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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

5 October 2026

RECOMMENDED CASH OFFER

FOR

IRISH CONTINENTAL GROUP, PLC

BY

BLUEFIN BIDCO LIMITED

TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY WAY OF A SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 1 OF PART 9 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2014

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE OF COURT HEARING TO SANCTION THE SCHEME AND SATISFACTION OF NSIA CONDITION

On 24 July 2026, the Independent Directors of Irish Continental Group, plc (the **Independent ICG Board**) and the board of Bluefin Bidco Limited (**BidCo**) announced that they had agreed the terms of a recommended acquisition (the **Acquisition**) of the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Irish Continental Group, plc (**ICG**). The Acquisition is to be implemented by way of a scheme of arrangement under Chapter 1 of Part 9 of the Companies Act 2014 (the **Scheme**), which is subject to the terms and conditions set out in the scheme document published by ICG on 5 August 2026 (the **Scheme Document**).

ICG Shareholders voted in favour of the Acquisition at the Scheme Meetings and Extraordinary General Meeting held on 10 September 2026.

Announcement of Date of Court Hearing to Sanction the Scheme

The Independent ICG Board announces that the hearing of the application by ICG to the High Court of Ireland (the **Court**) for an order sanctioning the Scheme and related matters (the **Court Hearing**), has been listed by the Court for hearing at 11:00am (GMT) on 10 November 2026 (or such later date as the Court may direct).

Information on the Court Hearing (or, if relevant, a change in the date of the Court Hearing) will be advertised on the Company's website www.icg.ie. By Order of the Court, any interested party intending to appear at the Court Hearing must give notice of their intention to do so to the Company's solicitors, A&L Goodbody LLP, by email addressed to Hannah Shaw at hshaw@algoodbody.com by no later than 5:30pm (GMT) on Friday, 23 October 2026. Any affidavit evidence that an interested party intends to rely on at the Court Hearing must be filed with the Central Office of the Court and served on the Company's solicitors, A&L Goodbody LLP, by that time and date. A copy of the originating notice of motion and the supporting affidavit may be obtained from the Company's solicitors A&L Goodbody LLP, upon request made by email addressed to Hannah Shaw at hshaw@algoodbody.com.

Satisfaction of NSIA Condition

The Independent ICG Board is pleased to announce that on 2 October 2026 the Secretary of State notified Bidco that no further action will be taken in relation to the Acquisition under the UK National Security and Investment Act 2021. Accordingly, Condition 3.1 (as set out in Part V of the Scheme Document) has now been satisfied.

Effective Date and Timetable

Completion of the Acquisition remains subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the other Conditions set out in the Scheme Document including the sanction by the Court of the Scheme at the Court Hearing (the **Conditions**).

Subject to satisfaction or waiver of the Conditions, the Effective Date of the Scheme and closing of the Acquisition is currently expected to be some time in November 2026.

Except as otherwise defined herein, capitalised terms used but not defined in this Announcement have the same meanings as given to them in the Scheme Document.

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Responsibility Statement

The Independent ICG Board accept responsibility for the information contained in this Announcement, To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Independent ICG Board (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure such is the case), the information contained in this Announcement for which they accept responsibility is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

Adviser

PJT Partners, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom, is acting exclusively as financial adviser to ICG and no one else in connection with the matters described herein and will not be responsible to anyone other than ICG for providing the protections afforded to clients of PJT Partners nor for providing advice in connection with the matters described herein. Neither PJT Partners nor any of its subsidiaries, branches or affiliates nor any of their respective directors, officers, employees, agents or representatives owes or accepts any duty, liability or responsibility whatsoever (whether direct or indirect, whether in contract, in tort, under statute or otherwise) to any person who is not a client of PJT Partners in connection with this Announcement, the Acquisition, any statement contained herein or otherwise.

