



Circular to Equites shareholders

The declaration of a cash dividend  
with the election to reinvest the cash  
dividend in return for Equites shares



## THIS CIRCULAR IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

### Action required

1. **No action is required if you wish to receive the cash dividend as you will be deemed to have elected the cash dividend if you do not elect the dividend reinvestment alternative.**
2. If you wish to elect to receive Equites Property Fund Limited ("**Equites**") ordinary shares with no par value ("**shares**") and you:
  - are holding certificated shares ("**certificated shareholder**"), you must complete the attached form of election in respect of all or part of your shareholding in accordance with the instructions contained in the form of election and lodge it with, or post it to, the transfer secretaries, Computershare Investor Services Proprietary Limited ("**Computershare**"), Rosebank Towers, 15 Biermann Avenue, Rosebank, Johannesburg, 2196 (PO Box 61763, Marshalltown, 2107) to be received by them by no later than 12:00 (SA time) on Friday, 1 November 2019. Forms of election received after this date and time will not be accepted; or
  - have dematerialised your shares ("**dematerialised shareholder**") with a Central Securities Depository Participant ("**CSDP**") or broker, you must instruct your CSDP or broker accordingly in terms of the custody agreement entered into between you and your CSDP or broker.
3. If you have disposed of all of your shares on or before Tuesday, 29 October 2019 you should forward this circular, together with the attached form of election, to the purchaser to whom, or the broker, CSDP or agent through whom, you disposed of your shares.
4. The distribution of this circular and/or accompanying documents and the right to elect shares in jurisdictions other than the Republic of South Africa ("**SA**") may be restricted by law, and failure to comply with any of these restrictions may constitute a violation of the securities laws of any such jurisdictions. Shareholders' rights to elect shares are not being offered, directly or indirectly, in the United Kingdom, European Economic Area, Canada, United States of America, Japan or Australia unless certain exemptions from the requirements of those jurisdictions are applicable.
5. If you are in any doubt as to what action to take, please consult your broker, CSDP, banker, legal advisor, accountant or other professional advisor.
6. The commentary regarding the tax implications of the cash dividend and the dividend reinvestment alternative, as contained in paragraph 5 of this circular, should not be construed as tax advice. If you are in any doubt as to the tax implications for your unique circumstances, please consult your tax advisor.



**EQUITES PROPERTY FUND LIMITED**  
(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)  
(Registration number 2013/080877/06)  
JSE share code: EQU ISIN: ZAE000188843  
(Approved as a REIT by the JSE)  
("**Equites**" or "**the company**")

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### Board of Directors:

PL Campher (Chairman)<sup>‡</sup>, G Lanfranchi (Deputy Chairman)<sup>\*</sup>, A Taverna-Turisan (CEO), GR Gous (COO), B Goossens (CFO), AJ Gouws<sup>\*</sup>, K Dreyer<sup>\*</sup>, N Khan<sup>‡</sup>, RE Benjamin-Swales<sup>‡</sup>, ME Brey<sup>‡</sup>

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**CIRCULAR TO EQUITES SHAREHOLDERS***regarding***THE DECLARATION OF A CASH DIVIDEND WITH THE ELECTION TO REINVEST THE CASH DIVIDEND IN RETURN FOR EQUITES SHARES**

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**Salient dates and times****2019**

