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## **Aston Martin Lagonda Global Holdings plc**

("Aston Martin ", the "Company" or the "Group")

# c.£210m share placing to accelerate net leverage reduction and support longer term growth

- c.£210m placing to facilitate the early redemption of the Group's existing second lien split coupon notes, due 2026, as well as supporting capital investments related to the Company's electrification strategy
- Building on the Company's improved financial position, including c.£460 million of liquidity at the end of H1 2023, the proceeds from the proposed placing will further deleverage the balance sheet, while providing further momentum to Aston Martin in delivering its 2024/25 financial targets
- Proposed transaction provides the Company with an accelerated pathway to achieving a net leverage ratio towards c.1.0x in 2024/25 and becoming free cash flow positive from 2024, supported by a significant interest cost reduction, as well as achieving a net leverage ratio of below 1.0x in 2027/28
- Existing strategic shareholders, who are represented on the Aston Martin board, have committed to subscribe for up to £184m

## **Proposed Share Placing**

Building on its improved financial position, Aston Martin today announces its intention to undertake a share placing, providing gross proceeds of approximately £210 million through a non-pre-emptive issue of new Ordinary Shares of £0.10 each ("Ordinary Shares") (the "Placing") to institutional investors. The proceeds from the Placing would allow the Company to further deleverage its balance sheet, as well as providing an accelerated pathway towards achieving its net leverage ratio targets and becoming free cash flow positive from 2024, supported by a significant interest cost reduction. In addition to the Company's overall liquidity of c. £460 million at the end of H1 2023, the proceeds would also support capital investments related to the Company's electrification strategy, consistent with its plans to invest c. £2 billion over the next five years (2023-2027).

In addition, the Company intends to undertake a concurrent separate retail offer of new Ordinary Shares on the PrimaryBid platform (the "Retail Offer") and certain directors of the Company have agreed to subscribe for new Ordinary Shares for an aggregate amount of approximately £1.5 million (the "Director Subscription", together with the Placing and the Retail Offer, the "Share Offering"), in each case at the Placing Price (as defined below).

The Company has received irrevocable undertakings to subscribe for approximately £115 million of the Placing, comprising:

Yew Tree Overseas Limited ("Yew Tree") to irrevocably subscribe for £44 million on behalf
of itself and other members of the Yew Tree Consortium (comprising Saint James Invest
SA, J.C.B. Research, RRRR Investments LLC, FrancInvest Holding Corporation, John Idol,
Omega Funds I Limited, ErsteAM Ltd and now also BDI Invest L.P.)

- Public Investment Fund to irrevocably subscribe for £37 million
- Geely International (Hong Kong) Ltd to irrevocably subscribe for £15 million
- Mercedes-Benz AG to irrevocably subscribe for £19 million

The remaining approximately £95m of the Placing will be made available to institutional investors via an accelerated bookbuild (the "Bookbuilding Process").

In addition to irrevocably subscribing for £44 million (being its pro rata share of the Placing), Yew Tree has also agreed to subscribe for up to a further £69 million in the Placing, on behalf of itself and certain other members of the Yew Tree Consortium, to the extent that such Ordinary Shares are not placed as part of the Placing.

The Bookbuilding Process will be launched immediately following this announcement. The Placing is subject to the terms and conditions set out in Appendix 1 to this announcement.

The Board supports the Pre-Emption Group guidance that encourages companies to consider the inclusion of retail shareholders when issuing shares non-pre-emptively and, accordingly, the Board determined to offer retail shareholders an opportunity to participate in the Share Offering.

The Retail Offer is not subject to the terms and conditions set out in Appendix 1 to this announcement and instead a separate announcement will be made regarding the Retail Offer and its terms and the new Ordinary Shares issued pursuant to the Retail Offer (the "Retail Offer Shares").

Ahmed Al-Subaey and Franz Reiner, each a member of the Board of Directors of the Company, have agreed to subscribe for £1.5 million and £50,000 respectively through the Director Subscription.

## **Reasons for the Share Offering**

The net proceeds of the Share Offering will be used by the Company to facilitate the early redemption of the Group's existing second lien split coupon notes, due 2026, by early November 2023 as well as supporting ongoing capital investments related to the Company's electrification strategy. The early redemption of the second lien notes by early November 2023 will enable the Company to operate with increased financial flexibility and improve free cash flow generation by reducing its interest costs, contributing to the delivery of sustainable free cash flow.

As part of its Capital Markets Day held in June 2023, Aston Martin confirmed that it remains on track to deliver its 2024/25 financial targets, originally provided in 2020, which aimed to deliver c.£2 billion in revenue and c.£500 million of adjusted EBITDA by 2024/25. The Company expects to substantially achieve these financial targets in 2024 and, with continued strong momentum, is likely to exceed them in 2025.

The proposed Share Offering will provide further momentum to the Company in delivering these 2024/25 financial targets with an accelerated pathway to achieving a net leverage ratio towards c.1.0x in 2024/25 and becoming free cash flow positive from 2024, supported by a significant interest cost reduction, as well as achieving a net leverage ratio of below 1.0x in 2027/28.

Aston Martin also provided new mid-term financial targets for 2027/28 consisting of:

- Revenue of c. £2.5 billion
- Gross margin in the mid 40s%
- Adjusted EBITDA of c. £800 million
- Adjusted EBITDA margin of c. 30%
- Free cash flow to be sustainably positive
- Net leverage ratio of c. 1.0x (updated to below 1.0x following the proposed placing)

Aligned with this framework, the Company expect to invest c. £2 billion over the next five years (2023-2027) as it invests in its long-term growth and the transition to electrification. The Share Offering will provide Aston Martin with additional capital to deliver these plans.

The Board's unanimous view is that the Share Offering, which follows strong engagement with shareholders following the Company's half year results, is in the best interests of shareholders, as well as wider stakeholders in Aston Martin.

Lawrence Stroll, Executive Chairman of Aston Martin, said: "From a position of strength, including our recently announced H1 results and the tremendous demand we have seen for our new core and special models, this proposed transaction builds on the actions we have taken to deliver shareholder value. The share offering will allow us to redeem our most expensive debt, accelerate the pathway we have been on to deleverage our balance sheet and become sustainably free cash flow positive.

