak of the novel strain of coronavirus, specifically identified as "COVID-19", has resulted in governments worldwide enacting emergency measures to combat the spread of the virus. These measures, which include the implementation of travel bans, self-imposed quarantine periods and social distancing, have caused material disruption to businesses globally resulting in an economic slowdown. Global equity markets have experienced significant volatility and weakness. It is uncertain what impact this volatility and weakness will have on the Corporation's securities held at fair value and short term investments. Governments and central banks have reacted with significant monetary and fiscal interventions designed to stabilize economic conditions. The duration and impact of the COVID-19 outbreak is unknown at this time, as is the efficacy of the government and central bank interventions. It is not possible to reliably estimate the length and severity of these developments and the impact on the financial results and condition of the Corporation in future periods.

### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The significant accounting policies adopted by the Corporation in the preparation of its financial statements are set out below.

### **Basis of presentation**

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") and pursuant to the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

## Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period.

Making estimates requires management to exercise significant judgment. It is at least reasonably possible that the estimate of the effect of a condition, situation or set of circumstances that existed at the date of the financial statements, which management considered in formulating its estimate, could change in the near term due to one or more future confirming events. Accordingly, the actual results could differ significantly from those estimates.

## Cash and cash equivalents

The Corporation considers all short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. The Corporation did not have any cash equivalents as of December 31, 2020 and 2019.

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# 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

## Cash held in escrow

At December 31, 2020, the Corporation had \$nil (December 31, 2019 - \$140,869) in an escrow account maintained by the Corporation's former legal counsel (the "Escrowed Amount"). The Escrowed Amount was being held in a non-interest bearing account and was under the Corporation's full control.

## Marketable securities held in Escrow Account

At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the assets held in the Escrow Account were substantially held in U.S. Treasury Bills.

# Common stock subject to possible redemption

The Corporation accounts for its Class A Restricted Voting Shares subject to possible redemption in accordance with the guidance in Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 480 "Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity." Shares subject to mandatory redemption are classified as a liability instrument and is measured at fair value. Conditionally redeemable shares (including shares that feature redemption rights that are either within the control of the holder or subject to redemption upon the occurrence of uncertain events not solely within the Corporation's control) is classified as temporary equity. At all other times, shares are classified as shareholders' equity. The Corporation's Class A Restricted Voting Shares features certain redemption rights that are considered to be outside of the Corporation's control and subject to occurrence of uncertain future events. Accordingly, Class A Restricted Voting Shares subject to possible redemption is presented at redemption value as temporary equity, outside of the shareholders' deficiency section of the Corporation's consolidated balance sheets.

## **Income Taxes**

The Corporation complies with the accounting and reporting requirements of ASC Topic 740, "Income Taxes," which requires an asset and liability approach to financial accounting and reporting for income taxes. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are computed for differences between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities that will result in future taxable or deductible amounts, based on enacted tax laws and rates applicable to the periods in which the differences are expected to affect taxable income. Valuation allowances are established, when necessary, to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized.

ASC Topic 740 prescribes a recognition threshold and a measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. For those benefits to be recognized, a tax position must be more-likely-than-not to be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities. The Corporation recognizes accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits as income tax expense. As of December 31, 2020 and 2019, there were no unrecognized tax benefits and no amounts accrued for interest and penalties. The Corporation is currently not aware of any issues under review that could result in significant payments, accruals or material deviation from its position.

## Net Income (Loss) Per Share

The Corporation complies with accounting and disclosure requirements of ASC Topic 260, "Earnings Per Share." Net income per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of Class B Shares outstanding during the period. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Corporation did not have any dilutive securities and other contracts that could, potentially, be exercised or converted into Class B Shares and then share in the income of the Corporation. As a result, diluted income per share is the same as basic income per share for the periods presented.

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# 2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

## **Concentration of credit risk**

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Corporation to concentration of credit risk consist of cash accounts in a financial institution, which, at times may exceed the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation coverage of \$100,000. At December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Corporation had not experienced losses on these accounts and management believes the Corporation is not exposed to significant risks on such accounts.

## Fair value of financial instruments

The fair value of the Corporation's assets and liabilities, which qualify as financial instruments under ASC Topic 820, "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures," approximates the carrying amounts represented in the accompanying balance sheets, primarily due to their short-term nature.

### **Recently issued accounting standards**

Management does not believe that any recently issued, but not yet effective, accounting pronouncements, if currently adopted, would have a material effect on the Corporation's financial statements.

## 3. Critical accounting judgments, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of these financial statements requires the Corporation to make judgments in applying its accounting policies and estimates and assumptions about the future. These judgments, estimates and assumptions affect the Corporation's reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and items in net income or loss, and the related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, if any. The Corporation evaluates its estimates on an ongoing basis. Such estimates are based on various assumptions that the Corporation believes are reasonable under the circumstances, and these estimates form the basis for making judgments about the carrying value of assets and liabilities and the reported amounts of items in net income or loss that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. The following discusses the most significant accounting judgments, estimates and assumptions that the Corporation has made in the preparation of its December 31, 2020 and 2019 financial statements.

## Warrant Valuation

Pursuant to the Offering, the Corporation issued Warrants. Estimating the fair value of warrants requires determining the most appropriate valuation model that is dependent on the terms and conditions of the warrant. The Corporation applies an option-pricing model to measure the fair value of the Warrants issued. Application of the option-pricing model requires estimates in expected dividend yields, expected volatility in the underlying assets and the expected life of the warrant. These estimates may ultimately be different from amounts subsequently realized, resulting in an overstatement or understatement of net income or loss.

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## 3. Critical accounting judgments, estimates and assumptions (continued)

### Income Tax

The determination of the Corporation's income taxes and other tax assets and liabilities requires interpretation of complex laws and regulations. Judgment is required in determining whether deferred income tax assets should be recognized on the balance sheet.

Deferred income tax assets, including those arising from unutilized tax losses, require management to assess the likelihood that the Corporation will generate taxable income in future periods in order to utilize recognized deferred tax assets. Estimates of future taxable income are based on forecasted cash flows from operations and the application of existing laws in each applicable jurisdiction. Future taxable income is also significantly dependent upon the Corporation completing a Qualifying Acquisition, the underlying structure of a Qualifying Acquisition, and the resulting nature of operations. To the extent that future cash flows and/or the probability, structure and timing, and the nature of operations of a future Qualifying Acquisition differ significantly from estimates made, the ability of the Corporation to realize a deferred tax asset could be materially impacted.

# 4. The Offering

Pursuant to the Offering, the Corporation sold 40,250,000 Class A Restricted Voting Units (including 5,250,000 Class A Restricted Voting Units issued pursuant to the exercise in full of the over-allotment option) at \$10.00 per Class A Restricted Voting Unit. Each Class A Restricted Voting Unit consisted of one Class A Restricted Voting Share of the Corporation and one-half of a Warrant. See note 1.

# 5. Marketable securities held in Escrow Account

As at December 31,	2	2020		2019	
Restricted cash	\$	981	\$	35,460	
Investments in United States Treasury Bills	407	,509,774		404,970,423	
Accrued interest		26,301		790,164	
Marketable securities held in Escrow Account	\$ 407	,537,056	\$	405,796,047	

# 6. Class A Restricted Voting Shares Subject to Redemption

# Authorized

The Corporation is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Class A Restricted Voting Shares. Following closing of the Qualifying Transaction, the Corporation will not issue any further Class A Restricted Voting Shares. The holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares have no preemptive rights or other subscription rights and there are no sinking fund provisions applicable to these shares.

## **Voting rights**

Prior to the consummation of a Qualifying Transaction, holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares are not entitled to vote at, or receive notice of or meeting materials in respect of meetings, held only to consider the election and/or removal of directors and auditors. The holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares are, however, entitled to vote on and receive notice of meeting materials on all other matters requiring shareholder approval, including approval of an extension of the Permitted Timeline, if applicable, and of a proposed Qualifying Transaction.