Equites results including declaration of an interim distribution published on SENS	Thursday, 10 October
Circular and form of election posted to shareholders	Friday, 11 October
Finalisation information including the share ratio and reinvestment price per share published on SENS by 11:00 (SA time)	Tuesday, 22 October
Last day to trade in order to participate in the election to receive shares in terms of the dividend reinvestment alternative or to receive a cash dividend (" <b>LDT</b> ")	Tuesday, 29 October
Shares trade <i>ex-dividend</i>	Wednesday, 30 October
Listing of maximum possible number of shares under the dividend reinvestment alternative	Friday, 1 November
Last day to elect to receive shares in terms of the dividend reinvestment alternative or to receive a cash dividend (no late forms of election will be accepted) at 12:00 (SA time)	Friday, 1 November
Record date for the election to receive shares in terms of the dividend reinvestment alternative or to receive a cash dividend (" <b>record date</b> ")	Friday, 1 November
Announcement of results of cash dividend and dividend reinvestment alternative released on SENS	Monday, 4 November
Payment of cash dividends to certificated shareholders by electronic funds transfer	Monday, 4 November
Dematerialised shareholders' CSDP or broker accounts credited with the cash dividend payment (if applicable)	Monday, 4 November
Share certificates posted to certificated shareholders on or about	Wednesday, 6 November
Dematerialised shareholders' CSDP or broker accounts credited with the new shares (if applicable)	Wednesday, 6 November
Adjustment to shares listed on or about	Friday, 8 November

**Notes:**

- Shareholders electing the dividend reinvestment alternative are alerted to the fact that the new shares will be listed on LDT + 3 and that these new shares can only be traded on LDT + 3, due to the fact that settlement of the shares will be three days after the record date, which differs from the conventional one day after record date settlement process.**
- Shares may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between Wednesday, 30 October 2019 and Friday, 1 November 2019, both days inclusive.
- The above dates and times are subject to change. Any changes will be released on SENS.

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**Corporate advisor and sponsor**

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Date of issue: Friday, 11 October 2019

This circular is only available in English. Copies of this circular may be obtained from the registered offices of Equites, 14<sup>th</sup> floor, Portside Building, 4 Bree Street, Cape Town, 8001 during normal office hours 08:00 until 16:00 (SA time) from Friday, 11 October 2019 to Friday, 1 November 2019. The circular will also be available on the website of the company ([www.equites.co.za](http://www.equites.co.za)) as from Friday, 11 October 2019.

## CIRCULAR TO EQUITES SHAREHOLDERS

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Equites' interim results for the six months ended 31 August 2019 were released on SENS on Thursday, 10 October 2019. Equites shareholders were advised in the announcement accompanying the results that the directors of Equites have declared a cash dividend of 74.43284 cents per Equites ordinary share of no par value for the six months ended 31 August 2019 ("**cash dividend**"). Shareholders have been provided with the election to reinvest the cash dividend in return for Equites shares ("**dividend reinvestment alternative**"). By electing the dividend reinvestment alternative, shareholders will be able to increase their shareholding in Equites without incurring dealing costs. In turn, Equites will benefit from an increase in the amount of shareholders' funds available to support continued growth.

Shareholders will be entitled, in respect of all or part of their shareholding, to elect to participate in the dividend reinvestment alternative, failing which, they will receive the cash dividend of 74.43284 cents per share that will be paid to those shareholders not electing to participate in the dividend reinvestment alternative. The number of shares to which shareholders are entitled will be determined with reference to the ratio that 74.43284 cents per share bears to the reinvestment price. The reinvestment price will be determined by Equites with reference to the market conditions at the time, including up to a 5% discount determined with reference to the spot price per Equites share (less the cash dividend) and/or the volume weighted average trade price per Equites share for up to 30 days prior to the finalisation date (less the cash dividend). The reinvestment price will be announced on SENS on the finalisation date, which will be no later than 11:00 (SA time) on Tuesday, 22 October 2019.

The board of directors of Equites in its discretion may withdraw the dividend reinvestment alternative should market conditions warrant such action and such withdrawal will be announced on SENS by no later than 11:00 (SA time) on Tuesday, 22 October 2019.

### 2. PURPOSE OF THIS CIRCULAR

The purpose of this circular is to provide shareholders with information regarding the cash dividend and the dividend reinvestment alternative.

### 3. THE CASH DIVIDEND AND THE DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT ALTERNATIVE

#### 3.1. Terms of the cash dividend

Subject to the terms contained in this circular and the attached form of election pertaining to certificated shareholders, shareholders recorded in the register of Equites at the close of business on the record date who have **not** elected to participate in the dividend reinvestment alternative, will be paid the cash dividend.