"I would like to thank my fellow investors in the Yew Tree Consortium and our strategic partners for their unequivocal support and their shared confidence in our long-term future and direction."

## **Details of the Placing**

Barclays Bank PLC, acting through its investment bank ("Barclays") and J.P. Morgan Securities plc, which conducts its UK investment banking activities as J.P. Morgan Cazenove ("J.P. Morgan Cazenove") are acting as joint global co-ordinators and joint bookrunners (the "Banks") in connection with the Placing.

The Banks will commence the Bookbuilding Process immediately following the release of this announcement in respect of the Placing and may close the Bookbuilding Process at any time thereafter. The price at which the Placing Shares are to be placed (the "Placing Price") will be determined following the close of the Bookbuilding Process by agreement between the Company and the Banks.

The timing of the closing of the book, pricing and allocations are at the absolute discretion of the Banks and the Company. The Placing Price, the number of Placing Shares to be placed, the number of Retail Offer Shares to be issued and the number of Director Subscriptions Shares (as defined below) to be subscribed at the Placing Price will be announced as soon as practicable after the close of the Bookbuilding Process.

The Placing is subject to the terms and conditions set out in Appendix 1 to this announcement.

The new Ordinary Shares to be subscribed for in the Director Subscription (the "Director Subscriptions Shares") will be subscribed for at the Placing Price and on the basis agreed pursuant to subscription letters with the Company, rather than pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Placing set out in Appendix 1 to this announcement. Members of the public are not entitled to participate in the Placing or the Director Subscription. The Retail Offer is not made subject to the terms and conditions set out in Appendix 1 to this announcement, and instead will be made on the terms outlined in a separate announcement to be made shortly. The Retail Offer and Director Subscription are conditional on the Placing, but the Placing is not conditional on the Retail Offer or the Director Subscription.

The Placing Shares, Retail Offer Shares and Director Subscriptions Shares (together, the "Offering Shares"), when issued, will be fully paid and will rank pari passu in all respects with each other and with the existing Ordinary Shares, including the right to receive all dividends and other distributions declared, made or paid after the date of issue.

Applications have been made for the Offering Shares to be admitted to the premium listing segment of the Official List of the Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA") and to trading on the main market for listed securities of the London Stock Exchange plc (the "London Stock Exchange") (together "Admission"). It is expected that settlement for the Offering Shares and Admission will take place at or around 8.00 a.m. (London time) on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023.

The Placing is conditional upon, among other things, Admission becoming effective. The Placing is also conditional upon the placing agreement between the Company and the Banks (the "Placing Agreement") not being terminated in accordance with its terms. The Appendix to this announcement sets out further information relating to the terms and conditions of the Placing.

This announcement contains inside information for the purposes of Article 7 of the Market Abuse Regulation EU 596/2016 as it forms part of UK law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018. The person responsible for releasing this announcement on behalf of Aston Martin Lagonda Global Holdings plc is Liz Miles, Company Secretary.

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Members of the public are not eligible to take part in the Placing. The Placing and this Announcement are directed only at persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing and disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their business and who have professional experience in matters relating to investments and are: (i) if in a member state of the European Economic Area (the "EEA"), "qualified investors" within the meaning of article 2(e) of the Prospectus Regulation ("Qualified Investors"); or (ii) if in the United Kingdom, "qualified investors" within the meaning of article 2(e) of the UK Prospectus Regulation who are also (a) persons who fall within the definition of "investment professional" in article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended (the "Order"), or (b) persons who fall within article 49(2)(a) to (d) ("high net worth companies, unincorporated associations, etc.") of the Order, or (c) other persons to whom it may otherwise be lawfully communicated (all such persons referred to in (a), (b) and (c) together being referred to as "Relevant Persons"). Any investment or investment activity to which this Announcement relates is available only (i) in any member state of the EEA, to Qualified Investors; and (ii) in the United Kingdom, to Relevant Persons, and will only be engaged in with such persons. This Announcement must not be acted on or relied on (i) in any member state of the EEA, by persons who are not Qualified Investors; and (ii) in the United Kingdom, by persons who are not Relevant Persons.

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By participating in the Bookbuilding Process and the Placing, each person who is invited to and who chooses to participate in the Placing (each a "Placee") by making an oral or written and legally binding offer to subscribe for Placing Shares will be deemed to have read and understood this Announcement (including the Appendices) in its entirety, to be participating, making an offer and subscribing for Placing Shares on the terms and conditions contained in the Appendices to this Announcement and to be providing the representations, warranties, indemnities, acknowledgements and undertakings contained in the Appendices to this Announcement.

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The Placing Shares may be sold only to purchasers purchasing, or deemed to be purchasing, as principal that are accredited investors, as defined in National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions* or subsection 73.3(1) of the *Securities Act* (Ontario), as applicable, and are permitted clients, as defined in National Instrument 31-103 *Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations*. The Company is not, and has no intention of becoming, a "reporting issuer", as such term is defined under Canadian securities laws, in any province or territory of Canada. Any resale of the Placing Shares must be made in accordance with an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the prospectus requirements of applicable securities laws.

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The Offering Shares to be issued or sold pursuant to the Share Offering will not be admitted to trading on any stock exchange other than the London Stock Exchange.

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Solely for the purposes of the product governance requirements contained within: (a) EU Directive 2014/65/EU on markets in financial instruments, as amended ("MiFID II"); (b) Articles 9 and 10 of Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2017/593 supplementing MiFID II; and (c) local implementing measures (together, the "MiFID II Product Governance Requirements"), and disclaiming all and any liability, whether arising in tort, contract or otherwise, which any 'manufacturer' (for the purposes of the MiFID II Product Governance Requirements) may otherwise have with respect thereto, the Placing Shares have been subject to a product approval process, which has determined that such Placing Shares are: (i) compatible with an end target market of retail investors and investors who meet the criteria of professional clients and eligible counterparties, each as defined in MiFID II; and (ii) eligible for distribution through all distribution channels as are permitted by MiFID II (the "EU Target Market Assessment"). Notwithstanding the EU Target Market Assessment, distributors should note that: the price of the Placing Shares may decline and investors could lose all or part of their investment; the Placing Shares offer no guaranteed income and no capital protection; and an investment in the Placing Shares is compatible only with investors who do not need a guaranteed income or capital protection, who (either alone or in conjunction with an appropriate financial or other adviser) are capable of evaluating the merits and risks of such an investment and who have sufficient resources to be able to bear any losses that may result therefrom. The EU Target Market Assessment is without prejudice to the requirements of any contractual, legal or regulatory selling restrictions in relation to the Placing. Furthermore, it is noted that, notwithstanding the EU Target Market Assessment, the Banks will only procure investors who meet the criteria of professional clients and eligible counterparties.