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# 6. Class A Restricted Voting Shares Subject to Redemption (continued)

# **Redemption rights**

The holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares are entitled to redeem their shares, subject to certain conditions, and are entitled to receive the escrow proceeds, net of applicable taxes and other permitted deductions, from the Escrow Account: (i) in the event that the Corporation does not complete a Qualifying Transaction within the Permitted Timeline; (ii) in the event of a Qualifying Transaction; and

(iii) in the event of an extension to the Permitted Timeline. Upon such redemption, the rights of holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares as shareholders will be completely extinguished.

## Value of Class A Restricted Voting Shares Subject to Redemption

The redemption rights embedded in the terms of the Corporation's Class A Restricted Voting Shares are considered by the Corporation to be outside of the Corporation's control and subject to uncertain future events. Accordingly, the Corporation has classified its "Class A Restricted Voting Shares subject to redemption" as commitments and contingencies at redemption value.

# Fair value of Class A restricted voting shares subject to redemption -- issued and outstanding

	Number	Amount
From commencement of operations on April 19, 2019	-	\$ -
Issuance of Class A Restricted Voting Shares pursuant to the Offering	35,000,000	350,000,000
Issuance of Class A Restricted Voting Shares pursuant to the over-allotment option	5,250,000	52,500,000
Balance, December 31, 2019 and 2020	40,250,000	402,500,000

## 7. Warrants

As at December 31, 2020 and 2019, the Corporation had 29,989,500 Warrants issued and outstanding, comprised of 20,125,000 Warrants forming part of the Class A Restricted Voting Units, 9,810,000 Founders' Warrants, and 54,500 Warrants forming part of the Class B Units.

All Warrants will become exercisable only commencing 65 days after the completion of our Qualifying Transaction. Each Warrant is exercisable to purchase one Class A Restricted Voting Share (which, following the closing of the Qualifying Transaction, would become one Subordinate Voting Share) at a price of \$11.50 per share. The Warrant Agreement provides that the exercise price and number of Subordinate Voting Shares issuable on exercise of the Warrants may be adjusted in certain circumstances, including in the event of a stock dividend, Extraordinary Dividend or a recapitalization, reorganization, merger or consolidation. The Warrants will not, however, be adjusted for issuances of Subordinate Voting Shares at a price below their exercise price. Once the Warrants become exercisable, the Corporation may accelerate the expiry date of the outstanding Warrants (excluding the Founders' Warrants but only to the extent still held by our Sponsor at the date of public announcement of such acceleration and not transferred prior to the accelerated expiry date, due to the anticipated knowledge by our Sponsor of material undisclosed information which could limit their flexibility) by providing 30 days' notice if, and only if, the closing share price of the Subordinate Voting Shares equals or exceeds \$18.00 per Subordinate Voting Share (as adjusted for stock splits or combinations, stock dividends, extraordinary dividends, reorganizations and recapitalizations and the like) for any 20 trading days within a 30 trading day period, in which case the expiry date shall be the date which is 30 days following the date on which such notice if provided.

The Warrants will not be entitled to the proceeds from the Escrow Account. The Warrant holders do not have the rights or privileges of holders of shares and any voting rights until they exercise their Warrants and receive corresponding Subordinate Voting Shares of the Corporation. After the issuance of corresponding Subordinate Voting Shares upon exercise of the Warrants, each holder is expected to be entitled to one vote for each Subordinate Voting Share held of record on all matters to be voted on by such shareholders.

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## 7. Warrants (continued)

**Restrictions on Transfer of Founders' Warrants** 

The Founders have agreed not to transfer any of their Founders' Warrants until after the closing of the Qualifying Transaction without the prior consent of the Exchange, except for transfers required due to the structuring of the Qualifying Transaction or to permitted transferees, with the Exchange's consent, in which case such restriction will apply to the securities received in connection with the Qualifying Transaction. Following completion of the Corporation's Qualifying Transaction, the Founders' Warrants, including Subordinate Voting Shares issuable on exercise of the Founders' Warrants, may be subject to certain sale or transfer restrictions in accordance with applicable securities laws.

### 8. Shareholders' deficiency

#### a) Class B Shares

#### Authorized

The Corporation is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Class B Shares without nominal or par value. Following closing of the Qualifying Transaction, the Corporation will not issue any further Class B Shares. The holders of Founders' Shares have no pre-emptive rights or other subscription rights and there are no sinking fund provisions applicable to these shares.

### **Voting rights**

Holders of Class B Shares are entitled to receive notice of any meeting of shareholders of the Corporation, and to attend, vote and speak at such meetings, with the exception of (i) meetings at which only holders of a specific class of shares are entitled to vote separately as a class under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia), and (ii) meetings to approve an extension of the Permitted Timeline within which the Corporation is required to complete its Qualifying Transaction, which will only be voted upon by holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares.

### **Redemption rights**

Holders of Class B Shares do not have any redemption rights, or rights to distributions from the Escrow Account if the Corporation fails to complete a Qualifying Transaction within the Permitted Timeline.

## Restrictions on transfer, assignment or sale of Founders' Shares

The holders of the Class B Shares have agreed not to transfer, assign or sell any of their Class B Shares, unless transferred, assigned or sold to permitted transferees with the Exchange's consent, prior to completion of the Corporation's Qualifying Transaction. Following completion of the Corporation's Qualifying Transaction, the Multiple-Voting Shares into which the Class B Shares are converted, may be subject to certain sale or transfer restrictions in accordance with applicable securities laws.

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# 8. Shareholders' deficiency (continued)

## b) Subordinate Voting Shares

## Authorized

The Corporation is authorized to issue an unlimited number of subordinate voting shares ("Subordinate Voting Shares") without nominal or par value. No Subordinate Voting Shares may be issued prior to the closing of a Qualifying Transaction, except in connection with such closing.

### **Voting rights**

Holders of Subordinate Voting Shares will be entitled to receive notice of any meeting of shareholders of the Corporation, and to attend, vote and speak at such meetings, except those meetings at which only holders of a specific class of shares are entitled to vote separately as a class under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia). On all matters upon which holders of Subordinate Voting Shares are entitled to vote, each Subordinate Voting Share will be entitled to one vote per Subordinate Voting Share.

## **Dividend rights**

See Note 8 – Multiple Voting Shares – Dividend rights.

### **Redemption rights**

Holders of Subordinate Voting Shares will not have any redemption rights.

### c) Multiple Voting Shares

#### Authorized

The Corporation is authorized to issue an unlimited number of multiple voting shares ("Multiple Voting Shares") without nominal or par value. No Multiple Voting Shares may be issued prior to the closing of a Qualifying Transaction, except in connection with such closing.

#### **Voting rights**

Holders of Multiple Voting Shares will be entitled to receive notice of any meeting of shareholders of the Corporation, and to attend, vote and speak at such meetings, except those meetings at which only holders of a specific class of shares are entitled to vote separately as a class under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia). On all matters upon which holders of Multiple Voting Shares are entitled to vote, each Multiple Voting Share will be entitled to 2,500 votes per Multiple Voting Share.

## **Dividend rights**

Holders of Subordinate Voting Shares will be entitled to receive dividends out of the assets available for the payment or distribution of dividends at such times and in such amount and form as the board of directors of the Corporation may from time to time determine on the following basis, and otherwise without preference or distinction among or between the Subordinate Voting Shares and Multiple Voting Shares: each Multiple Voting Share will be entitled to 100 times the amount paid or distributed per Subordinate Voting Share (including by way of share dividends, which holders of Multiple Voting Shares will receive in Multiple Voting Shares, unless otherwise determined by the board of directors of the Corporation) and each fraction of a Multiple Voting Share will be entitled to the applicable fraction thereof.

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## 8. Shareholders' deficiency (continued)

c) Multiple Voting Shares (continued)

## **Redemption rights**

Holders of Multiple Voting Shares will not have any redemption rights.