#### 3.2. Procedure for shareholders to receive the cash dividend

Shareholders who wish to receive the cash dividend do not need to take any further action. If no election is made to participate in the dividend reinvestment alternative, shareholders will receive the cash dividend in respect of all the shares held on the record date.

#### 3.3. Procedure for shareholders who elect the dividend reinvestment alternative

Shareholders who hold certificated shares and wish to elect to receive shares must complete the attached form of election in accordance with the instructions contained therein and lodge it with the transfer secretaries, Computershare, to be received no later than 12:00 (SA time) on the record date. Forms of election which are not posted must be emailed to [corporate.events@computershare.co.za](mailto:corporate.events@computershare.co.za). Computershare will not be responsible for any loss and/or damage whatsoever in relation to or arising from the late or non-receipt of emailed forms of election or owing to forms of election being forwarded to any other facsimile or email address other than those provided above. Forms of election shall be deemed to be received on the date reflected in Computershare's electronic or facsimile systems. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary it is the shareholder's responsibility to ensure that their forms of election are received by Computershare.

Shareholders who have dematerialised their shares through a CSDP or broker must not complete the attached form of election but should instruct their CSDP or broker with regard to their election in terms of the custody agreement entered into between them and their CSDP or broker.

Shareholders may make the election in respect of all or part of their shares held on the record date. If an election is made in respect of part of a shareholding, shareholders will receive the cash dividend in respect of the shares for which the election is not made.

### 3.4. **Posting of share certificates, payment of cash dividend and updating or crediting of CSDP or broker accounts**

According to the elections made, cash dividend payments will be made by electronic funds transfer into the personal bank accounts of certificated shareholders who have provided (either in accordance with the instructions set out in the forms of election or historically) the transfer secretaries with their bank account details on Monday, 4 November 2019. **(To combat the increase in cheque fraud, the company has discontinued payments by cheque and, accordingly, payment of any cash dividend to certificated shareholders is dependent on the transfer secretaries being in possession of such certificated shareholders' banking details.)**

Share certificates in respect of the shares relating to the dividend reinvestment alternative will be dispatched to the certificated shareholders at the risk of such shareholders on or about Wednesday, 6 November 2019, to the registered addresses or in accordance with instructions given to the transfer secretaries *via* ordinary mail.

Dematerialised shareholders' CSDP or broker accounts will be credited on Monday, 4 November 2019 in respect of the cash dividend payments.

Dematerialised shareholders' CSDP or broker accounts will be credited on Wednesday, 6 November 2019 with new shares in respect of the dividend reinvestment alternative.

## 4. **FRACTIONS**

Trading in the Strate environment does not permit fractions and fractional entitlements. In line with Equites' Memorandum of Incorporation, where a shareholder's entitlement to the shares in relation to the dividend reinvestment alternative calculated in accordance with the formula mentioned in paragraph 1 above gives rise to an entitlement to a fraction of a new share, such fraction will be rounded down to the nearest whole number with the cash balance of the dividend being retained by the shareholders.

## 5. **TAX IMPLICATIONS**

Equites listed on the JSE as a REIT in line with the REIT structure as provided for in the Income Tax Act, No. 58 of 1962, as amended (the "**Income Tax Act**") and section 13 of the JSE Listings Requirements.

The REIT structure is a tax regime that allows a REIT to deduct qualifying distributions paid to investors, in determining its taxable income.

The cash dividend of 74.43284 cents per share meets the requirements of a "qualifying distribution" for the purposes of section 25BB of the Income Tax Act (a "**qualifying distribution**") with the result that:

- qualifying distributions received or accrued to SA tax residents must be included in the gross income of such shareholders and will not be exempt from income tax (in terms of the exclusion to the general dividend exemption, contained in paragraph (aa) of section 10(1)(k)(i) of the Income Tax Act) because such qualifying distributions are distributed by a REIT. These qualifying distributions are however exempt from dividends withholding tax in the hands of SA tax resident shareholders, provided that such shareholders provided the following forms to their CSDP or broker, as the case may be, in respect of uncertificated shares, or the company, in respect of certificated shares:
  - a declaration that the dividend is exempt from dividends tax; and
  - a written undertaking to inform the CSDP, broker or the company, as the case may be, should the circumstances affecting the exemption change or the beneficial owner cease to be the beneficial owner,

both in the form prescribed by the Commissioner for the South African Revenue Service. Shareholders are advised to contact their CSDP, broker or the company, as the case may be, to arrange for the abovementioned documents to be submitted prior to payment of the dividend, if such documents have not already been submitted.