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#### Appendix 1

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Unless otherwise stated, capitalised terms in this Appendix have the meanings ascribed to them in Appendix 2.

This Announcement is for information only and does not itself constitute or form part of an offer to sell or issue or the solicitation of an offer to buy or subscribe for securities referred to herein in any jurisdiction including, without limitation, the United States, any Restricted Territory (as defined below) or in any jurisdiction where such offer or solicitation is unlawful. No public offering of securities will be made in connection with the Placing in the United States, any other Restricted Territory or elsewhere.

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All offers of the Placing Shares will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Regulation and the UK Prospectus Regulation from the requirement to produce a prospectus. This Announcement is being distributed and communicated to persons in the UK only in circumstances to which section 21(1) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended ("**FSMA**") does not apply.

The Placing has not been approved and will not be approved or disapproved by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, any State securities commission or any other regulatory authority in the United States, nor have any of the foregoing authorities passed upon or endorsed the merits of the Placing or the accuracy or adequacy of this Announcement. Any representation to the contrary is unlawful.

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The Banks are acting exclusively for the Company and no one else in connection with the Placing and are not, and will not be, responsible to anyone (including the Placees) other than the Company for providing the protections afforded to their clients nor for providing advice in relation to the Placing and/or any other matter referred to in this Announcement.

None of the Company or the Banks or its or their respective Affiliates or agents, or any person acting on its or their behalf, makes any representation or warranty, express or implied to any Placees regarding any investment in the securities referred to in this Announcement under the laws applicable to such Placees. Each Placee should consult its own advisers as to the legal, tax, business, financial and related aspects of an investment in the Placing Shares.

By participating in the Placing, Placees (including individuals, funds or otherwise) by whom or on whose behalf a commitment to subscribe for Placing Shares has been given will (i) be

deemed to have read and understood this Announcement, in its entirety; and (ii) be making such offer and subscribing for Placing Shares on the Terms and Conditions contained in this Appendix, including being deemed to be providing (and shall only be permitted to participate in the Placing on the basis that they have provided) the representations, warranties, acknowledgements and undertakings set out herein.

In particular each such Placee represents, warrants and acknowledges that:

- (a) if it is in a member state of the EEA, it is a Qualified Investor and undertakes that it will subscribe for, hold, manage or dispose of any Placing Shares that are allocated to it for the purposes of its business;
- (b) if it is in the United Kingdom, it is a Relevant Person and undertakes that it will subscribe for, hold, manage or dispose of any Placing Shares that are allocated to it for the purposes of its business;
- it is and, at the time the Placing Shares are subscribed for, will be, subject to certain (c) exceptions: (i) outside the United States and is acquiring the Placing Shares in an "offshore transaction" in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 of Regulation S under the Securities Act ("Regulation S"); or (ii) (a) a "qualified institutional buyer" (as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act) ("QIB") that has executed and delivered, or will executed and deliver, a US Investor Letter, and (b) subscribing for the Placing Shares in a transaction pursuant to an exemption from, or not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act, acknowledging that the Placing Shares have not been, and will not be, registered under the Securities Act or with any state or other jurisdiction of the United States; with respect to (ii) above, each potential Placee and prospective beneficial owner represents and warrants that is subscribing for the Placing Shares on its own account or for one or more accounts as to each of which it exercises sole investment discretion and each of which is a QIB, for investment purposes only and not with a view to any distribution or for resale in connection with the distribution thereof in whole or in part in the United States, and it has full power to make the representations, warranties, indemnities, acknowledgements, agreements and undertakings herein on behalf of each such account:
- (d) if subscribing for the Placing Shares for the account of one or more other persons, it has full power and authority to make the representations, warranties, agreements and acknowledgements herein on behalf of each such account;
- (e) it is subscribing for the Placing Shares for its own account or is subscribing for the Placing Shares for an account with respect to which it exercises sole investment discretion and has the authority to make and does make the representations, warranties, indemnities, agreements and acknowledgements, contained in these Terms and Conditions; and
- (f) if it is a financial intermediary, as that term is used in Article 5(1) of the Prospectus Regulation and Article 5(1) of the UK Prospectus Regulation, that it understands the resale and transfer restrictions set out in this Appendix and that any Placing Shares subscribed for by it in the Placing will not be subscribed for on a non-discretionary basis on behalf of, nor will they be subscribed for with a view to their offer or resale to, persons in circumstances which may give rise to an offer of securities to the public other than an offer or resale in a member state of the EEA to Qualified Investors or in the United Kingdom to Relevant Persons, or in circumstances in which the prior consent of the Banks has been given to each such proposed offer or resale.

## **NOTICE TO CANADIAN INVESTORS**

The Placing Shares may be sold only to purchasers purchasing, or deemed to be purchasing, as principal that are accredited investors, as defined in National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions* or subsection 73.3(1) of the *Securities Act* (Ontario), as applicable, and are permitted clients, as defined in National Instrument 31-103 *Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant* 

Obligations. The Company is not, and has no intention of becoming, a "reporting issuer", as such term is defined under Canadian securities laws, in any province or territory of Canada. Any resale of the Placing Shares must be made in accordance with an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the prospectus requirements of applicable securities laws.