# 9. Transaction costs

Transaction costs consist principally of legal, accounting and underwriting costs incurred through to date of the balance sheet. Transaction costs incurred amounted to \$22,609,294 (including \$22,137,500 in underwriters' commission of which \$16,100,000 is deferred and payable only upon completion of a Qualifying Transaction) were charged to shareholder's equity upon completion of the Offering.

# Underwriter's commission

In consideration for its services in connection with the Offering, the Corporation has agreed to pay the underwriter a commission equal to 5.5% of the gross proceeds of the Class A Restricted Voting Units issued under the Offering. The Corporation paid \$ \$6,037,500, representing \$0.15 per Class A Restricted Voting Unit, to the underwriter upon closing of the Offering. Upon completion of a Qualifying Transaction, the remaining \$16,100,000 (representing \$0.40 per Class A Restricted Voting Unit) will be payable, 75% of which will be payable by the Corporation to the underwriter only upon the closing of a Qualifying Transaction (subject to availability, failing which any short fall would be required to be made up from other sources) and the remaining 25% of which (or, if a lesser amount, the balance of the non-redeemed shares' portion of the Escrow Account, less tax liabilities on amounts earned on the escrowed funds and certain expenses directly related to redemptions) will be payable by the Corporation as it sees fit, including for payment to other agents or advisors who have assisted with or participated in the sourcing, diligence and completion of its Qualifying Transaction).

# 10. Capital management

(a) The Corporation defines the capital that it manages as its shareholders' deficiency, net of its Class A Restricted Voting Shares subject to redemption. The following table summarizes the carrying value of the Corporation's capital as at December 31, 2020:

Balance, December 31, 2020	
Shareholders' deficiency	\$ (7,905,447)
Class A Restricted Voting Shares subject to redemption	402,500,000
Total	\$ 394,594,553
Balance, December 31, 2019	
Shareholders' deficiency	\$ (8,852,793)
Class A Restricted Voting Shares subject to redemption	402,500,000
Total	

The Corporation's primary objective in managing capital is to ensure capital preservation in order to benefit from acquisition opportunities as they arise.

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# 10. Capital management (continued)

(b) Liquidity

As at December 31, 2020, the Corporation had \$2,095,023 (December 31, 2019 - \$4,127,262) in cash and cash equivalents. The Corporation expects to incur significant costs in pursuit of its acquisition plans.

To the extent that the Corporation may require additional funding for general ongoing expenses or in connection with sourcing a proposed Qualifying Transaction, the Corporation may obtain such funding by way of unsecured loans from the Sponsor and/or its affiliates, subject to consent of the Exchange, which loans would, unless approved otherwise by the Exchange, bear interest at no more than the prime rate plus 1%. The Sponsor would not have recourse under such loans against the Escrow Account, and thus the loans would not reduce the value of such Escrow Account. Such loans would collectively be subject to a maximum principal amount of 10% of the escrowed funds, and may be repayable in cash following the closing of a Qualifying Transaction and may be convertible into Class B Shares and/ or Warrants in connection with the closing of a Qualifying Transaction, subject to Exchange consent.

Otherwise, and subject to any relief granted by the Exchange, the Corporation may seek to raise additional funds through a rights offering in respect of shares available to its shareholders, in accordance with the requirements of applicable securities legislation, and subject to placing the required funds raised in the Escrow Account in accordance with applicable Exchange rules.

# 11. General and administrative expenses

### Year Ended December 31, 2020

Professional fees	\$ 472,525
Public company filing and listing costs	229,706
General office expenses	28
	\$ 702,259
From April 16, 2019 (Date of Incorporation) to December 31, 2019	
From April 16, 2019 (Date of Incorporation) to December 31, 2019 Public company filing and listing costs	\$ 205,453
	\$ 205,453 175,684

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# 12. Related party transactions

In May 2019 the Corporation entered into an administrative services agreement with the Sponsor for an initial term of 18 months, subject to possible extension, for office space, utilities and administrative support, which may include payment for services of related parties, for, but not limited to, various administrative, managerial or operational services or to help effect a Qualifying Transaction. The Corporation has agreed to pay \$10,000 per month, plus applicable taxes for such services. As at December 31, 2020, the Corporation accrued \$205,000 (December 31, 2019 - \$85,000) in respect of these services.

On May 13, 2019, the Sponsor executed a make whole agreement and undertaking in favour of the Corporation, whereby the Sponsor agreed to indemnify the Corporation in certain limited circumstances where the funds held in the Escrow Account are reduced to below \$10.00 per Class A Restricted Voting Share.

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Corporation paid professional fees of \$26,256 (April 19, 2019 (date of incorporation) to December 31, 2019 - \$12,926) to Marrelli Support Services Inc. ("Marrelli Support"), an organization of which the Corporation's Chief Financial Officer is Managing Director. These services were incurred in the normal course of operations for general accounting and financial reporting matters. As at December 31, 2020, Marrelli Support was owed \$9,034 (December 31, 2019 - \$2,214) and was included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities on the Corporation's balance sheet.

During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Corporation paid professional fees and disbursements of \$106 (April 19, 2019 (date of incorporation) to December 31, 2019 - \$nil) to DSA Filing Services Limited ("DSA Filing"), an organization which Carmelo Marrelli, the

Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation, controls. These services were incurred in the normal course of operation of filing matters to adhere to the Corporation's continuous disclosure obligations and these amounts are included in public company filing and listing costs. As of December 31, 2020, DSA Filing was owed \$nil by the Corporation (December 31, 2019 - \$nil) and these amounts were included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Corporation paid professional fees and disbursements of \$1,116 (April 19, 2019 (date of incorporation) to December 31, 2019 - \$nil) to Marrelli Press Release Services Limited ("Marrelli Services Limited"), an organization of which Carmelo Marrelli, the Chief Financial of the Corporation, controls. These services were incurred in the Corporation's normal course of operations in adherence with its continuous disclosure obligations and these amounts are included in public company filing and listing costs. As of December 31, 2020, Marrelli Services Limited was owed \$nil (December 31, 2019 - \$nil) and these amounts were included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

From April 16, 2019 (Date of Incorporation) to December 31, 2019 and for the year ended December 31, 2020, Ayr Strategies Inc. ("Ayr"), a company with common management, incurred travel costs on behalf of the Corporation. As at December 31, 2020, the Corporation owed Ayr \$135,000 (December 31, 2019 - \$85,000) and which included in due to related parties on the Corporation's balance sheets. This is based on a cash-call-basis from Ayr.

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### 13. Fair value measurements

The Corporation follows the guidance in ASC 820 for its financial assets and liabilities that are re-measured and reported at fair value at each reporting period, and non-financial assets and liabilities that are re-measured and reported at fair value at least annually.

The fair value of the Company's financial assets and liabilities reflects management's estimate of amounts that the Corporation would have received in connection with the sale of the assets or paid in connection with the transfer of the liabilities in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. In connection with measuring the fair value of its assets and liabilities, the Corporation seeks to maximize the use of observable inputs (market data obtained from independent sources) and to minimize the use of unobservable inputs (internal assumptions about how market participants would price assets and liabilities). The following fair value hierarchy is used to classify assets and liabilities based on the observable inputs and unobservable inputs used in order to value the assets and liabilities:

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. An active market for an asset or liability is a market in which transactions for the asset or liability occur with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

Level 2: Observable inputs other than Level 1 inputs. Examples of Level 2 inputs include quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities and quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in markets that are not active.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs based on our assessment of the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

The following table presents information about the Corporation's assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2020 and 2019, and indicates the fair value hierarchy of the valuation inputs the Corporation utilized to determine such fair value:

Carrying value as at	Fair va	lue as at December 3	31, 2020
December 31, 2020	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)

Assets			
Marketable securities held in a escrow account	407,537,056	407,537,056	 

### Market risk

Market risk is the risk that a material loss may arise from fluctuations in the fair value of a financial instrument. For purposes of this disclosure, the Corporation segregates market risk into three categories: fair value risk, interest rate risk and currency risk.