- qualifying distributions received by non-resident Equites shareholders will not be taxable as income and instead will be treated as ordinary dividends which are exempt from income tax in terms of the general dividend exemptions per section 10(1)(k)(i) of the Income Tax Act. Any qualifying distributions received by non-residents from a REIT will be subject to dividends withholding tax at 20%, unless the rate is reduced in terms of any applicable agreement for the avoidance of double taxation ("**DTA**") between South Africa and the country of residence of the shareholder. Assuming dividends withholding tax will be withheld at a rate of 20%, the net dividend amount due to non-resident shareholders is 59.54627 cents per share. A reduced dividend withholding rate in terms of the applicable DTA, may only be relied upon if the non-resident shareholder has provided the following forms to their CSDP or broker, as the case may be, in respect of uncertificated shares, or the company, in respect of certificated shares:
  - a declaration that the dividend is subject to a reduced rate as a result of the application of a DTA; and
  - a written undertaking to inform their CSDP, broker or the company, as the case may be, should the circumstances affecting the reduced rate change or the beneficial owner cease to be the beneficial owner, both in the form prescribed by the Commissioner for the South African Revenue Service. Non-resident shareholders are advised to contact their CSDP, broker or the company, as the case may be, to arrange for the abovementioned documents to be submitted prior to payment of the dividend if such documents have not already been submitted, if applicable.

Shareholders are advised that in electing to participate in the dividend reinvestment alternative, pre-taxation funds are utilised for the purposes and that taxation will be due on the total cash dividend amount of 74.43284 cents per share.

Other information:

- The issued ordinary share capital of Equites is 544 889 587 ordinary shares of no par value each before any election to reinvest the cash dividend.
- Income Tax Reference Number of Equites: 9275393180.

This cash dividend or the dividend reinvestment alternative may have tax implications for resident as well as non-resident shareholders. Shareholders are therefore encouraged to consult their professional advisors should they be in any doubt as to the appropriate action to take.

A worked example illustrating the tax implications for resident and non-resident shareholders will be announced as part of the finalisation information on SENS by 11:00 (SA time) on Tuesday, 22 October 2019.

## 6. LISTING OF NEW EQUITES SHARES

Application will be made to the JSE for the maximum possible number of shares to be issued in terms of the dividend reinvestment alternative to be listed with effect from the commencement of trade on Friday, 1 November 2019. A further application will be made to the JSE to adjust the maximum number of new shares listed to take into account the actual number of shares issued to shareholders on or about Friday, 8 November 2019.

## 7. FOREIGN SHAREHOLDERS

The distribution of this circular and/or accompanying documents and the right to elect shares under the dividend reinvestment alternative in jurisdictions other than SA may be restricted by law and a failure to comply with any of these restrictions may constitute a violation of the securities laws of any such jurisdictions. The shares have not been and will not be registered for the purposes of the election under the securities laws of the United Kingdom, European Economic Area, Canada, United States of America, Japan or Australia and accordingly are not being offered, sold, taken up, re-sold or delivered directly or indirectly to recipients with registered addresses in such jurisdictions.