The offering of the Placing Shares may be made on a private placement basis in the provinces of Ontario, Québec, British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba, and is exempt from the requirement that the Company prepare and file a prospectus with the relevant securities regulatory authorities in Canada. No offer of securities is made pursuant to this Announcement in Canada except to a person who has represented to the Company and the Banks that such person: (i) is purchasing as principal, or is deemed to be purchasing as principal in accordance with applicable Canadian securities laws, for investment only and not with a view to resale or distribution; (ii) is an "accredited investor" as such term is defined in section 1.1 of National Instrument 45-106 Prospectus Exemptions or, in Ontario, as such term is defined in section 73.3(1) of the Securities Act (Ontario); and (iii) is a "permitted client" as such term is defined in section 1.1 of National Instrument 31-103 Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations. Any resale of the Placing Shares subscribed for by a Canadian investor in this offering must be made in accordance with applicable Canadian securities laws, which may vary depending on the relevant jurisdiction, and which may require resales to be made in accordance with Canadian prospectus requirements, a statutory exemption from the prospectus requirements, in a transaction exempt from the prospectus requirements or otherwise under a discretionary exemption from the prospectus requirements granted by the applicable local Canadian securities regulatory authority. These resale restrictions may under certain circumstances apply to resales of the Placing Shares outside of Canada.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PLACEES ONLY REGARDING THE PLACING

Defined terms used in this Appendix are set out at in Appendix 2.

## **Bookbuilding Process**

Following this Announcement, the Banks will commence the Bookbuilding Process to determine demand for participation in the Placing by Placees (other than for the Cornerstone Shares which will be subscribed for by the Cornerstones in the Placing pursuant to the Cornerstones Subscription). No commissions will be paid to Placees or by Placees in respect of any Placing Shares. The book will open with immediate effect. Members of the public are not entitled to participate in the Placing. This Appendix gives details of the terms and conditions of, and the mechanics of participation in, the Placing.

## **Details of the Placing Agreement and of the Placing Shares**

Each of Barclays and J.P. Morgan Cazenove is acting as a joint global co-ordinator and a joint bookrunner in connection with the Placing. The Banks have today entered an agreement with the Company (the "Placing Agreement") under which, subject to the terms and conditions set out therein, each of the Banks, as agent for and on behalf of the Company, has agreed to use its respective reasonable endeavours to procure Placees for the Placing Shares, other than for the Cornerstone Shares which shall be subscribed for by the Cornerstones in the Placing pursuant to the Cornerstones Undertakings, at the Placing Price (as defined below) and, subject to agreement with the Company as to the number of Placing Shares to be placed with the Placees and the Placing Price, to the extent that such Placees (other than the Cornerstones) fail to pay for any of the Placing Shares (other than the Cornerstone Shares) allocated to them, to subscribe for those Placing Shares for which such Placees fail to pay for. Save for the Cornerstone Shares to be subscribed for in the Placing by the Cornerstones, if and to the extent that Placees are not procured to subscribe for any Placing Shares at the Placing Price the Banks shall not be obliged themselves to subscribe for or pay for any such Placing Shares in respect of which no Placees have been procured (the "Unsold Shares"). Yew Tree Overseas Limited has agreed with the Company to subscribe for Unsold Shares up to a maximum subscription price of £69 million in accordance with the applicable obligations under the Cornerstones Undertakings.

The Cornerstone Shares are not being underwritten by the Banks. If and to the extent the Cornerstones fail to pay for any or all of the Cornerstone Shares and/or the Unsold Shares, the Banks shall not be obliged themselves to subscribe for or pay for any such Cornerstone Shares or Unsold Shares.

The Banks are not acting for the Company with respect to the Retail Offer or the Director Subscription.

The price per Ordinary Share at which the Placing Shares are to be placed will be decided at the close of the Bookbuilding Process (the "Placing Price") following the execution of the placing supplement by the Company and the Banks (the "Placing Supplement Agreement"). The final number of Placing Shares will be decided at the close of the Bookbuilding Process following the execution of the Placing Supplement Agreement. The timing of the closing of the book, pricing and allocations are at the discretion of the Company and the Banks. Details of the number of Placing Shares and the Placing Price will be announced as soon as practicable after the close of the Bookbuilding Process.

The total number of shares to be issued pursuant to the Share Offering shall not exceed 70,000,000 Ordinary Shares, representing approximately 9.5% of the Company's existing issued Ordinary Share capital.

The Placing Shares have been duly authorised and will, when issued following the satisfaction of the conditions described below, be credited as fully paid and will rank pari passu in all respects with the existing Ordinary Shares, including the right to receive all dividends and other distributions declared, made or paid in respect of the Ordinary Shares after the date of issue. The Placing Shares will be issued free of any encumbrances, liens or other security interests.

### Application for admission to trading

It is expected that Admission of the Placing Shares will become effective at 8:00 a.m. (London time) on 3 August 2023 (or such later date as may be agreed between the Company and the Banks but being no later than 3:00 p.m. (London time) on 7 August 2023).

## Participation in, and principal terms of, the Placing

- The Banks are arranging the Placing severally, and not jointly, nor jointly and severally, as
  agents of the Company. Participation in the Placing will only be available to persons who may
  lawfully be, and are, invited to participate by either of the Banks. Each of the Banks and their
  respective Affiliates, and any person acting on their behalf, are entitled to enter bids as principal
  in the Bookbuilding Process.
- 2. The Bookbuilding Process, if successful, will establish the Placing Price and the number of Placing Shares to be allocated to all Placees whose bids are successful. The Placing Price and the aggregate proceeds to be raised through the Placing will be agreed between the Banks and the Company following completion of the Bookbuilding Process. The Placing Price and the number of Placing Shares to be issued will be announced on a Regulatory Information Service following the completion of the Bookbuilding Process.
- 3. To bid in the Bookbuilding Process, Placees should communicate their bid by telephone or in writing to their usual sales contact at one of the Banks. Each bid should state the number of Placing Shares which the prospective Placee wishes to subscribe for at the Placing Price which is ultimately established by the Company and the Banks or at prices up to a price limit specified in its bid. Other than in respect of the Cornerstones who are subject to the terms of the Cornerstones Undertakings, bids may be scaled down by the Banks on the basis referred to in paragraph 7 below. Each of the Banks reserves the right not to accept bids or to accept bids in part rather than in whole.
- 4. The Bookbuilding Process is expected to close no later than 7.00 a.m. (London time) on 1 August 2023 but may be closed earlier or later, at the discretion of the Banks and the Company. The Banks may, in agreement with the Company, accept bids that are received after the Bookbuild has closed.
- 5. Each Placee's allocation will be agreed between the Banks and the Company and will be confirmed to Placees orally or in writing by the relevant Bank, acting as agent of the Company, following the close of the Bookbuilding Process, and an electronic contract note/trade confirmation will be dispatched as soon as possible thereafter. Subject to paragraph 9 below, the relevant Bank's oral or written confirmation to such Placee will constitute an irrevocable legally binding commitment upon such person (who will at that point become a Placee) in favour of such Bank and the Company, under which such Placee agrees to subscribe for the number of Placing Shares allocated to it and to pay the Placing Price for each such Placing Share on

the Terms and Conditions set out in this Appendix and in accordance with the Company's articles of association and each Placee will be deemed to have read and understood this Announcement (including the Appendices) in its entirety.

