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The Manager
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Dear Manager,

## **Successful Completion of Placement**

## **Highlights**

- Successful completion of \$5 million share placement, with strong support from existing shareholders and new sophisticated investors.
- Funds raised will drive continued growth initiatives in new products and across Contango's retail and institutional pipeline.
- Contango will be debt free, with capital for expansion.

Contango Asset Management Limited (the **Company** or **CGA**) is pleased to announce that it has successfully raised gross proceeds of \$5 million through a placement of 5.5 million new ordinary shares in the Company (**Placement**).

The Placement was concluded at a price of \$0.90 per share which represents a nil discount to the last sale price on ASX.

The Placement shares will be issued on the same terms as, and rank equally in all respects with, the existing fully paid ordinary shares in the Company. The Placement shares are expected to settle on 28 August 2017 and be allotted on 29 August 2017. The Company will make an application to the ASX for listing of these shares. Shares will be issued under the Company's placement capacity pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 7.1. Shares allotted under the Placement will be subject a 12 month resale restriction for the purposes of sections 707(3) and 707(4) of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

Taylor Collison Limited acted as Lead Manager to the Placement.



## Use of additional capital and benefits to shareholders

Since the acquisition of the Contango funds management business in September 2016, CGA has established a strong and highly scalable investment and operations infrastructure.

Contango will invest the proceeds of the Placement to drive continued growth in Funds under Management and Advice (**FUMA**) and recurring revenue. Specific initiatives include:

- The further rollout of Contango's product suite, noting the successful \$100 million launch of Contango Global Growth Limited (ASX:CQG) in June 2017;
- Further increasing Contango's investment in Switzer Asset Management Limited (SAM), noting
  that FUMA in SAM has grown in only six months from approximately \$30 million in February
  2017 to around \$100 million at present due to the launch of the Switzer Dividend Growth Fund
  (ASX:SWTZ);
- Expanding Contango's sales and distribution channels, including the appointment of a Head of Distribution which is presently underway; and
- Repaying all of the Company's debt, resulting in a debt free balance sheet with capital for expansion.

Yours faithfully,

Hari Morfis

**Company Secretary**