### Fair value risk

Fair value risk is the potential for loss from an adverse movement, excluding movements relating to changes in interest rates and foreign exchange rates, because of changes in market prices. The Corporation is exposed to minimal fair value risk.

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## 13. Fair value measurements (continued)

#### Market risk (continued)

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk relates to the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Due to the fixed interest rate on the Corporation's restricted cash and short-term balance held in escrow, its exposure to interest rate risk is nominal.

#### Currency risk

Currency risk relates to the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates relative to the Corporation's presentation currency of the United States dollar. The Corporation does not currently have any exposure to currency risk as the Corporation transacts minimally in any currency other than the United States dollar.

## 14. Income taxes

The reconciliation of the combined Canadian federal and provincial statutory income tax rate of 27% (2019 - 27%) to the effective tax rate is as follows:

	Year Ended December 31 2020	From April 16, 2019 (Date of Incorporation) to December 31, 2019
Loss before tax at statutory rate	\$ 947,346	\$ 2,831,491
Effect on taxes of:		
Expected income tax (recovery) expense	255,790	764,503

Share issue costs booked through equity	-	(6,512,075)
Change in tax benefits not recognized	(255,790)	5,747,572
Income tax (recovery) expense	\$ -	\$ -

The Corporation's income tax (recovery) is allocated as follows:

		From April 16, 2019 (Date of
	Year Ended	Incorporation) to
	December 31	December 31,
	2020	2019
Current tax (recovery) expense	\$ (114,990)	\$ 713,425
Deferred tax expense (recovery)	114,990	(713,425)
	<b>\$</b>	\$ -

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# 14. Income taxes (continued)

#### **Deferred tax**

Deferred income tax assets are only given recognition in the Corporation's financial statements if management has determined that it is more likely than not that such deferred income tax assets may be recovered. In recognition of this uncertainty, management has provided a full valuation allowance on these deferred tax assets as set out below:

December 31,	2020		2019
Deferred underwriters' commission	\$ 4,347,000	\$	4,347,000
Share issue costs	1,193,090		1,555,687
	5,540,090	_	5,902,687
Valuation allowance	(4,941,655)		(5,189,262)
	\$ 598,435	\$	713,425

The Corporation may be subject to potential examination by Canadian tax authorities in the area of income taxes. These potential examinations may include questioning the timing and amount of deductions, the nexus of income among various tax jurisdictions and compliance with federal and provincial tax laws. The Corporation is currently not subject to any tax examinations.

## 15. Subsequent event

On February 2, 2020, the Corporation announced that it has an executed letter of intent in connection with a potential transaction, which would, if consummated, qualify as its qualifying transaction. Accordingly, the Corporation will be permitted until May 13, 2021 (24 months following the closing of its initial public offering) to conclude its qualifying transaction. The letter of intent is non-binding and proceeding with the transaction is subject to a number of conditions, including, among others, satisfactory due diligence and the negotiation and execution of a definitive agreement. The Corporation intends to disclose additional details regarding the transaction following the entry into a definitive agreement, if applicable. There can be no assurance that a definitive agreement will be completed.

#### MERCER PARK BRAND ACQUISITION CORP.

## (A SPECIAL PURPOSE ACQUISITION CORPORATION) MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 16, 2019 (DATE OF INCORPORATION) (EXPRESSED IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS)

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#### Introduction

The following management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") of the financial condition and results of the operations of Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. ("Brand", the "Corporation", "we", "our" or "us") constitutes management's review of the factors that affected the Corporation's financial and operating performance for the year ended December 31, 2020. This MD&A was written to comply with the requirements of National Instrument 51-102 – *Continuous Disclosure Obligations*. This discussion should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020 and from the April 16, 2019 (Incorporation Date) to December 31, 2019, and the related notes thereto. Results are reported in United States dollars, unless otherwise noted. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (which consist only of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. The results presented for the year ended December 31, 2020, are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any future period. The financial statements and the financial information contained in this MD&A were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). Further information about the Corporation and its operations can be obtained on <u>www.sedar.com</u>.

The Corporation intends to focus its search for target businesses that operate branded product businesses in cannabis and/or cannabis-adjacent industries; however, the Corporation is not limited to a particular industry or geographic region for purposes of completing its Qualifying Transaction (as defined below). Please refer to the Corporation's latest annual information form for risk factors and regulatory information (the "AIF") regarding the cannabis industry.

#### **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Information**

This MD&A contains certain forward-looking information and forward-looking statements, as defined in applicable securities laws (collectively referred to herein as "forward-looking statements"). These statements relate to future events or the Corporation's future performance. All statements other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements. Often, but not always, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "plans", "expects", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "continues", "forecasts", "projects", "predicts", "intends", "anticipates" or "believes", or variations of, or the negatives of, such words and phrases, or statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "should", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements. The following table outlines certain significant forward-looking statements contained in this

MD&A and provides the material assumptions used to develop such forward-looking statements and material risk factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements	Assumptions	Risk factors
The Corporation expects to complete a Qualifying Transaction (as defined below).	The Corporation expects to identify an asset or business/businesses to acquire and close a Qualifying Transaction, on terms favourable to the Corporation.	The Corporation's inability to find a target to complete a Qualifying Transaction within the Permitted Timeline (as defined below). If we are unable to consummate our Qualifying Transaction within the Permitted Timeline, we will be required to redeem 100% of the outstanding Class A Restricted Voting Shares (as

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		defined below), as described herein.
The Corporation's ability to meet its working	The operating activities of the	Changes in debt and equity markets;
capital needs at the current level for the	Corporation for the twelve-month	timing and availability of external
twelve-month period ending December 31,	period ending December 31, 2021, and	financing on acceptable terms; increases
2021.	the costs associated therewith, will be	in costs; regulatory compliance and
	consistent with the Corporation's	changes in regulatory compliance and
	current expectations; debt and equity	other local legislation and regulation;
	markets, exchange and interest rates	interest rate and exchange rate
	and other applicable economic	fluctuations; changes in economic
	conditions favourable to the	conditions; impact of COVID-19 and
	Corporation.	timing of a Qualifying Transaction.

Inherent in forward-looking statements are risks, uncertainties, and other factors beyond the Corporation's ability to predict or control. Please also refer to those risk factors referenced in the "Risk Factors" section below and in the AIF. Readers are cautioned that the above chart does not contain an exhaustive list of the factors or assumptions that may affect the forward-looking statements, and that the assumptions underlying such statements may prove to be incorrect. Actual results and developments are likely to differ, and may differ materially, from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A.

Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the Corporation's actual results, performance, or achievements to be materially different from any of its future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements herein are qualified by this cautionary statement. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. The Corporation undertakes no obligation to update publicly or otherwise revise any forward-looking statements whether because of new information or future events or otherwise, except as may be required by law. If the Corporation does update one or more forward-looking statements, no inference should be drawn that it will make additional updates with respect to those or other forward-looking statements, unless required by law.

## **Description of Business**

Brand is a corporation which was incorporated for the purpose of effecting an acquisition of one or more businesses or assets, by way of a merger, amalgamation, arrangement, share exchange, asset acquisition, share purchase,

reorganization, or any other similar business combination involving the Corporation (a "Qualifying Transaction"). The Corporation's business activities are carried out in a single business segment.

The Corporation was incorporated on April 16, 2019 under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia), commenced operations on April 16, 2019. The head office of the Sponsor (as defined below) is located at 590 Madison Avenue, 26th Floor, New York, New York, 10022.

