



## Virtu Finance p.l.c.

“Virtu”, Ta’ Xbiex Terrace, Ta’ Xbiex, XBX 1034 - Malta

### COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

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### Update to the market

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Date of Announcement	13 May, 2024
Reference	43/2024
In terms of Chapter 5 of the Capital Markets Rules	

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#### QUOTE

The Board of Directors of Virtu Finance p.l.c. (the “**Company**”) hereby announces that, with effect from the date hereof, the fast ferry service between Valletta and Mgarr (Gozo) operated as from 2021 by a subsidiary of Virtu Maritime Limited (C-81559), the guarantor of the €25,000,000 3.75% Unsecured Bonds 2027 issued by the Company in terms of the prospectus dated 30 October, 2017, will no longer be operated by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Virtu Maritime Limited. This follows the award of a public service contract further to a request for proposals with reference MTIP/139/2023, for ‘the provision of temporary services of scheduled fast ferry between Malta and Gozo’, issued by the Ministry responsible for Transport in January, 2024.

The purpose of the request for proposals was to secure the provision of a regular and reliable fast ferry service between Malta and Gozo. This service was identified as a service of general economic interest, based on a market research study carried out by an independent consultancy firm on behalf of the Ministry, principally for Gozitan residents who work or study in Malta and commute between the islands on a daily basis. The service is to be provided using high speed ferries, operating a minimum number of trips in accordance with a timetable set by the Ministry. Following a competitive process, the contract for the provision of the service was awarded to Gozo High Speed Limited (C-107650), which is owned as to 50% of the issued share capital thereof by Virtu Holdings Limited (C-30642), the parent company of Virtu Maritime Limited.

#### UNQUOTE

By order of the Board of Directors of Virtu Finance p.l.c.

**Dr Malcolm Falzon**  
COMPANY SECRETARY