

Ares Management Announces Launch of Offering of Series B Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock

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NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ares Management Corporation (NYSE: ARES) (“Ares” or the “Company”) today announced the launch of an underwritten public offering (the “Offering”) of 27,000,000 shares of Series B Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (“Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock”), of the Company. Ares expects to grant to the underwriters of the Offering a 30-day option to purchase up to 3,000,000 additional shares of Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock solely to cover over-allotments. Ares intends to use the net proceeds from the Offering for (i) the payment of a portion of the cash consideration due in respect of the Company’s previously announced acquisition of the international business of GLP Capital Partners Limited and certain of its affiliates, excluding its operations in Greater China (“GCP International”), and existing capital commitments to certain managed funds (the “GCP Acquisition”) and related fees, costs and expenses and/or (ii) general corporate purposes, including repayment of debt, other strategic acquisitions and growth initiatives. Pending such use, Ares may invest the net proceeds in short-term investments and/or repay borrowings under its subsidiaries’ revolving credit facility.

Morgan Stanley and Citigroup are acting as joint bookrunning managers for the Offering.

The Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock is expected to have a liquidation preference of \$50 per share. Unless previously converted or redeemed, each share of Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock will automatically convert, for settlement on or about October 1, 2027 (subject to postponement in certain limited circumstances), into a variable number of shares of Ares’ Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share. Ares will have the right to redeem all, but not less than all, of the Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock if the GCP Acquisition is not completed within a specified period of time. The dividend rate, conversion terms and other terms of the Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock will be determined at the time of pricing of the Offering and remain subject to change.

A registration statement on Form S-3 relating to these securities has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) and has become effective. The Offering may be made only by means of a preliminary prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus. A copy of the preliminary prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus related to the Offering can be obtained for free by visiting the SEC’s website at <http://www.sec.gov> or by contacting Morgan Stanley, 180 Varick Street, 2nd Floor, New York, New York 10014, Attention: Prospectus Department; or Citigroup Global Markets Inc., c/o Broadridge Financial Solutions, 1155 Long Island Avenue, Edgewood, New York 11717, or by email at , or by telephone: (800) 831-9146.

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About Ares Management Corporation

Ares Management Corporation (NYSE: ARES) is a leading global alternative investment manager offering clients complementary primary and secondary investment solutions across the credit, real estate, private equity and infrastructure asset classes. We seek to provide flexible capital to support businesses and create value for our stakeholders and within our communities. By collaborating across our investment groups, we aim to generate consistent and attractive investment returns throughout market cycles. As of June 30, 2024, Ares Management Corporation's global platform had over \$447 billion of assets under management, with more than 2,950 employees operating across North America, Europe, Asia Pacific and the Middle East.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements included herein contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. You can identify these forward-looking statements by the use of forward-looking words such as "outlook," "believes," "expects," "potential," "continues," "may," "will," "should," "seeks," "approximately," "predicts," "intends," "plans," "estimates," "anticipates," "foresees" or negative versions of those words, other comparable words or other statements that do not relate to historical or factual matters. The forward-looking statements are based on our beliefs, assumptions and expectations of our future performance, taking into account all information currently available to us. Such forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties, including our ability to consummate the Offering and the GCP Acquisition and to effectively integrate GCP International into our operations and to achieve the expected benefits therefrom, and assumptions, including those relating to the GCP Acquisition, the Offering and the intended use of proceeds, our operations, financial results, financial condition, business prospects, growth strategy and liquidity. Some of these factors are described in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023, including under the headings "Item 1A. Risk Factors" and "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and in the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on August 7, 2024, including under the heading "Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations." These factors should not be construed as exhaustive and should be read in conjunction with the risk factors and other cautionary statements that are included in this report and in our other periodic filings. If one or more of these or other risks or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, our actual results may vary materially from those indicated in these forward-looking statements. New risks and uncertainties arise over time, and it is not possible for the Company to predict those events or how they may affect us. Therefore, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made. Ares does not undertake any obligation to update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, except as required by law.

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