- 6. Subject to paragraphs 2 and 3 above, the Banks will, in effecting the Placing, agree with the Company the identity of the Placees and the basis of allocation of the Placing Shares and, other than in respect of the Cornerstones who are subject to the terms of the Cornerstones Undertakings, may scale down any bids for this purpose on such basis as it may determine. The Banks may also, notwithstanding paragraphs 3 and 4 above and subject to the prior consent of the Company, (i) allocate Placing Shares after the time of any initial allocation to any person submitting a bid after that time and (ii) allocate Placing Shares after the Bookbuild has closed to any person submitting a bid after that time. The acceptance of offers shall be at the absolute discretion of the Banks, subject to the prior consent of the Company.
- 7. The Placing Shares are being offered and sold by the Company (a) outside the United States in offshore transactions as defined in, and pursuant to, Regulation S under the Securities Act; and (b) in the United States only to persons reasonably believed to be QIBs in transactions not involving any "public offering" within the meaning of Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, or pursuant to another exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act. It and the prospective beneficial owners of the Placing Shares is, and at the time the Placing Shares are subscribed for, will be either: (i) outside the United States and subscribing for the Placing Shares in an offshore transaction as defined in, and pursuant to, Regulation S under the Securities Act; or (ii) (a) a QIB that has executed and delivered, or will execute and deliver, a US Investor Letter, and (b) subscribing for the Placing Shares in a transaction pursuant to an exemption from, or not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act, acknowledging that the Placing Shares have not been, and will not be, registered under the Securities Act or with any state or other jurisdiction of the United States. With respect to (ii) above, each potential Placee and prospective beneficial owner represents and warrants that is subscribing for the Placing Shares on its own account or for one or more accounts as to each of which it exercises sole investment discretion and each of which is a QIB, for investment purposes only and not with a view to any distribution or for resale in connection with the distribution thereof in whole or in part in the United States, and it has full power to make the representations, warranties, indemnities, acknowledgements, agreements and undertakings herein on behalf of each such account.
- 8. Each potential Placee located or resident in Canada must qualify as both an "accredited investor" and a "permitted client" under applicable Canadian securities laws that has either executed and delivered, or will execute and deliver, a Canadian Investor Letter and satisfy the eligibility requirements set forth therein.
- 9. A bid in the Bookbuilding Process will be made on the terms and subject to the conditions in this Appendix and will be legally binding on the Placee on behalf of which it is made and except with the relevant Bank's consent will not be capable of variation or revocation after the time at which it is submitted. Each Placee will also have an immediate, separate, irrevocable and binding obligation, owed to the relevant Bank, to pay it (or as it may direct) in cleared funds an amount equal to the product of the Placing Price and the number of Placing Shares that such Placee has been allocated and has agreed to subscribe for. Each Placee's obligations will be owed to the relevant Bank. The Company shall, conditional on Admission, allot such Placing Shares to each Placee following each Placee's payment to the relevant Bank of such amount.
- 10. Except as required by law or regulation, no press release or other announcement will be made by either of the Banks or the Company using the name of any Placee (or its agent), in its capacity as Placee (or agent), other than with such Placee's prior written consent.
- 11. Irrespective of the time at which a Placee's allocation(s) pursuant to the Placing is/are confirmed, settlement for all Placing Shares to be subscribed for pursuant to the Placing will be required to be made at the same time, on the basis explained below under "Registration and Settlement".

- 12. All obligations under the Bookbuilding Process and Placing will be subject to fulfilment or (where applicable) waiver of the conditions referred to below under "Conditions of the Placing" and to the Placing not being terminated on the basis referred to below under "Termination of the Placing Agreement".
- 13. By participating in the Bookbuilding Process, each Placee agrees that its rights and obligations in respect of the Placing will terminate only in the circumstances described below and will not be capable of rescission or termination by the Placee after confirmation (oral or otherwise) by a Bank.
- 14. To the fullest extent permissible by law, none of the Banks, the Company nor any of its or their respective Affiliates, nor any person acting on its or their behalf, shall have any responsibility or liability to Placees (or to any other person whether acting on behalf of a Placee or otherwise). In particular, none of the Banks, nor the Company, nor any of its or their respective Affiliates, nor any person acting on its or their behalf, shall have any responsibility or liability (including to the fullest extent permissible by law, any fiduciary duties) in respect of the Banks' conduct of the Bookbuilding Process or of such alternative method of effecting the Placing as the Banks, their respective Affiliates and the Company may agree.

