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# Fawry for Banking and Payment Technology Services S.A.E. announces its intention for a public offering of ordinary shares on the Egyptian Exchange

Cairo, Sunday, 21 July 2019

Fawry for Banking and Payment Technology Services S.A.E. ("Fawry", the "Company" or the "Issuer") announced today its intention to offer up to 254,629,483 existing ordinarys hares representing 36% of the Company's outstanding share capital to be listed on the Egyptian Exchange ("EGX") currently owned by PSI Netherland Holding B.V. (the "Selling Shareholder").

The offering will include (i) a local private placement to institutional investors outside the United States, Australia, Canada and Japan (the "Institutional Offering"), and (ii) an Egyptian public offering to retail investors in Egypt (the "Egyptian Retail Offering", and together with the Institutional Offering, the "Combined Offering"). Shares offered in connection with the Institutional Offering and the Egyptian Retail Offering will be offered and sold at the same price (the "Offer Price"). Details of the Combined Offering are outlined in the Offering Highlights section below.

On 21 July 2019, Fawry received the registration approval from the Financial Regulatory Authority ("FRA") to register Fawry in anticipation for its listing on EGX and offering of the shares in the Combined Offering. Fawry will complete the listing procedures with EGX and obtain the FRA non-objection to publish the Public Subscription Notice ("PSN") in order to proceed with the Combined Offering and for the shares to be admitted for trading on the EGX.

Commenting on the offering, Fawry's Chief Executive Officer Mr. Ashraf Sabry said: "Fawry has succeeded in establishing an unparalleled network that serves and integrates consumers, merchants, and corporates through its digital payment enabling services. Our commitment to addressing the needs of our diversified client base by offering innovative solutions has been the main driver of our substantial growth over the years. Following on this success, Fawry aims to continue expanding its service offering to all its clients."

Fawry is Egypt's first and leading pioneer in the E-Payment Network industry. Founded in 2008 by the technology expert Ashraf Sabry with the aim of introducing electronic bill payment in Egypt to beat the pressing need for convenience and easy payments in a high growth underpenetrated market. The Company offers financial services to consumers and businesses by providing a convenient and reliable way to pay bills and purchase goods and services using multiple channels (online, using ATMs, mobile wallets and retail points) and different payment options. Fawry's partner network includes retailers equipped with POSs, banks' digital channels and Mobile Network Operators ("MNOs") mobile wallets. The Company's unparalleled broad network of payment channels constitutes more than 105,000 in-store service points across more than 300 cities, 250,000 registered online portals users, 10,000 ATMs, access to 12 million registered mobile wallets, and 65 Fawry Plus locations. Supplemented by its longstanding relationships with Egypt's leading banks, corporates and service providers, Fawry's value proposition encompasses financial inclusion, opportunities for business growth, and cost-efficient solutions.

Since its inception, Fawry's operations have witnessed strong growth, reflected in both the number of transactions and throughput, primarily due to the continuous attraction of new billers that have joined the Company's network over the past years and expanding consumer reach resulting from growing the Company's merchant network across Egypt. This operational



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development has resulted in strong and consistent growth in revenues as evidenced by its 38.1% CAGR over the period of 2016-2018.

During 2018, recorded transactions surpassed 600.1 million through its network amounting to a throughput of EGP 34.2 billion. Meanwhile, the Company generated consolidated revenues of EGP 609.7 million (compared to EGP 432.1 million in 2017) with an Adjusted EBITDA¹ of EGP 152.0 million, a 41.2% growth over the preceding fiscal year. In its first quarter this year, the Company's consolidated revenues amounted to EGP 173.9 million, achieving 36.0% y-o-y growth, while its Adjusted EBITDA¹ reached EGP 42.4 million, a whopping 52.7% growth over 1Q2018.

EFG Hermes Promoting & Underwriting is Sole Global Coordinator and Bookrunner for the Combined Offering. Zulficar and Partners is serving as the Combined Offering's local counsel, meanwhile Zaki Hashem and Partners is serving as local counsel to the Issuer.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Adjusted for one-off management compensation and end of service liabilities expensed in FY2017, and were re-expensed on a revenue prorata basis across FY15-17

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#### **NOTES FOR EDITORS**

### **Highlights of the Combined Offering**

Upon obtaining final approvals from the FRA and the EGX, shares will be offered to institutions in connection with the Institutional Offering, with a further offering of shares to retail investors in connection with the Egyptian Retail Offering.