## 8. EXCHANGE CONTROL

In terms of the Exchange Control Regulations of South Africa:

### 8.1. in the case of certificated shareholders:

- any share certificate that might be issued to non-resident shareholders will be endorsed "non-resident";
- any new share certificates and cash dividend payments based on emigrants' shares controlled in terms of the Exchange Control Regulations will be forwarded to the authorised dealer in foreign exchange controlling their blocked assets. The election by emigrants for the above purpose must be made through the authorised dealer in foreign exchange controlling their blocked assets. Such new share certificates will be endorsed "non-resident"; and
- cash dividend payments due to non-residents are freely transferable from South Africa. In respect of all non-residents of the common monetary area (collectively the Republic of South Africa, the Republic of Namibia and the Kingdoms of Lesotho and Swaziland), the cash dividend payments due will be sent to the registered address of the shareholder concerned or in accordance with instructions given to the transfer secretaries;

### 8.2. in the case of dematerialised shareholders:

- any shares issued to emigrants from the common monetary area and all other non-residents of the common monetary area, will be credited to their CSDP or broker's account and a "non-resident" annotation will appear in the CSDP or broker's register;
- any cash dividend paid to emigrants from the common monetary area, will be credited to their CSDP or broker's accounts which will arrange for the same to be credited directly to the shareholder's blocked Rand account held by that shareholder's authorised dealer and held to the order of that authorised dealer; and
- any cash dividend paid to non-resident shareholders who are not emigrants from the common monetary area, will be credited directly to the bank account nominated for the relevant shareholders, by their duly appointed CSDP or broker.

Non-resident and emigrant dematerialised shareholders will have all aspects relating to exchange control managed by their CSDP or broker.

For and on behalf of

**Equites Property Fund Limited**

**PL Campher**

*Independent Non-Executive Chairman*





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**FORM OF ELECTION**

For use only by certificated shareholders who elect the dividend reinvestment alternative, for all or part of their shareholding in Equites.

Dematerialised shareholders must instruct their CSDP or broker accordingly in terms of the custody agreement entered into between them and their CSDP or broker. **These shareholders must not use this form of election.**

**Shareholders electing the dividend reinvestment alternative are alerted to the fact that the new shares will be listed on LDT + 3 and that these new shares can only be traded on LDT + 3, due to the fact that settlement of the shares will be three days after record date, which differs from the conventional one day after record date settlement process.**

**Shareholders who wish to receive the cash dividend of 74.43284 cents per Equites share must not complete this form of election and no further action is required.**

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_ (name/s in BLOCK LETTERS)

regarding the election:

- hereby irrevocably elect to receive that number of shares under the dividend reinvestment alternative, which number will be determined with reference to the ratio that 74.43284 cents per share bears to the reinvestment price. The reinvestment price will be determined by Equites with reference to the market conditions at the time, including up to a 5% discount determined with reference to the spot price per Equites share (less the cash dividend) and/or the volume weighted average trade price per Equites share for up to 30 days prior to the finalisation date (less the cash dividend). The reinvestment price will be announced on the finalisation date, which will be no later than 11:00 (SA time) on Tuesday, 22 October 2019, in respect of the number of shares in the capital of Equites as reflected overleaf on terms and conditions contained in this form of election and in the accompanying circular;
- acknowledge that this form of election is applicable only in respect of shares of which I/we was/were the registered holder(s) on the close of business on the record date, being Friday, 1 November 2019; and
- acknowledge that I/we am/are not entitled to a cash dividend of 74.43284 cents per share in respect of shares for which the dividend reinvestment alternative is elected.