On May 13, 2019, the Corporation completed its initial public offering (the "Offering") of 40,250,000 Class A Restricted Voting Units (including 5,250,000 Class A Restricted Voting Units issued pursuant to the exercise in full of the over-allotment option) at \$10.00 per Class A Restricted Voting Unit. Each Class A Restricted Voting Unit consisted of one Class A restricted voting share ("Class A Restricted Voting Share") of the Corporation and one-half of a share purchase warrant (each, a "Warrant"). In accordance with the Corporation's articles, each Class A Restricted Voting Share, unless previously redeemed, will be automatically converted into one Subordinate Voting Share following the closing of a Qualifying Transaction. All Warrants will become exercisable at a price of \$ 11.50 per share, commencing 65 days after the completion of a Qualifying Transaction, and will expire on the day that is five years after the completion of a Qualifying Transaction or may expire earlier if a Qualifying Transaction does not occur within the permitted timeline of 21 months (or 24 months if we have executed a letter of intent, agreement in principle or definitive agreement for a Qualifying Transaction within 21 months but have not completed the Qualifying Transaction within such 21-month period) ("Permitted Timeline") (subject to extension, as further described herein) from the closing of the Offering or if the expiry date is accelerated. Each Whole Warrant is exercisable to purchase one Class A Restricted Voting Share (which, following the closing of the Qualifying Transaction, would become one Subordinate Voting Share).

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> In connection with the Offering, the Corporation granted the underwriter a 30- day non-transferable option to purchase up to an additional 5,250,000 Class A Restricted Voting Units, at a price of \$10.00 per Class A Restricted Voting Unit, to cover overallotments, if any, and for market stabilization purposes. The over-allotment option was exercised prior to the close of the initial public offering. As a result of the exercise of the over-allotment option, the Founders, (as defined below) own an aggregate of 10,089,750 Class B Shares, including 109,000 Class B Units and 9,810,000 Founders' Warrants (as defined below).

> Concurrent with the completion of the Offering, Mercer Park CB II, L.P. (the "Sponsor"), a limited partnership formed under the laws of the State of Delaware, indirectly controlled by Mercer Park, L.P., a privately-held family office based in New York, New York and Charles Miles and Sean Goodrich (or persons or companies controlled by them) (collectively with the Sponsor, the "Founders") purchased an aggregate of 10,089,750 Class B Shares, consisting of 10,069,750 Class B Shares purchased by the Sponsor, 10,000 Class B Shares purchased by Charles Miles, and 10,000 Class B Shares purchased by Sean Goodrich. In addition, the Sponsor purchased an aggregate of 9,810,000 Warrants ("Founders' Warrants") at \$1.00 per Founders' Warrant.

Upon closing of the Qualifying Transaction, the Class B Shares would, in accordance with the Corporation's articles, convert on a 100-for-1 basis into Multiple Voting Shares.

Each Class A Restricted Voting Unit commenced trading on May 13, 2019 on the Neo Exchange Inc. (the "Exchange") under the symbol "BRND.U" and separated into Class A Restricted Voting Shares and Warrants on June 24, 2019, which trade under the symbols "BRND.A.U", and "BRND.WT", respectively. The Class B Shares issued to the Founders will not be listed prior to the completion of the Qualifying Transaction.

The proceeds of \$402,500,000 from the Offering are held by Odyssey Trust Company, as Escrow Agent, in an escrow account (the "Escrow Account") at a Canadian chartered bank or subsidiary thereof, in accordance with the escrow agreement. Subject to applicable law and payment of certain taxes, permitted redemptions and certain expenses, as further described herein, none of

the funds held in the Escrow Account will be released to the Corporation prior to the closing of a Qualifying Transaction. The escrowed funds will be held to enable the Corporation to (i) satisfy redemptions made by holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares (including in the event of a Qualifying Transaction, or an extension to the Permitted Timeline to up to 36 months with shareholder approval from the holders of Class A Restricted Shares and the Corporation's board of directors, or in the event a Qualifying Transaction does not occur within the Permitted Timeline), (ii) fund a Qualifying Transaction with the net proceeds following payment of any such redemptions and deferred underwriting commissions, and/or (iii) pay taxes on amounts earned on the escrowed funds and certain permitted expenses. Such escrowed funds and all amounts earned, subject to such obligations and applicable law, will be assets of the Corporation. These escrowed funds will also be used to pay the deferred underwriting commissions in the amount of \$16,100,000, 75% of which will be payable by the Corporation to the underwriter only upon the closing of a Qualifying Transaction (subject to availability, failing which any short fall would be required to be made up from other sources) and the remaining 25% of which (or, if a lesser amount, the balance of the non-redeemed shares' portion of the Escrow Account, less tax liabilities on amounts earned on the escrowed funds and certain expenses directly related to redemptions) will be payable by the Corporation as it sees fit, including for payment to other agents or advisors who have assisted with or participated in the sourcing, diligence and completion of its Qualifying Transaction.

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In connection with consummating a Qualifying Transaction, the Corporation will require approval by a majority of the directors unrelated to the Qualifying Transaction. In connection with the Qualifying Transaction, holders of Class A Restricted Voting Shares will be given the opportunity to elect to redeem all or a portion of their Class A Restricted Voting Shares at a per share price, payable in cash, equal to the pro-rata portion per Class A Restricted Voting Share of: (A) the escrowed funds available in the Escrow Account at the time immediately prior to the redemption deposit timeline, including interest and other amounts earned thereon; less (B) an amount equal to the total of (i) applicable taxes payable by the Corporation on such interest and other amounts earned in the Escrow Account and (ii) actual and expected direct expenses related to the redemption, each as reasonably determined by the Corporation, subject to certain limitations. Each holder of Class A Restricted Voting Shares, together with any affiliate of such holder or any other person with whom such holder or affiliate is acting jointly or in concert, will be subject to a redemption limitation of an aggregate 15% of the number of Class A Restricted Voting Shares issued and outstanding. Class B Shares will not be redeemable in connection with a Qualifying Transaction or an extension to the Permitted Timeline and holders of Class B Shares shall not be entitled to access the Escrow Account should a Qualifying Transaction not occur within the Permitted Timeline.

If the Corporation is unable to complete its Qualifying Transaction within the Permitted Timeline (or within an extension of the Permitted Timeline), the Corporation will be required to redeem each of the Class A Restricted Voting Shares. The Corporation's Warrants (including the Warrants underlying the Class A Restricted Voting Units and the Class B Units and the Founders' Warrants) will expire worthless. In such case, each holder of a Class A Restricted Voting Share will receive for an amount, payable in cash, equal to the pro-rata portion per Class A Restricted Voting Share of: (A) the Escrow Account, including any interest and other amounts earned; less (B) an amount equal to the total of (i) any applicable taxes payable by the Corporation on such interest and other amounts earned in the Escrow Account, (ii) any taxes of the Corporation arising in connection with the redemption of the Class A Restricted Voting Shares, and (iii) up to a maximum of \$50,000 of interest and other amounts earned to pay actual and expected expenses related to the dissolution and certain other related costs as reasonably determined by the Corporation. The underwriter will have no right to the deferred underwriting commissions held in the Escrow Account in such circumstances.

## **Overall Performance**

The Corporation has not conducted commercial operations and it is focused on the identification and evaluation of businesses or assets to acquire and there were no notable events that occurred during the reporting periods presented.

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Corporation earned interest income of \$1,742,747 and reported income of \$947,346 (\$0.09 basic and diluted income per Class B Share). From the Incorporation Date to December 31, 2019, the Corporation earned interest income of \$3,296,977 and reported income of \$2,831,491 (\$0.31 basic and diluted income per Class B Share). The expenses

for the year ended December 31, 2020 primarily related to general and administrative expenses of \$702,259, foreign exchange loss of \$43,142, travel of \$50,000, current income tax recovery of \$114,990 and deferred income tax of \$ 114,990. The expenses from the Incorporation date to December 31, 2019 primary relate to general and administrative expenses of \$ 381,137, foreign exchange gain of \$651, travel of \$85,000, current income tax of \$713,425 and deferred income tax recovery of \$713,425.

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Current liabilities as of December 31, 2020 total \$745,813 (December 31, 2019 - 1,030,396). Shareholders' deficiency as of December 30, 2020 is comprised of Class B Shares, unlimited, 10,198,751 issued of \$nil (December 31, 2019 - \$nil), additional paid-in-capital of (11,684,284) (December 31, 2019 - (11,684,284)) and retained earnings of \$3,778,837 (December 31, 2019 - \$2,831,491) for a net amount of (7,905,447) (December 31, 2019 - (8,852,793)) in shareholders' deficit.