All of the gross proceeds from the Combined Offering will be received by the Selling Shareholder.

The Selling Shareholder currently holds 99.99% of the share capital of Fawry. The Selling Shareholder is beneficially owned, through an intermediate wholly-owned subsidiary, by Link Holdco S.A.R.L (35.2%, beneficially owned and controlled by funds managed by Helios Investment Partners), Black Sparrow Long Term Investments Ltd (23.2%, beneficially owned and controlled by funds managed by FIM Partners), the Egyptian American Enterprise Fund (18.4%), Responsability (10.3%), the International Finance Corporation (4.6%), and other minority investors (8.3%).

### Fawry's Service Offerings

Fawry's main service offerings include:

#### (i) Alternative Digital Payments

Fawry's first and oldest segment, alternative digital payments offers consumers the option to pay corporates and banks (560+varied services across different industries) mainly for mobile bills & air-time, utilities, government fees & services and charity donations through Fawry's (Egypt's sole and largest) omnichannel network of 100,000+ POS terminals, 23 banks², 10,000 ATMs and 12 million digitally connected customers via mobile wallets. This allowed Fawry to address a pressing need for convenience and easy payment in a country where traffic congestion and complex/bureaucratic procedures are daily challenges.

### (ii) Supply Chain Payments

The supply chain payment services mainly enable merchants to pay their suppliers either electronically or in cash using Fawry's cash centres (65 Fawry Plus locations). Transactions are completed using a single platform to report and reconcile all payment options that are tailored on an individual basis thus lowering cash management costs and increasing sales operation efficiency.

#### (iii) Banking Services

This segment encompasses a wide range of services that enable consumers to pay corporates through Fawry's partner network including omnichannel acceptance and agent banking services. The integrated omnichannel acceptance solutions allow corporates and SMEs to accept electronic payments in store and online from banked and unbanked costumers. As a supplement to its existing services, the Company launched its e-shop builder in 2Q2019 to assist businesses in establishing their e-commerce platform.

In terms of its agent banking services, Fawry is the only network that acts as an agent for Banks Services under this segment range from disbursement and settlement of loans to cash-in and cash-out services via mobile wallets and Know Your Customer services.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Contracted with 30 banks contracted of which 23 are active.

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#### (iv) SME Lending and Digital Solutions

The SME lending service is considered Fawry's latest new product on the market, offering its current merchant base and other similar businesses opportunities for growth through microloans. Since its launch in December 2018, this service has already attracted more than 700 active borrowers with a combined outstanding loan book of EGP 4.9mn (as of Q1 2019).

### **Key Investment Highlights**

• A Clear Strategy Driven by Global Trends and Egypt's Attractive Demographics

Global trends favoring a structural shift in market dynamics towards electronic payments and the increased adoption of alternative payment methods are catalysts for non-cash payments. Moreover, Egypt's attractive demographic profile lends attractive growth opportunities in the electronic payments market.

Untapped Market Characterized by Ample Room for Growth, and Supportive Government Initiatives

With only 32% of the population having access to a financial institution account and a mere 23% reportedly made / received digital payments in the past year, Egypt remains an underpenetrated market with substantial growth opportunities underpinned by preferential government initiatives.

Market Leading Player with an Unparalleled Network by a Matchless Omnichannel Payments Hub

Fawry's expansive network supported by a fully integrated API driven proprietary stat-of-the-art platform and high barriers of entry perfectly position it to harness growth opportunities in the local market and expand its service offering.

• Strong Relationship with Egypt's Leading and Largest Banks, Corporates and Service Providers

Given its positioning as a payment enabler, Fawry is exposed to a host of high-growth industries such telecom, FMCGs, utilities, retail, education, amongst others, which drive its growth. Capitalizing on its direct real-time integration with the 23 largest banks³ in Egypt, Fawry offers the only platform that enables all payment options a cross all bank channels. Furthermore, FawryPlus is the only certified network providing KYC services and certified POSs to process agent banking related services.

