



2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Mr Renuke Wijayawardhane  
Chief Regulatory Officer  
Colombo Stock Exchange  
# 04-01 West Block  
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Dear Sir

**ANNOUNCEMENT – ACQUISITION OF 50% STAKE IN ACUITY PARTNERS (PVT) LTD  
(A JOINT VENTURE OF HATTON NATIONAL BANK PLC AND DFCC BANK PLC)**

Further to the announcement dated on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024, we wish to inform that the Board of Directors of Hatton National Bank PLC at its meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024 has granted its approval in principle, to acquire 50% of the issued and fully paid up shares of Acuity Partners (Pvt) Ltd ("the Company") from the DFCC Bank (the "Joint Venture Partner") for a total price consideration of Rs 7Bn for the 50% of ownership to be acquired, subject to the satisfaction of the undernoted conditions.

- i. The Bank and the Company obtaining all relevant statutory and regulatory approvals applicable in relation to the proposed share purchase;
- ii. Entering into an appropriate share sale and purchase agreement to safeguard the interests of the Bank.

The transaction is expected to be concluded on or before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

In the event the above transaction is successfully completed, the Bank will be the sole shareholder of Acuity Partners (Pvt) Ltd and will carry on its investment banking business through that company.

This announcement is made in compliance with the immediate disclosure requirements (Section 8 of the Listing Rules) of the Colombo Stock Exchange.

Yours faithfully  
**HATTON NATIONAL BANK PLC**

  
**SHIROMI HALLOLUWA (MS)**  
**ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER (LEGAL) / BOARD SECRETARY**

cc : Chairman – HNB PLC  
Acting Chief Executive Officer – HNB PLC

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**Hatton National Bank PLC (PQ82)**

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