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This Announcement is for information purposes only and is not intended to, and does not, constitute or form any part of any offer or invitation, or the solicitation of an offer, to purchase or otherwise acquire, subscribe for, sell or otherwise dispose of any securities or the solicitation of any vote or approval in any jurisdiction pursuant to the Acquisition or otherwise, nor shall there be any sale, issuance or transfer of securities in any jurisdiction in contravention of applicable law. The Acquisition will be made solely by means of the Scheme Document (or, if applicable, the Takeover Offer Documents), which will contain the full terms and conditions of the Acquisition, including details of how to vote in respect of the Acquisition. Any decision in respect of, or other response to, the Acquisition, should be made only on the basis of the information contained in the Scheme Document (or, if applicable, the Takeover Offer Documents).

This Announcement does not constitute a prospectus or a prospectus equivalent document.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This Announcement may contain certain forward-looking statements with respect to ICG. These forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate only to historical or current facts and can generally, but not always, be identified by the use of words such as “anticipate”, “target”, “expect”, “estimate”, “intend”, “plan”, “believe”, “will”, “may”, “would”, “could” or “should” or their negative variants or other variations. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of ICG to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this Announcement. ICG undertakes no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except to the extent legally required.

Disclosure requirements of the Takeover Rules

Under Rule 8.3(b) of the Irish Takeover Rules, any person 'interested' (directly or indirectly) in 1% or more of any class of 'relevant securities' of ICG must disclose all 'dealings' in such 'relevant securities' during the 'offer period'. The disclosure of a 'dealing' in 'relevant securities' by a person to whom Rule 8.3(b) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 pm (Irish/UK time) on the business day following the date of the relevant

transaction. This requirement will continue until the 'offer period' ends. If two or more persons cooperate on the basis of any agreement either express or tacit, either oral or written, to acquire an 'interest' in 'relevant securities' of ICG, they will be deemed to be a single person for the purpose of Rule 8.3 of the Irish Takeover Rules. A dealing disclosure must contain the details specified in Rule 8.6(b) of the Irish Takeover Rules, including details of the dealing concerned and of the person's interests and short positions in any 'relevant securities' of ICG.

All 'dealings' in 'relevant securities' of ICG by Bidco, or by any party 'acting in concert' with Bidco, must also be disclosed by no later than 12 noon (Irish/UK time) on the 'business' day following the date of the relevant transaction. If two or more persons co-operate on the basis of an agreement, either express or tacit, either oral or written, to acquire for one or more of them an 'interest' in 'relevant securities', they will be deemed to be a single person for these purposes.

Disclosure tables, giving details of the companies in whose 'relevant securities' and 'dealings' should be disclosed, can be found on the Irish Takeover Panel's website at www.irishtakeoverpanel.ie.

'Interests' in securities arise, in summary, when a person has long economic exposure, whether conditional or absolute, to changes in the price of securities. In particular, a person will be treated as having an 'interest' by virtue of the ownership or control of securities, or by virtue of any option in respect of, or derivative referenced to, securities.

Terms in quotation marks in this section are defined in the Irish Takeover Rules, which can also be found on the Irish Takeover Panel's website. If you are in any doubt as to whether or not you are required to disclose a dealing under Rule 8, please consult the Irish Takeover Panel's website at www.irishtakeoverpanel.ie or contact the Irish Takeover Panel on telephone number +353 1 678 9020.

Publication on Website

Pursuant to Rule 26.1 of the Irish Takeover Rules, a copy of this Announcement will be made available on ICG's website (www.icg.ie) by no later than 12:00 noon (Irish/UK time) on the business day following the date of this Announcement. Neither the content of any such website, nor the content of any other website accessible from hyperlinks on such website, is incorporated into, or forms part of, this Announcement.

General

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Any decision in relation to the Acquisition should be made only on the basis of the information contained in the Scheme Document. If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Announcement or the action you should take, you are recommended to seek your own independent financial advice immediately from your appropriately authorised independent financial adviser.