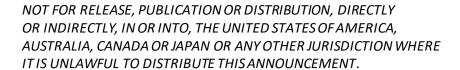
Growing Client Audience and Sales Through Enabling Digital Solutions

Fawry provides a host of digital solutions that address key obstacles faced by merchants thereby enabling merchants to provide diversified payment solutions and widen their customer base.

• Reflected in Solid Financial Performance

Fawry's robust financial performance is driven by the Company's superior positioning in the burgeoning financial services space. Successful service diversification and expansion in key buddings ervices coupled with the inflationary operating environment increased the Company's throughput from EGP 15.5 billion in 2016 to EGP 34.2 billion in 2018. Throughput development filtered through to substantial revenue growth, which reached EGP 609.7 million in 2018

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from EGP 320.9 million in 2016, representing a 2016-2018 compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 37.8%, with the Company's Adjusted EBITDA<sup>4</sup> and Adjusted Net Profit before Non-Controlling Interest<sup>5</sup> margins sustaining at 24.9% and 12.5% in 2018.

• Clearly Defined Growth Strategy Capitalizing on the Vast Market Opportunities

Fawry operates in a high-growth industry both globally and in Egypt, offering +565 services to +22 million individuals across the country. First-mover a dvantage in Egypt allows the company to seize growth opportunities arising from significant under-penetration of financial services, recovery in consumer spending, and the country's robust demographic profile. In 2019, Fawry became the first company in Egypt to offer direct digital lending services enhancing merchant's access to credit and facilitating growth through capital expenditure and working capital enhancement.

Led by Highly Skilled Management Team, and Supported by a Strong Shareholding Base and Board of Directors

Fawry's success is underpinned by a superior management team that is comprised of well-versed professionals with solid multinational experience in their respective fields and a strong shareholding base with financial corporations including the World Bank's IFC, Helios Investment Partners, the Egyptian-American Enterprise Fund, FIM Partners, and Respons Ability. Additionally, the Company has a well-structured board of directors that oversees strategic planning and ensures meticulous corporate governance.

### **Strategy**

The main goals of Fawry's growth strategy are to: (i) focus on underserved industries thus driving its alternative digital payments segment; (ii) expand its omnichannel acceptance presence in order to further enable digital commerce and payments; (iii) capitalize on the current market opportunity to provide banking services to the currently unbanked population; (iv) capitalize on untapped B2B solutions to derive value from further integration of the existing network; and (v) focus on growing its newly introduced segments such as SME lending

Fawry intends to pursue these goals through the following:

- Increase adoption of existing services via expanding channels
  - Establish and maintain relationships with mobile wallet providers, banks, and merchants to enhance accessibility to Fawry's services thereby increasing the adoption of services
- Focus on underserved industries
  - o Expandits reachin underserves industries such as utilities, education, and transportation
- Expand agent banking services and acceptance of electronic payments via growing agents and banks network
  - Expand its agents and banks network by focusing on developing its mobile and internet banking services

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Adjusted for one-off management compensation and end of service liabilities expensed in FY2017, and were re-expensed on a revenue prorata basis across FY15-17.

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- Support Fawry customers to be more digitally engaged via enabling technologies
  - o Continue to offer innovative solutions such as the e-shop builder, mobile platform and loyalty programs to its existing clients therefore improving client satisfaction and retention
- Expand on B2B payments, merchant acceptance and digital lending
  - Leverage the existing merchant network and FMCG corporate relations in order to reinforce the consumer, merchant, and corporate network in order to expand revenues across its all of its segments especially its newly introduced SME lending segment

Financial Highlights<sup>6</sup>

EGP in millions	2016	2017	2018	1Q18	1Q19
Revenue	320.9	432.1	609.7	127.9	173.9
y-o-y growth, %		34.6%	41.1%		36.0%
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>7</sup>	80.8	107.6	152.0	27.8	42.4
Adjusted EBITDA Margin, %	25.2%	24.9%	24.9%	21.7%	24.4%
Adjusted Net Profit before Non-Controlling Interest <sup>8</sup>	44.7	58.8	76.3	12.1	17.6
Adjusted Net Profit before Non-Controlling Interest Margin, %	13.9%	13.6%	12.5%	9.5%	10.1%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Figures derived from Egyptian Accounting Standards audited financial statements. The financial highlights are qualified in their entirety by Fawry's audited financial statements, including the Notes thereto.

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