Commitments and contingencies as of December 31, 2020 total \$402,500,000 (December 31, 2019 - \$ 402,500,000). It is comprised of Class A Restricted Voting Shares subject to redemption, 40,250,000 shares (at a redemption value of \$10.00 per share).

Working capital, which consists of current assets less current liabilities, is \$2,559,062 (December 31, 2019 - \$3,237,735) as of December 31, 2020. Management believes the Corporation's working capital is sufficient for the Corporation to meet its ongoing obligations and meet its objective of completing a Qualifying Transaction.

The weighted average number of Class B Shares outstanding for the year ended December 31, 2020 was 10,198,751 (December 31, 2019 – 9,253,693).

# Liquidity and Capital Resources

Marketable securities held in an escrow account		December 31, 2020	
United States Treasury Bills	\$	407,509,774	
Accrued interest	\$	26,301	
Restricted cash	\$	981	
Total marketable securities held in an escrow account	\$	407,537,056	
Per Class A Restricted Voting Shares subject to redemption	\$	10.00	
Cash held outside the escrow account	\$	2,095,023	

We intend to use substantially all the funds held in the Escrow Account, including interest (which interest shall be net of taxes payable and certain expenses) to consummate a Qualifying Transaction. To the extent that, after redemptions, our share capital or debt is used, in whole or in part, as consideration to consummate a Qualifying Transaction, the remaining proceeds held in the Escrow Account may be used as working capital to finance the operations of the target business or businesses, make other acquisitions and/or pursue a growth strategy.

As of December 31, 2020, we had cash held outside of our Escrow Account of \$2,095,023, which is available to fund our working capital requirements, including any further transaction costs that may be incurred. We expect to generate negative cash flow from operating activities in the future until our Qualifying Transaction is completed and we commence income generation. We intend to employ a proactive acquisition targeting strategy that identifies potential acquisition targets that align with the Corporation's investment objectives. Consistent with this strategy, we have identified the following general criteria and guidelines that we believe are important in evaluating prospective acquisition targets:

• Opportunity to consolidate a highly fragmented marketplace where even the largest brands represent less than 10% market share.

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- Ability to build an institutional-quality cannabis corporation focused on brands and branded products.
- Companies with strong marketing and brand development expertise.
- Companies that will benefit from a defined branding strategy.
- Companies with additional, strategic capabilities-such as distribution, manufacturing, or product development-that support brand value.
- Orphaned or underinvested brands within existing companies.
- Companies exhibiting growth and profitability performance that could be enhanced through improved access to capital and financial expertise.
- Opportunity to provide rescue financing for undercapitalized operators.
- Companies that will benefit from being a public company.

Management seeks to ensure that our operational and administrative costs are minimal prior to the completion of a Qualifying Transaction, with a view to preserving the Corporation's working capital.

We do not believe that we will need to raise additional funds to meet expenditures required for operating our business until the consummation of our Qualifying Transaction. We believe that we will have sufficient available funds outside of the Escrow Account to operate the business. However, we cannot be assured that this will be the case. To the extent that the Corporation may require additional funding for general ongoing expenses or in connection with sourcing a proposed Qualifying Transaction, we may seek funding by way of unsecured loans from our Sponsor and/or its affiliates, up to a maximum aggregate principal amount equal to 10% of the escrowed funds, subject to the consent of the Exchange, which loans would, unless approved otherwise by the Exchange, bear interest at no more than the prime rate plus 1%. Our Sponsor will not have recourse under such loans against the amounts in escrow. Such loans will collectively be subject to a maximum principal amount of 10% of the escrowed funds and may be repayable in cash following the closing of a Qualifying Transaction, subject to Exchange consent.

# **Discussion of Operations**

## Three Months Ended December 31, 2020 Compared to Three Months Ended December 31, 2019

The Corporation's net loss totaled \$ 144,116 for the three months ended December 31, 2020, with basic and diluted loss per Class B Share of \$0.01. Activities for this period principally related to general and administrative expenses of \$202,157, foreign exchange gain of \$2,451, travel of \$50,000, current income tax recovery of \$135,887 and deferred income tax of \$114,990. These expenses were offset by interest income of \$84,693.

The Corporation's net income totaled \$1,412,880 for the three months ended December 31, 2019, with basic and diluted income per Class B Share of \$0.16. Activities for this period principally related to general and administrative expenses of \$100,398, foreign exchange loss of \$2,963, travel of \$85,000, current income tax of \$713,425 and deferred income tax recovery of \$713,425. These expenses were offset by interest income of \$1,601,241.

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# Interest Income

Since completion of the Offering, the Corporation's activity has been limited to the evaluation of business acquisition targets, and we do not expect to generate any operating income until the closing and completion of a Qualifying Transaction. In the interim, we expect to generate small amounts of non-operating income in the form of interest income on cash and short-term investments, including restricted cash and short-term investments held in escrow. As of December 31, 2020, all funds held in escrow were included in United States Treasury Bills, except for \$981 held in a restricted cash account. Interest income on these investments is not expected to be significant in view of the current low interest rates.

During the three months ended December 31, 2020, the Corporation earned interest income of \$84,693 (three months ended December 31, 2019 - \$1,601,241).

# General and Administrative Expenses

The Corporation's general and administrative expenses consist of costs required to maintain its public company status in good standing, and expenses incurred to evaluate and identify companies, businesses, assets, or properties for potential acquisition in connection with the Corporation's Qualifying Transaction. General and administrative costs were \$202,157 for the three months ended December 31, 2020. General and administrative costs were \$100,398 for the three months ended December 31, 2019.

## Year Ended December 31, 2020 Compared to the Incorporation Date to December 31, 2019

The Corporation's net income totaled \$947,346 for the year ended December 31, 2020, with basic and diluted income per Class B Share of \$0.09. Activities for this period principally related to general and administrative expenses of \$702,259, foreign exchange loss of \$43,142, travel of \$50,000, current income tax recovery of \$114,990 and deferred income tax expense of \$114,990. These expenses were offset by interest income of \$1,742,747.

The Corporation's net income totaled \$2,831,491 from the Incorporation Date to December 31, 2019, with basic and diluted income per Class B Share of \$ 0.31. Activities for this period principally related to general and administrative expenses of \$381,137, foreign exchange gain of \$651, travel of \$85,000, current income tax of \$713,425 and deferred income tax recovery of \$713,425. These expenses were offset by interest income of \$3,296,977.

## Interest Income

Since completion of the Offering, the Corporation's activity has been limited to the evaluation of business acquisition targets, and we do not expect to generate any operating income until the closing and completion of a Qualifying Transaction. In the interim, we expect to generate small amounts of non-operating income in the form of interest income on cash and short-term investments, including restricted cash and short-term investments held in escrow. As of December 31, 2020, all funds held in escrow were included in United States Treasury Bills, except for \$981 held in a restricted cash account. Interest income on these investments is not expected to be significant in view of the current low interest rates.

During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Corporation earned interest income of \$1,742,747. During the period from the Corporation's commencement of operations on the Incorporation Date to December 31, 2019 the Corporation earned interest income of \$3,296,977.

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## General and Administrative Expenses

The Corporation's general and administrative expenses consist of costs required to maintain its public company status in good standing, and expenses incurred to evaluate and identify companies, businesses, assets, or properties for potential acquisition in connection with the Corporation's Qualifying Transaction. General and administrative costs were \$702,259 for the year ended December 31, 2020. General and administrative costs were \$381,137 from the Incorporation Date to December 31, 2019.

## **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

As of the date of this filing, the Corporation does not have any off- balance sheet arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a current or future effect on the results of operations or financial condition of the Corporation including, without limitation, such considerations as liquidity and capital resources that have not previously been discussed.

# **Proposed Transactions**

Although the Corporation has commenced the process of identifying potential acquisitions with a view to completing a Qualifying Transaction, the Corporation has not yet entered into a definitive agreement. See "Subsequent Event", below.

