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NEWS RELEASE

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Pender Growth Fund Provides Portfolio Update

VANCOUVER, B.C. (TSXV: PTF) Pender Growth Fund Inc. (the "Company") announces that one of its private portfolio companies has accepted a term sheet for a significant equity financing (the "Proposed Financing").

The Proposed Financing will improve the liquidity position and outlook for the portfolio company. The portfolio company has made a strategic decision to accept the term sheet and welcomes the significant growth capital that is expected to be secured in this financing, however the term sheet provides for financing at a lower valuation per share than prior equity financings for this portfolio company.

After careful consideration of the price per share offered in this Proposed Financing, and the improved liquidity and growth prospects for the portfolio company, we have determined it appropriate to revise the Company's carrying value of the portfolio company. The Company's total net asset value is therefore decreased by approximately \$2.0 million (\$0.24 of net asset value per share).

As long-term investors we remain committed to our investment theses for our portfolio companies. We continue to support our portfolio companies in building their intrinsic value over the long-term with a goal of generating returns through the successful divestment of portfolio companies.

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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