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ÍSLANDBANKI COMMENCES TRADING ON NASDAQ ICELAND

Reykjavík, 22 June 2021, Iceland. Íslandsbanki hf ("Íslandsbanki" or the "Bank"), a leading bank in the Republic of Iceland, commenced trading today on Nasdaq Iceland at 09:30 GMT.

The listing of the Bank's shares follows the successful completion of its Initial Public Offering. The value of the Offering amounts to up to ISK 55.3 billion or USD 457 million and represents the largest IPO in the history of Iceland and the largest European bank IPO since 2018.

At a ceremony today to mark the start of trading of the Bank's shares at the opening of the market, Birna Einarsdóttir, CEO of Íslandsbanki, in the presence of the Bank's employees, commented:

"Our listing today marks the start of a new era for the Bank as we begin our return to private ownership, building on the work of recent years to establish Íslandsbanki as a well-capitalised, profitable and digital bank. We welcome all our new shareholders, both Icelandic and international, and we look forward to continuing our dialogue with the wider financial community. We embrace the coming years with confidence in the strength of Iceland's economy, which Íslandsbanki will continue to support, to the benefit of all our stakeholders."

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In connection with the Offering, the Managers and any of their respective affiliates, may take up a portion of the Shares as a principal position and in that capacity may retain, purchase, sell, offer to sell or otherwise deal for their own accounts in such Shares and other securities of the Bank or related investments in connection with the Offering or otherwise. Accordingly, references in the Prospectus, once published, to the Shares being issued, offered, subscribed, acquired, placed or otherwise dealt in should be read as including any issue or offer to, or subscription, acquisition, placing or dealing by the Managers and any of their respective affiliates acting in such capacity. In addition, the Managers and any of their respective affiliates may enter into financing arrangements (including swaps or contracts for differences) with investors in connection with which they may from time to time acquire, hold or dispose of Shares. None of the Managers nor any of their respective affiliates intend to disclose the extent of any such investment or transactions otherwise than in accordance with any legal or regulatory obligations to do so.

Solely for the purposes of the product governance requirements contained within: (a) EU Directive 2014/65/EU on markets in financial instruments, as amended ("MiFID 2"); (b) Articles 9 and 10 of Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2017/593 supplementing MiFID 2; and (c) local implementing measures (together, the "MiFID 2 Product Governance Requirements"), and disclaiming all and any liability, whether arising in tort, contract or otherwise, which any "manufacturer" (for the purposes of the Product Governance Requirements) may otherwise have with respect thereto, the Shares have been subject to a product approval process, which has determined that such Shares are: (i) compatible with an end target market of retail investors and investors who meet the criteria of professional clients and eligible counterparties, each as defined in MiFID 2; and (ii) eligible for distribution through all distribution channels as are permitted by MiFID 2 (the "Target Market Assessment"). Notwithstanding the Target Market Assessment, distributors should note that: the price of the Shares may decline and investors could lose all or part of their investment; the Shares offer no guaranteed income and no capital protection; and an investment in the Shares is compatible only with investors who do not need a guaranteed income or capital protection, who (either alone or in conjunction with an appropriate financial or other adviser) are capable of evaluating the merits and risks of such an investment and who have sufficient resources to be able to bear any losses that may result therefrom. The Target Market Assessment is without prejudice to the requirements of any contractual, legal or regulatory selling restrictions in relation to the Offering. Furthermore, it is noted that, notwithstanding the Target Market Assessment, the Managers will only procure investors who meet the criteria of professional clients and eligible counterparties. For the avoidance of doubt, the Target Market Assessment does not constitute: (a) an assessment of suitability or appropriateness for the purposes of MiFID 2; or (b) a recommendation to any investor or group of investors to invest in, or purchase, or take any other action whatsoever with respect to the Shares. Each distributor is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Shares and determining appropriate distribution channels.