

January 15, 2025

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Sub.: Press Release of the Board Meeting of the Company

Ref.: 1. Regulation 30 (read with Schedule III - Part A), of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations");

3. Our intimation dated January 10, 2025

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Pursuant to the above referred, kindly note that the Board of Directors of the Company at its meeting held today have *inter alia* considered and approve issuance of equity shares by way of Qualified Institutions Placement and Preferential issue, subject to receipt of necessary regulatory approvals, as may be required.

Enclosed is the press release in this regard.

The above is being made available on the Company's website i.e. www.abfrl.com.

Thanking you.

Sincerely,

For Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Limited

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## PRESS RELEASE

## Aditya Birla Fashion Ltd. announces USD 500 Mn equity raise through preferential issue and QIP

- Fidelity Investments to participate in USD 275 Mn preferential issue along with promoters.
- Promoter participation at ~18% premium to yesterday's closing price
- Board also approves fund raise of USD 225 Mn through QIP

The board of Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Limited ("ABFRL") in its meeting today approved raising of USD 500 Mn through a combination of preferential issuance and Qualified Institutional Placement ("QIP") of equity shares. The Preferential issuance of USD 275 Mn will be led by the promoter group investing USD 150 Mn. and Fidelity Investments investing USD 125 Mn. The promoter participation is at a significant premium of 17.5% over yesterday's closing price, signalling strong conviction in the value creation potential of ABFRL.

The preferential allotment will be subscribed by Fidelity Investments through its funds viz. Fidelity Blue Chip Growth Fund, Fidelity Blue Chip Growth Commingled Pool, Fidelity Blue Chip Growth K6 Fund, Fidelity Series Blue Chip Growth Fund & FIAM Target Date Blue Chip Growth Commingled Pool.

The Board also approved an equity issuance through QIP for up to USD 225mn, taking the total fund raise to USD 500 Mn.

This combined fund raise will deleverage the company and position it to aggressively pursue its growth strategy through its multiple growth engines established over the last few years.

This capital raise marks an important milestone ahead of the proposed vertical demerger of the company into two separately listed entities. The demerger exercise is expected to be completed by the end of this financial year.

The shareholder's meeting for approving the preferential issuance is scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and the relevant date for pricing of issuance will be taken as 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025.



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Both preferential issuance and QIP will be subjected to customary & regulatory approvals.

## **About Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Limited**

ABFRL is part of a leading Indian conglomerate, The Aditya Birla Group. With revenue of Rs. 13,996 Cr. spanning retail space of 11.9 million sq. ft. (as on March 31, 2024), it is India's first billion-dollar pure-play fashion powerhouse with an elegant bouquet of leading fashion brands and retail formats.

The Company has a network of 4,538 stores across approximately 37,952 multi-brand outlets with 9,047 points of sale in department stores across India (as on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024).

It has a repertoire of India's largest brands in **Louis Philippe**, **Van Heusen**, **Allen Solly** and **Peter England**, established over 25 years. **Pantaloons** is one of India's leading fashion retailer, while **Style Up** is an emerging value retail format.

Company's international Brands portfolio includes - **The Collective**, Amongst India's largest multibrand retailers of international brands and has long term exclusive partnerships with select brands such as **Ralph Lauren**, **Hackett London**, **Ted Baker**, **Fred Perry**, **Forever 21**, **American Eagle**, **Reebok**, **Simon Carter and Galeries Lafayette**.

The Company's foray into branded ethnic wear business includes brands such as Jaypore, Tasva & Marigold Lane. The company has strategic partnerships with Designers 'Shantnu & Nikhil', 'Tarun Tahiliani', 'Sabyasachi' and 'House of Masaba'. This also encompasses the recently amalgamated TCNS portfolio of women's ethnic brands: W, Aurelia, Wishful, Elleven, and Folksong.

In addition, to cater to the needs of digitally native consumers, ABFRL is building a portfolio of Digital-first brands under its technology led 'House of D2C Brands' venture **TMRW**. **TMRW** is on a path to building a portfolio of Digital First brands in partnership with founders of emerging brands in the E-Commerce market.

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