#### **Conditions of the Placing**

The Placing is conditional upon the Placing Agreement becoming unconditional and not having been terminated in accordance with its terms. The Banks' obligations under the Placing Agreement are conditional on certain conditions, including (but not limited to):

- each of the warranties on the part of the Company in the Placing Agreement being true and accurate in all respects and not misleading on the date of the Placing Agreement and the date of Admission, in each case as though they had been given and made at such time by reference to the facts and circumstances then subsisting;
- (b) the Placing Supplement Agreement having been duly executed and delivered by the parties thereto in their respective absolute discretions by no later than 7.00 a.m. on the day after the date of this Announcement (or such later time and/or date as may be agreed in writing between the Company and the Banks):
- (c) the delivery of the documents referred to in the Placing Agreement, at or before the times and/or dates specified;
- (d) the publication by the Company of the results of the Placing on a Regulatory Information Service by no later than 7.00 a.m. on the day after the date of this Announcement (or such later time and/or date as may be agreed in writing between the Company and the Banks) (the "Pricing Announcement");
- (e) the Company having allotted, subject only to Admission and the Placing Agreement not having been terminated prior to Admission, the Placing Shares to the Placees in accordance with the terms of the Placing Agreement;
- (f) the Company not being in breach of any of its obligations under the Placing Agreement, which fall to be performed before Admission, except for any breaches which the Banks consider (acting jointly and in good faith) not to be material in the context of the Placing or Admission;
- (g) the Cornerstones Undertakings being duly executed and becoming unconditional subject only to Admission and not having been terminated immediately prior to Admission;
- (h) in the opinion of the Banks (acting jointly and in good faith) there not having occurred or been disclosed any material adverse change in relation to the Group since the date of this Agreement; and
- (i) Admission occurring no later than 8.00 a.m. on 3 August 2023 or such later time and/or date as may be agreed between the Company and the Banks.

If: (i) any of the conditions contained in the Placing Agreement, including those described above, are not fulfilled or (where applicable) waived by the Banks by the relevant time or date specified (or such later time or date as the Company and the Banks may agree, being not later than 8:00 a.m. (London time) on 7 August 2023); or (ii) the Placing Agreement is terminated in the circumstances specified below, the Placing will lapse and the Placees' rights and obligations hereunder in relation to the Placing Shares shall cease and terminate at such time and each Placee agrees that no claim can be made by it in respect thereof.

The Banks may, at their discretion, and upon such terms as they think fit, extend the time for the satisfaction of any condition, or waive compliance by the Company with the whole or any part of any of the Company's obligations in relation to the conditions in the Placing Agreement save that the above conditions relating, *inter alia*, to Admission taking place and the publication by the Company of the Pricing Announcement may not be waived under the terms of the Placing Agreement. Any such extension or waiver will not affect Placees' commitments as set out in this Announcement.

Neither of the Banks, nor their respective Affiliates nor any person acting on its or their behalf shall have any liability or responsibility to any Placee (or to any other person whether acting on behalf of a Placee or otherwise) in respect of any decision the Banks may make as to whether or not to waive or to extend the time and/or date for the satisfaction of any condition to the Placing nor for any decision the Banks may make as to the satisfaction of any condition or in respect of the Placing generally and by participating in the Placing each Placee agrees that any such decision is within the absolute discretion of the Banks.

By participating in the Bookbuilding Process, each Placee agrees that its rights and obligations hereunder terminate only in the circumstances described above and under "Termination of the Placing Agreement" below, and will not be capable of rescission or termination by the Placee.

#### **Termination of the Placing Agreement**

The Banks are entitled, at any time before Admission, to terminate the Placing Agreement in accordance with its terms in certain circumstances, including, *inter alia*, if: (i) there has been a breach by the Company of any of the warranties or undertakings contained in the Placing Agreement or any of the warranties not being, or ceasing to be, true, accurate and not misleading; (ii) in the sole opinion of the Banks, there has been a material adverse change in relation to the Group; (iii) the application for Admission is withdrawn or refused by the FCA or the London Stock Exchange; or (iv) certain force majeure events have occurred including a material adverse change in the financial markets in the United States, the United Kingdom, any member of the European Union or in other international financial markets.

If circumstances arise that would allow the Banks to terminate the Placing Agreement, they may nevertheless determine to allow Admission to proceed. By participating in the Placing, each Placee agrees that its rights and obligations terminate only in the circumstances described above and under "Conditions of the Placing" above and will not be capable of rescission or termination by it after oral or written confirmation by the Banks following the close of the Bookbuilding Process.

By participating in the Placing, Placees agree that the exercise or non-exercise by each Bank of any right of termination or other discretion under the Placing Agreement shall be within the absolute discretion of the Company or the Banks or for agreement between the Company and the Banks (as the case may be) and that neither the Company nor the Banks need make any reference to, or consultation with, Placees and that neither the Company, the Banks nor any of their respective Affiliates, agents, directors, officers or employees, or any person acting on its or their behalf, shall have any liability to Placees whatsoever in connection with any such exercise or failure to so exercise.

#### No prospectus

No offering document, prospectus, offering memorandum or admission document has been or will be prepared or submitted to be approved by the FCA (or any other authority) or submitted to the London Stock Exchange or in any other jurisdictions in relation to the Placing or Admission and no such prospectus or equivalent document is required (in accordance with the Prospectus Regulation or the UK Prospectus Regulation) to be published in the United Kingdom or in any other jurisdiction.

Placees' commitments will be made solely on the basis of publicly available information taken together with the information contained in this Announcement, and any Exchange Information (as defined below) previously published by or on behalf of the Company simultaneously with or prior to the date of this Announcement and subject to the further terms set forth in the electronic contract note/trade confirmation to be provided to individual prospective Placees.

Each Placee, by accepting a participation in the Placing, agrees that the content of this Announcement and the publicly available information released by or on behalf of the Company are exclusively the

responsibility of the Company and confirms to the Banks and the Company that it has neither received nor relied on any other information, representation, warranty, or statement made by or on behalf of the Company (other than publicly available information), the Banks or their respective Affiliates or any person acting on its or their behalf. None of the Company, the Banks, any of their respective Affiliates or any person acting on its or their behalf will be liable for any Placee's decision to participate in the Placing based on any other information, representation, warranty or statement which the Placees may have obtained or received (regardless of whether or not such information, representation, warranty or statement was given or made by or on behalf of any such persons). By participating in the Placing, each Placee acknowledges and agrees that it has relied on its own investigation of the business, financial or other position of the Company in accepting a participation in the Placing. Nothing in this paragraph shall exclude or limit the liability of any person for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation by that person.

### Lock-up

The Company has undertaken to the Banks that, between the date of the Placing Agreement and 180 calendar days after (but including) Admission (or if Admission does not occur, 180 days after (but including) 3 August 2023), it will not, without the prior written consent of the Banks enter into certain transactions involving or relating to the Ordinary Shares, subject to certain carve-outs agreed between the Banks and the Company.