## **Selected Quarterly Information**

A summary of selected information for each of the quarters presented below is as follows:

	Income (\$)	No	et (Loss) Income (\$)	Basic and Diluted Loss per Class B Share (\$) <sup>(8)</sup>
December 31, 2020		- \$	$(144, 116)^{(7)}$	(0.01)
September 30, 2020		- \$	$(161,569)^{(6)}$	(0.02)
June 30, 2020		- \$	$(83,442)^{(5)}$	(0.01)
March 31, 2020		- \$	1,336,473 <sup>(4)</sup>	0.13
December 31, 2019		- \$	1,412,880 <sup>(3)</sup>	0.16
September 30, 2019		- \$	1,611,697 <sup>(2)</sup>	0.16
Incorporation date to June 30, 2019		- \$	(193,086) <sup>(1)</sup>	(0.03)

### Notes:

<sup>(1)</sup> From the Incorporation date to June 30, 2019, the Corporation earned interest income of \$40.00 and reported a loss of \$193,086 (\$0.03 basic and diluted loss per Class B Share). The loss in the current period primary related to general and administrative expenses of \$191,614 and foreign exchange of \$1,512;

<sup>(2)</sup> For the three months ended September 30, 2019, the Corporation earned interest income of \$1,695,696 and reported income of \$1,611,697 (\$0.16 basic and diluted income per Class B Share). The income in the current period primary related to general and administrative expenses of \$89,125 and foreign exchange gain of \$5,126;

<sup>(3)</sup> For the three months ended December 31, 2019, the Corporation earned interest income of \$1,601,241 and reported income of \$1,412,880 (\$0.16 basic and diluted income per Class B Share). The income in the current period primary related to general and administrative expenses of \$100,398, travel of \$85,000, foreign exchange loss of \$2,963, current income tax of \$713,425 and deferred income tax recovery of \$713,425;

<sup>(4)</sup> For the three months ended March 31, 2020, the Corporation earned interest income of \$1,495,772 and reported income of \$1,336,473 (\$0.13 basic and diluted income per Class B Share). The income in the current period primary related to general and administrative expenses of \$164,180 and foreign exchange income of \$4,881;

<sup>(5)</sup> For the three months ended June 30, 2020, the Corporation earned interest income of \$49,036 and reported a loss of \$83,442 (\$0.01 basic and diluted loss per Class B Share). The loss in the current period primary related to general and administrative expenses of \$83,493, foreign exchange loss of \$28,088 and a current tax expense of \$20,897;

<sup>(6)</sup> For the three months ended September 30, 2020, the Corporation earned interest income of \$113,246 and reported a loss of \$161,569 (\$0.02 basic and diluted loss per Class B Share). The loss in the current period primary related to general and administrative expenses of \$252,429 and foreign exchange loss of \$22,386;

<sup>(7)</sup> For the three months ended December 31, 2020, the Corporation earned interest income of \$84,693 and reported a loss of \$144,116 (\$0.01 basic and diluted income per Class B Share). The loss in the current period primary related to general and administrative expenses of \$202,157, foreign exchange gain of \$2,451, travel of \$50,000, current income tax recovery of \$135,887 and deferred income tax of \$114,990; and

<sup>(8)</sup> Per share amounts are rounded to the nearest cent, therefore aggregating quarterly amounts may not reconcile to year-to-date per share amounts.

## **Related Party Transactions**

In May 2019, the Corporation entered into an administrative services agreement with the Sponsor for an initial term of 18 months, subject to possible extension, for office space, utilities, and administrative support, which may include payment for services of related parties, for, but not limited to, various administrative, managerial, or operational services or to help effect a Qualifying Transaction. The Corporation has agreed to pay \$10,000 per month, plus applicable taxes for such services. As of December 31, 2020, the Corporation accrued \$205,000 (December 31, 2019 - \$85,000) in respect of these services.

On May 13, 2019, the Sponsor executed a make whole agreement and undertaking in favour of the Corporation, whereby the Sponsor agreed to indemnify the Corporation in certain limited circumstances where the funds held in the Escrow Account are reduced to below \$10.00 per Class A Restricted Voting Share.

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Corporation paid professional fees of \$26,256 (April 19, 2019 (date of incorporation) to December 31, 2019 - \$12,926) to Marrelli Support Services Inc. ("Marrelli Support"), an organization of which the Corporation's Chief Financial Officer is Managing Director. These services were incurred in the normal course of operations for general accounting and financial reporting matters. As of December 31, 2020, Marrelli Support was owed \$9,034 (December 31, 2019 - \$2,214) and was included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities on the Corporation's balance sheet.

During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Corporation paid professional fees and disbursements of \$106 (April 19, 2019 (date of incorporation) to December 31, 2019 - \$nil) to DSA Filing Services Limited ("DSA Filing"), an organization which Carmelo Marrelli, the Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation, controls. These services were incurred in the normal course of operation of filing matters to adhere to the Corporation's continuous disclosure obligations and these amounts are included in public company filing and listing costs. As of December 31, 2020, DSA Filing was owed \$nil by the Corporation (December 31, 2019 - \$nil) and these amounts were included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Corporation paid professional fees and disbursements of \$1,116 (April 19, 2019 (date of incorporation) to December 31, 2019 - \$nil) to Marrelli Press Release Services Limited ("Marrelli Services Limited"), an organization which Carmelo Marrelli, the Chief Financial of the Corporation, controls. These services were incurred in the Corporation's normal course of operations in adherence with its continuous disclosure obligations and these amounts are included in public company filing and listing costs. As of December 31, 2020, Marrelli Services Limited was owed \$nil (December 31, 2019 - \$nil) and these amounts were included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

From April 16, 2019 (Date of Incorporation) to December 31, 2019 and for the year ended December 31, 2020, Ayr Strategies Inc. ("Ayr"), a company with common management, incurred travel costs on behalf of the Corporation. As of December 31, 2020, the Corporation owed Ayr \$135,000 (December 31, 2019 - \$85,000) and which included in due to related parties on the Corporation's balance sheets. This is based on a cash-call-basis from Ayr.

## New standards not yet adopted, and interpretations issued but not yet effective

The Corporation does not believe that any accounting standards that have been recently issued but which are not yet effective would have a material effect on the Financial Statements if such accounting standards were currently adopted.

#### Accounting Policies and Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of the Corporation's financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and items in net income or loss and the related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Critical accounting estimates represent estimates made by management that are, by their very nature, uncertain. The Corporation evaluates its estimates on an ongoing basis. Such estimates are based on assumptions that the Corporation believes are reasonable under the circumstances, and these estimates form the basis for making judgments about the carrying value of assets and liabilities and the reported amount of items in net income or loss that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

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### Warrant Valuation

Pursuant to the Offering, the Corporation issued Warrants. Estimating the fair value of warrants requires determining the most appropriate valuation model that is dependent on the terms and conditions of the warrant. The Corporation applies an option-pricing model to measure the fair value of the Warrants issued. Application of the option-pricing model requires estimates in expected dividend yields, expected volatility in the underlying assets and the expected life of the warrant. These estimates may ultimately be different from amounts subsequently realized, resulting in an overstatement or understatement of net income or loss.

## Income Tax

The determination of the Corporation's income taxes, and other tax assets and liabilities requires interpretation of complex laws and regulations. Judgment is required in determining whether deferred income tax assets should be recognized on the balance sheet. Deferred income tax assets, including those arising from unutilized tax losses, require management to assess the likelihood that the Corporation will generate taxable income in future periods to utilize recognized deferred tax assets. Estimates of future taxable income are based on forecasted cash flows from operations and the application of existing laws in each applicable jurisdiction. Future taxable income is also significantly dependent upon the Corporation completing a Qualifying Acquisition, the underlying structure of a Qualifying Acquisition, and the resulting nature of operations. To the extent that future cash flows and/or the probability, structure and timing, and the nature of operations of a future Qualifying Acquisition differ significantly from estimates made, the ability of the Corporation to realize a deferred tax asset could be materially impacted.

