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12 April 2019

## Hipgnosis Songs Fund Limited ("Hipgnosis" or the "Company")

## **Proposed Placing under the Placing Programme**

On 1 April 2019, Hipgnosis announced that it had, since IPO, acquired, or entered into exclusivity agreements to acquire, catalogues with a total value of £234.1 million, that the Investment Adviser had identified a number of further significant catalogues for potential acquisition and that the Company is contemplating an equity raise in Q2 of 2019.

Accordingly, to satisfy demand for new shares from existing shareholders and to provide additional funding for investments in line with its investment policy the Company announces that it intends to raise up to £100 million by way of a placing of new Ordinary Shares under the Company's Placing Programme pursuant to the prospectus published by the Company on 27 June 2018 (respectively the "Placing" and the "Prospectus").

## **Proposed Placing under Placing Programme**

The proposed Placing will take place through the Company's broker, N+1 Singer Advisory LLP ("N+1 Singer").

The issue price per new Ordinary Share issued under the Placing will be 102 pence. This represents a discount of 3.8 per cent. to the closing price per Ordinary Share of 106 pence at the close of business on 11 April 2019, and a 3.3 per cent. premium to the Company's last published Operative NAV of 98.74 pence per Ordinary Share (as at 30 September 2018). The new Ordinary Shares will be eligible for the dividend payable in respect of the period from 1 January 2019 to 31 March 2019 which is expected to be declared by the end of April 2019. Based on the Company's NAV as at 30 September 2018, the Placing will be accretive to NAV for existing shareholders.

When issued, any Ordinary Shares issued pursuant to the Placing will rank *pari passu* with the existing Ordinary Shares in issue.

The Placing shall commence immediately following this announcement and will be closed at the discretion of the Company and N+1 Singer. The final number of new Ordinary Shares will be agreed between the Company and N+1 Singer following close of the Placing, and announced shortly thereafter.

N+1 Singer may choose to accept applications, either in whole or in part, on the basis of allocations determined in agreement with the Company, and may scale back any applications for this purpose on such basis as the Company and the N+1 Singer may determine. N+1 Singer may also, notwithstanding the above and subject to the prior consent of the Company: (i) allocate new Ordinary Shares after the time of any initial allocation to any person submitting an application after that time, and (ii) allocate new Ordinary Shares after the Placing has closed to any person submitting an application after that time.

The Company's Board, in consultation with the N+1 Singer, may also decide not to proceed with the Placing for any reason. In this case, an announcement will be made by the Company.

Application will be made to the London Stock Exchange for any new Ordinary Shares issued pursuant to the Placing to be admitted to the Specialist Fund Segment of the London Stock Exchange's main market ("Admission"). The date Admission will become effective, and that dealings in the new Ordinary Shares will commence, will be agreed between the Company and N+1 Singer following close of the Placing, and announced shortly thereafter, but in any event will not be later than 30 April 2019.

The Placing is being made pursuant to the terms and conditions set out in Part X of the Prospectus. Investors are invited to apply for new Ordinary Shares pursuant to the Placing by contacting their usual contact at N+1 Singer.

A copy of the Prospectus is available on the Company's website <a href="https://www.hipgnosissongs.com/">https://www.hipgnosissongs.com/</a>, subject to certain access restrictions. It is also available for inspection at the Company's Administrator's office, Estera International Fund Managers, Heritage Hall Le Marchant Street St. Peter Port, GY1 4HY, Guernsey. It can also be found at the National Storage Mechanism via <a href="https://www.hipgnosissongs.com/">www.morningstar.co.uk/uk/NSM</a>.

Unless otherwise defined, capitalised terms in this announcement shall have the meaning given to them in the Prospectus.

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## **About Hipgnosis Songs Fund Limited**

(www.hipgnosissongs.com)

Hipgnosis, which was founded by Merck Mercuriadis, is a Guernsey registered investment company established to offer investors a pure-play exposure to songs and associated musical intellectual property rights. In its Initial Public Offering on the Specialist Fund Segment of the London Stock Exchange's main market on 11 July 2018, the Company raised approximately £200m gross equity capital.

# About The Family (Music) Limited

The Company's Investment Adviser is The Family (Music) Limited, which was founded by Merck Mercuriadis, former manager of globally successful recording artists, such as Elton John, Guns N' Roses, Morrissey, Iron Maiden and Beyoncé, and hit songwriters such as Diane Warren, Justin Tranter and The-Dream, and former CEO of The Sanctuary Group plc. The Investment Adviser has assembled an Advisory Board of highly successful music industry experts which include award winning members of the artist, songwriter, publishing, legal, financial, recorded music and music management communities, all with in-depth knowledge of music publishing. Members of The Family (Music) Limited Advisory Board include Nile Rodgers, The-Dream, Giorgio Tuinfort, Bill Leibowitz, Ian Montone, and Jason Flom.

#### **Disclaimers**

Members of the public are not eligible to take part in the Placing. This announcement and the terms and conditions referred to herein are directed in the United Kingdom only at persons selected by the N+1 Singer who are "investment professionals" falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (the "FPO") or "high net worth companies, unincorporated associations etc" falling within Article 49(2) of the FPO, or persons to whom it may otherwise be lawfully communicated (all such persons together being referred to as "Relevant Persons"). This announcement and the terms and conditions referred to herein must not be acted on or relied on in the United Kingdom by persons who are not Relevant Persons. Any investment or investment activity to which this announcement relates is available only to, and will be engaged in only with, persons in the United Kingdom who are Relevant Persons.

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or citizen of Australia, Canada, South Africa or Japan. There will be no offer of the Shares in the United States, Australia, Canada, South Africa or Japan.

N+1 Singer is authorised and regulated in the United Kingdom by the Financial Conduct Authority, and is acting exclusively for the Company and no-one else in connection with the Placing Programme and Admission. They will not regard any other person as their respective clients in relation to the Placing Programme and Admission and will not be responsible to anyone other than the Company for providing the protections afforded to their respective clients, nor for providing advice in relation to the Placing Programme and Admission, the contents of this announcement or any transaction, arrangement or other matter referred to herein.

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The Company has a limited trading history. Potential investors should be aware that any investment in the Company is speculative, involves a high degree of risk, and could result in the loss of all or substantially all of their investment. Results can be positively or negatively affected by market conditions beyond the control of the Company or any other person. Potential investors should read the section entitled "Risk Factors" of the Prospectus when considering an investment in the Company.