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NEWS RELEASE

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Pender Growth Fund Announces the Acquisition of one of its Portfolio Companies

VANCOUVER, B.C. (TSXV: PTF) Pender Growth Fund Inc. (the “Company”) is pleased to announce that one of its private portfolio companies has signed a binding agreement to be acquired by a third party (the “Proposed Transaction”). Subject to the satisfaction of final terms and closing conditions, the Proposed Transaction is expected to complete on or about January 7, 2020.

Assuming completion of the Proposed Transaction, the Company’s total net asset value would be expected to increase by approximately \$4.2 million (\$0.52 per share).

The Proposed Transaction and its impact on net asset value are characteristic of the episodic nature of the returns on the Company’s portfolio, as a result of the Company’s long-term investment focus and returns being primarily generated by the disposition of portfolio companies.

The portfolio company is being acquired by an entrepreneurial investment firm focused on acquiring, operating and building high-potential businesses to grow. The acquirer’s experience spans technology, general management, management consulting, investment banking and entrepreneurship. The portfolio company will continue to operate in British Columbia.

About the Company

Pender Growth Fund Inc. is an investment company with the objective of achieving long-term capital appreciation for its investors. The Company utilizes its small capital base and long-term horizon to invest in unique situations; primarily small cap, special situations, and illiquid public and private companies. The Company trades on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol “PTF”. For further information on the Company please visit www.pendergrowthfund.com or contact:

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