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 2019

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Assisted by (where applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>Provision/change of banking details</b></p> <p>In order to comply with the requirements of the Financial Intelligence Centre Act, 2001 (Act No. 38 of 2001, as amended) ("FICA"), Computershare will be unable to record/update personal bank details of a shareholder unless the following documentation is received from the relevant shareholder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- an original certified copy of your identity document;</li> <li>- an original certified copy of a document issued by the South African Revenue Services to verify your tax number. If you do not have one please submit this in writing and have the letter signed by a Commissioner of Oaths; and</li> <li>- a certified true copy of an original bank statement (not an internet bank statement, ATM slip, credit card or cancelled cheque) or a signed and stamped letter from your bankers on a letterhead confirming your banking details. Please note that we may not accept third-party banking details. You may also request your bank to verify your bank account details by stamping and signing the first page of the relevant Custody and Settlement Agreement Form (to be verified by the bank official). Please note that all documents should be dated within the preceding three months.</li> </ul> <p><b>Please note that copies of certified copies will not be accepted.</b></p>	<p><b>Provision/change of address</b></p> <p>In order to comply with the requirements of FICA, Computershare will be unable to record/update the address of a shareholder unless the following documentation is received from the relevant shareholder:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- an original certified copy of your identity document;</li> <li>- an original certified copy of a document issued by the South African Revenue Services to verify your tax number. If you do not have one please submit this in writing and have the letter signed by a Commissioner of Oaths; and</li> <li>- an original or an original certified copy of a service bill to verify your residential address e.g. rates/electricity bill or telephone bill (not a mobile telephone account) bearing your name and current residential address. Alternatively, you may provide any two approved retail credit account statements, that reflects your residential address. Should the service bill be in the name of a third party, please supply a certified copy of that third party and/or homeowner's identity document, service bill and a completed and signed co-habitant form. Please note that all documents should be dated within the preceding three months.</li> </ul> <p><b>Please note that copies of certified copies will not be accepted.</b></p>
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**PLEASE READ THE NOTES OVERLEAF.**

**Forms of election must be lodged with, emailed or mailed to the transfer secretaries, Computershare:****Hand deliveries to:**

Computershare Investor Services Proprietary Limited  
Rosebank Towers  
15 Biermann Avenue  
Rosebank  
Johannesburg  
2196

**Postal deliveries to:**

Computershare Investor Services Proprietary Limited  
PO Box 61763  
Marshalltown  
2107

**Email deliveries to:** [corporate.events@computershare.co.za](mailto:corporate.events@computershare.co.za)

To be received by no later than 12:00 on Friday, 1 November 2019

Name and address of registered shareholder	Account number
<i>Enquiries in connection with this form of instruction should be addressed to the transfer secretaries, quoting this account number</i>	

Number of Equites shares held or deemed to be held on the record date, being Friday, 1 November 2019	Maximum cash dividend to which you will become entitled based on the number of shares held or deemed to be held on the record date, being Friday, 1 November 2019, <b>should you not elect to participate in the dividend reinvestment alternative</b>	Number of Equites shares for which the dividend reinvestment alternative is elected (the maximum number of shares for which the dividend reinvestment alternative can be made is the number of shares registered in your name in Equites' register on the record date)

Date of signature	Signature
Email address	

**Notes**

- The election may be made in respect of all or any of the Equites shares registered or deemed to be registered in the name of the shareholder at the close of business on the record date.
- The signature on the form of election of any person who is under legal disability shall be accompanied by the signature of such person's parent or guardian or legal representative, as the case may be.
- In order to be valid, this form of election must be properly completed and lodged with or posted to the transfer secretaries of Equites at the address indicated above, to be received by them by no later than 12:00 (SA time) on Friday, 1 November 2019. Late forms of election will not be accepted. Forms of election which are not posted must be emailed to [corporate.events@computershare.co.za](mailto:corporate.events@computershare.co.za). Computershare will not be responsible for any loss and/or damage whatsoever in relation to or arising from the late or non-receipt of emailed forms of election or owing to forms of election being forwarded to any other facsimile or email address other than those provided above. Forms of election shall be deemed to be received on the date reflected in Computershare's electronic or facsimile systems. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary it is the shareholder's responsibility to ensure that their forms of election are received by Computershare.
- Equites reserves the right in its discretion to:
  1. treat as invalid (in which case the dividend will be paid) any form of election not complying with the terms of the election or any instruction contained herein; and/or
  2. require proof of the authority of the person signing this form of election where such proof has not yet been lodged with or recorded by the transfer secretaries, Computershare.
- Any and every alteration or correction made to this form of election must be initialled by the signatory(ies).
- Should you have any queries as to the completion of this form of election, please contact the transfer secretaries.





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