By participating in the Placing, Placees agree that the exercise by the Banks of any power to grant consent to waive the undertaking by the Company of a transaction which would otherwise be subject to the lock-up under the Placing Agreement shall be within the absolute discretion of the Banks and that they need not make any reference to, or consultation with, Placees and that they shall have no liability to Placees whatsoever in connection with any such exercise of the power to grant consent.

#### Registration and settlement

Settlement of transactions in the Placing Shares (ISIN: GB00BFXZC448) following Admission will take place within the relevant system administered by Euroclear ("CREST"), using the delivery versus payment mechanism, subject to certain exceptions. Subject to certain exceptions, the Banks and the Company reserve the right to require settlement for, and delivery of, the Placing Shares to Placees by such other means that they deem necessary if delivery or settlement is not possible or practicable in CREST within the timetable set out in this Announcement or would not be consistent with the regulatory requirements in the Placee's jurisdiction.

Following the close of the Bookbuilding Process for the Placing, each Place allocated Placing Shares in the Placing will be sent an electronic contract note/trade confirmation in accordance with the standing arrangements in place with the relevant Bank stating the number of Placing Shares to be allocated to it at the Placing Price, the aggregate amount owed by such Placee to the relevant Bank and settlement instructions. It is expected that such electronic contract note/trade confirmation will be despatched on or around 1 August 2023 and that this will also be the trade date.

Each Placee agrees that it will do all things necessary to ensure that delivery and payment is completed in accordance with either the standing CREST or certificated settlement instructions that it has in place with the relevant Bank. In the event of any difficulties or delays in the admission of the Placing Shares to CREST or the use of CREST in relation to the Placing, the Company and the Banks may agree that the Placing Shares will be issued in certificated form.

The Company will deliver the Placing Shares to J.P. Morgan Cazenove (CREST Participant ID: 784, Member Account ID: PRIMPLAC) as agent for the Company. The Placing Shares will be credited to J.P. Morgan Cazenove's CREST account by way of a registrars adjustment and therefore J.P. Morgan Cazenove will not be required to enter any form of receipt instruction into CREST. The input to CREST by a Placee of a matching or acceptance instruction will then allow delivery of the relevant Placing Shares to that Placee on a delivery against payment basis.

It is expected that settlement will be on 3 August 2023 on a T+2 basis in accordance with the instructions given to the Banks.

Interest is chargeable daily on payments not received from Placees on the due date in accordance with the arrangements set out above at the rate of two (2) percentage points above SONIA as determined by the Banks.

Each Placee agrees that, if it does not comply with these obligations, the Banks may sell any or all of the Placing Shares allocated to that Placee. The relevant Placee will, however, remain liable for any shortfall below the aggregate amount owed by it and shall be required to bear any stamp duty, stamp duty reserve tax or other stamp, securities, transfer, registration, execution, documentary or other similar impost, duty or tax (together with any interest, fines or penalties) imposed in any jurisdiction which may arise upon the sale of such Placing Shares. By communicating a bid for Placing Shares, each Placee confers on the Banks all such authorities and powers necessary to carry out any such sale and agrees to ratify and confirm all actions which the Banks lawfully take in pursuance of such sale.

If Placing Shares are to be delivered to a custodian or settlement agent, Placees should ensure that the electronic contract note/trade confirmation is copied and delivered immediately to the relevant person within that organisation. Insofar as Placing Shares are registered in a Placee's name or that of its nominee or in the name of any person for whom a Placee is contracting as agent or that of a nominee for such person, such Placing Shares should, subject to as provided below, be so registered free from any liability to UK stamp duty or UK stamp duty reserve tax. If there are any circumstances in which any other stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax or other similar taxes (and/or any interest, fines or penalties relating thereto) is payable in respect of the allocation, allotment, issue or delivery of the Placing Shares (or for the avoidance of doubt if any stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax is payable in connection with any subsequent transfer of or agreement to transfer Placing Shares), neither the Banks nor the Company shall be responsible for the payment thereof.

## Representations and warranties

By participating in the Placing each Placee (and any person acting on such Placee's behalf) irrevocably acknowledges, confirms, undertakes, represents, warrants and agrees (as the case may be) with the Banks (in their capacity as joint global co-ordinators, joint bookrunners and as placing agents of the Company in respect of the Placing) and the Company, in each case as a fundamental term of its application for Placing Shares, the following:

- that it has read and understood this Announcement, including this Appendix, in its entirety and that its participation in the Bookbuilding Process and the Placing and its subscription for and purchase of Placing Shares is made solely on the basis of publicly available information taken together with the information contained in this Announcement, and any Exchange Information (as defined below) previously published by or on behalf of the Company simultaneously with or prior to the date of this Announcement, it has not relied on, and will not rely on, any information given or any representations, warranties or statements made at any time by any person in connection with Admission, the Bookbuilding Process, the Placing, the Company, the Placing Shares or otherwise and is subject to and based upon all the terms, conditions, representations, warranties, indemnities, acknowledgements, agreements and undertakings and other information contained herein and undertakes not to redistribute or duplicate this Announcement:
- that no offering document, prospectus, offering memorandum or admission document has been
  or will be prepared in connection with the Placing or is required under the Prospectus
  Regulation or the UK Prospectus Regulation and it has not received and will not receive an
  offering document, prospectus, offering memorandum or admission document in connection
  with the Bookbuilding Process, the Placing, the Company, Admission, the Placing Shares or
  otherwise;
- 3. that the Ordinary Shares are admitted to listing on the premium listing segment of the Official List of the FCA and to trading on the main market of the London Stock Exchange and that the Company is therefore required to publish certain business and financial information in accordance with UK MAR and the rules and practices of the London Stock Exchange and/or the FCA (collectively, the "Exchange Information"), which includes a description of the nature of the Company's business and the Company's most recent balance sheet and profit and loss