#### **Controls and Procedures**

The Corporation's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting as defined in the Canadian Securities Administrators' National Instrument 52-109, *"Certification of Disclosure in Issuer's Annual and Interim Filings"*.

Under their supervision, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have implemented disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting appropriate for the nature of operations of the Corporation. Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Corporation in the reports it files or submits under securities legislation is recorded, processed, summarized and reported on a timely basis and that such information is accumulated and reported to management, including the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow required disclosures to be made in a timely fashion. Internal controls over financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS. The Corporation's design of its internal controls over financial reporting is based on the principles set out in the "Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013)" issued by The Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO)".

In accordance with National Instrument 52-109 - *Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings*, the Corporation has filed certificates signed by its Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer certifying certain matters with respect to the design of disclosure controls and procedures and the design of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2020.

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**Financial Instruments** 

The Corporation follows the guidance in ASC 820 for its financial assets and liabilities that are re-measured and reported at fair value at each reporting period, and non-financial assets and liabilities that are re-measured and reported at fair value at least annually.

The fair value of the Corporation's financial assets and liabilities reflects management's estimate of amounts that the Corporation would have received in connection with the sale of the assets or paid in connection with the transfer of the liabilities in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. In connection with measuring the fair value of its assets and liabilities, the Corporation seeks to maximize the use of observable inputs (market data obtained from independent sources) and to minimize the use of unobservable inputs (internal assumptions about how market participants would price assets and liabilities). The following fair value hierarchy is used to classify assets and liabilities based on the observable inputs and unobservable inputs used in order to value the assets and liabilities:

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. An active market for an asset or liability is a market in which transactions for the asset or liability occur with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

Level 2: Observable inputs other than Level 1 inputs. Examples of Level 2 inputs include quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities and quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in markets that are not active.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs based on our assessment of the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

The following table presents information about the Corporation's assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis on December 31, 2020 and 2019, and indicates the fair value hierarchy of the valuation inputs the Corporation utilized to determine such fair value:

	Carrying value as of			
	December 31, 2020 (\$)	Level 1 (*) (\$)	Level 2 (*) (\$)	Level 3 (*) (\$)
Assets				
Marketable securities held in an escrow account	407,537,056	407,537,056	nil	nil

(\*) Fair values as of December 31, 2020

The Corporation is exposed to financial risks due to the nature of its business and the financial assets and liabilities that it holds. The Corporation's overall risk management strategy seeks to minimize potential adverse effects of the Corporation's financial performance. In particular, the Corporation intends to only invest the proceeds deposited in the Escrow Account in instruments that are the obligation of, or guaranteed by, the federal government of the United States of America or Canada. The Corporation believes this to be a low-risk strategy until the Corporation completes a Qualifying Transaction.

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#### Market risk

Market risk is the risk that a material loss may arise from fluctuations in the fair value of a financial instrument. For purposes of this disclosure, the Corporation segregates market risk into three categories: fair value risk, interest rate risk and currency risk.

## Fair value risk

Fair value risk is the potential for loss from an adverse movement, excluding movements relating to changes in interest rates and foreign exchange rates, because of changes in market prices. The Corporation is exposed to minimal fair value risk.

### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk relates to the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Due to the fixed interest rate on the Corporation's restricted cash and short-term balance held in escrow, its exposure to interest rate risk is nominal.

## **Currency** risk

Currency risk relates to the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates relative to the Corporation's presentation currency of the United States dollar. The Corporation does not currently have any exposure risk as the Corporation transacts minimally in any currency other than the United States dollar.

#### **Capital Management**

(a) The Corporation defines the capital that it manages as its shareholders' deficiency, net of its Class A Restricted Voting Shares subject to redemption. The following table summarizes the carrying value of the Corporation's capital as of December 31, 2020:

	\$
Shareholders' deficiency	(7,905,447)
Class A Restricted Voting Shares	
subject to redemption	402,500,000
Balance, December 31, 2020	394,594,553

The Corporation's primary objective in managing capital is to ensure capital preservation to benefit from acquisition opportunities as they arise.

#### (b) Liquidity

As of December 31, 2020, the Corporation had \$2,095,023 (December 31, 2019 - \$4,127,262) in cash and cash equivalents. The Corporation expects to incur significant costs in pursuit of its acquisition plans.

To the extent that the Corporation may require additional funding for general ongoing expenses or in connection with sourcing a proposed Qualifying Transaction, the Corporation may obtain such funding by way of unsecured loans from the Sponsor and/or its affiliates, subject to consent of the Exchange, which loans would, unless approved otherwise by the Exchange, bear interest at no more than the prime rate plus 1%. The Sponsor would not have recourse under such loans against the Escrow Account, and thus the loans would not reduce the value of such Escrow Account. Such loans would collectively be subject to a maximum principal amount of 10% of the escrowed funds and may be repayable in cash following the closing of a Qualifying Transaction and may only be convertible into Class B Shares and/or Warrants in connection with the closing of a Qualifying Transaction subject to Exchange consent.

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Otherwise, and subject to any relief granted by the Exchange, the Corporation may seek to raise additional funds through a rights offering in respect of shares available to its shareholders, in accordance with the requirements of applicable securities legislation, and subject to placing the required funds raised in the Escrow Account in accordance with applicable Exchange rules.

### Outlook

For the immediate future, the Corporation intends to identify and evaluate potential Qualifying Transactions. The Corporation continues to monitor its spending and will amend its plans based on business opportunities that may arise in the future.

#### **Share Capital**

As of the date of this MD&A, the Corporation had 40,250,000 Class A Restricted Voting Shares of the Corporation issued and outstanding. In addition, the Corporation had an aggregate of 10,089,751 Class B Shares, 109,000 Class B Units and 29,989,500 Warrants issued and outstanding.

#### **Risk Factors**

Please refer to the Corporation's AIF for information on the risk factors to which the Corporation is subject. In addition, see "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Information" above.

### Contingency

The outbreak of the novel strain of coronavirus, specifically identified as "COVID-19", has resulted in governments worldwide enacting emergency measures to combat the spread of the virus. These measures, which include the implementation of travel bans, self-imposed quarantine periods and social distancing, have caused material disruption to businesses globally resulting in an economic slowdown. Global equity markets have experienced significant volatility and weakness. It is uncertain what impact this volatility and weakness will have on the Corporation's securities held at fair value and short-term investments. Governments and central banks have reacted with significant monetary and fiscal interventions designed to stabilize economic conditions. The duration and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is unknown at this time, as is the efficacy of the government and central bank interventions. It is not possible to reliably estimate the length and severity of these developments and the impact on the financial results and condition of the Corporation in future periods, including the ability of the Corporation to complete a Qualifying Transaction.

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#### Subsequent Event

On February 2, 2020, the Corporation announced that it has an executed letter of intent in connection with a potential transaction, which would, if consummated, qualify as its qualifying transaction. Accordingly, the Corporation will be permitted until May 13, 2021 (24 months following the closing of its initial public offering) to conclude its qualifying transaction. The letter of intent is non-binding and proceeding with the transaction is subject to several conditions, including, among others, satisfactory due diligence and the negotiation and execution of a definitive agreement. The Corporation intends to disclose additional details regarding the transaction following the entry into a definitive agreement, if applicable. There can be no assurance that a definitive agreement will be completed.

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Exhibit 99.35



## CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the use of our auditor's report dated March 29, 2021 with respect to the financial statements of Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. as at December 31, 2020 and 2019 and for the year ended December 31, 2020 and the period from April 16, 2019 (date of incorporation) to December 31, 2019 (which expresses an unqualified opinion and includes an explanatory paragraph relating to the conditions and events that raise substantial doubt on the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern), included in the Registration Statement on Form 40-F of Mercer Park Brand Acquisition Corp. as filed with the United States Securities Exchange Commission.

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**Chartered Professional Accountants** 

Licensed Public Accountants

March 29, 2021

Toronto, Canada