- account, and similar statements for preceding financial years and that it has reviewed such Exchange Information and that it is able to obtain or access such Exchange Information;
- 4. that neither of the Banks, nor the Company nor any of their respective Affiliates nor any person acting on behalf of any of them has provided, and none of them will provide, it with any material or information regarding the Placing Shares, the Bookbuilding Process, the Placing or the Company or any other person other than this Announcement, such information being all that it deems necessary to make any investment decision in respect of the Placing Shares, nor has it requested either of the Banks, the Company, or any of their respective Affiliates nor any person acting on behalf of any of them to provide it with any such material or information;
- 5. that in making any decision to subscribe for the Placing Shares (i) it has sufficient knowledge, sophistication and experience in financial, business and international investment matters as is required to evaluate the merits and risks of subscribing for or purchasing the Placing Shares, (ii) it is experienced in investing in securities of this nature in this sector and is aware that it may be required to bear, and is able to bear, the economic risk of participating in, and is able to sustain a complete loss in connection with, the Placing, (iii) it has relied on its own examination, due diligence and analysis of the Company and its Affiliates taken as a whole, including the markets in which the Group operates, and the terms of the Placing, including the merits and risks involved and not upon any view expressed or information provided by or on behalf of the Banks, (iv) it has had sufficient time and access to information to consider and conduct its own investigation with respect to the offer and purchase of the Placing Shares, including the legal, regulatory, tax, business, currency and other economic and financial considerations relevant to such investment and has so conducted its own investigation to the extent it deems necessary for the purposes of its investigation, (v) it is aware and understands that an investment in the Placing Shares involves a considerable degree of risk and (vi) it will not look to the Company, the Banks, any of their respective Affiliates or any person acting on its or their behalf for all or part of any such loss or losses it or they may suffer;
- 6. unless otherwise specifically agreed with the Banks, that they are not, and at the time the Placing Shares are subscribed for, neither it nor the beneficial owner of the Placing Shares will be, a resident of a Restricted Territory or any other jurisdiction in which it would be unlawful to make or accept an offer to subscribe for the Placing Shares, and further acknowledges that the Placing Shares have not been and will not be registered or otherwise qualified, for offer and sale nor will an offering document, prospectus, offering memorandum or admission document be cleared or approved in respect of any of the Placing Shares under the securities legislation of the United Kingdom, the United States or any other Restricted Territory and, subject to certain exceptions, may not be offered, sold, transferred, delivered or distributed, directly or indirectly, in or into those jurisdictions or in any country or jurisdiction where any such action for that purpose is required;
- 7. that the contents of this Announcement are exclusively the responsibility of the Company and that neither of the Banks or any of their respective Affiliates nor any person acting on its or their behalf has or shall have any responsibility or liability for any information, representation or statement contained in this Announcement or any information previously or subsequently published by or on behalf of the Company, including, without limitation, any Exchange Information, and will not be liable for any Placee's decision to participate in the Placing based on any information, representation or statement contained in this Announcement or any information previously published by or on behalf of the Company or otherwise. Each Placee further represents, warrants and agrees that the only information on which it is entitled to rely and on which such Placee has relied in committing itself to subscribe for the Placing Shares is publicly available information taken together with the information contained in this Announcement, and any Exchange Information previously published by or on behalf of the Company simultaneously with or prior to the date of this Announcement, such information being all that it deems necessary to make an investment decision in respect of the Placing Shares, and that it has neither received nor relied on any other information given or investigations, representations, warranties or statements made by the Banks or the Company and neither of the Banks or the Company nor any of their respective Affiliates nor any person acting on its or their behalf will be liable for any Placee's decision to accept an invitation to participate in the Placing based on any other information, representation, warranty or statement. Each Placee

further acknowledges and agrees that it has relied solely on its own investigation, examination and due diligence of the business, financial or other position of the Company in deciding to participate in the Placing and that neither of the Banks nor any their respective Affiliates nor any person acting on its or their behalf have made any representations to it, express or implied, with respect to the Company, the Bookbuilding Process, the Placing and the Placing Shares or the accuracy, completeness or adequacy of the Exchange Information, and each of them expressly disclaims any liability in respect thereof;

- 8. that (i) neither of the Banks nor any of their respective Affiliates nor any person acting on its or their behalf has or shall have any liability for public information or any representation; (ii) neither of the Banks nor any of their respective Affiliates nor any person acting on its or their behalf has or shall have any liability for any additional information (including research reports) that has otherwise been made available to such Placee, whether at the date of publication, the date of this document or otherwise; and that (iii) neither of the Banks nor any of their respective Affiliates nor any person acting on its or their behalf makes any representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the truth, accuracy or completeness of such information, whether at the date of publication, the date of this Announcement or otherwise;
- 9. that the allocation, allotment, issue and delivery to it, or the person specified by it for registration as holder, of Placing Shares will not give rise to a liability under any of sections 67, 70, 93 or 96 of the Finance Act 1986 (depositary receipts and clearance services) and that it is not participating in the Placing as nominee or agent for any person to whom the allocation, allotment, issue or delivery of the Placing Shares would give rise to such a liability and that the Placing Shares are not being subscribed for in connection with arrangements to issue depositary receipts or to issue or transfer Placing Shares into a clearance service;
- 10. that no action has been or will be taken by the Company, the Banks, their respective Affiliates or any person acting on its or their behalf that would, or is intended to, permit a public offer of the Placing Shares in the United States, Canada or in any other country or jurisdiction where any such action for that purpose is required;
- 11. that it and any person acting on its behalf is entitled to subscribe for the Placing Shares under the laws of all relevant jurisdictions which apply to it and that it has fully observed such laws and obtained all such governmental and other guarantees, permits, authorisations, approvals and consents which may be required thereunder and complied with all necessary formalities and that it has not taken any action or omitted to take any action which will or may result in the Banks, the Company or any of their respective Affiliates or any person acting on its or their behalf acting in breach of the legal or regulatory requirements of any jurisdiction in connection with the Placing;
- 12. that it (and any person acting on its behalf) has all necessary capacity and has obtained all necessary consents and authorities to enable it to commit to its participation in the Placing and to perform its obligations in relation thereto (including, without limitation, in the case of any person on whose behalf it is acting, all necessary consents and authorities to agree to the terms set out or referred to in this Announcement) and will honour such obligations;
- 13. that it has complied with its obligations under the Criminal Justice Act 1993, UK MAR, EU MAR and in connection with money laundering and terrorist financing under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (as amended), the Terrorism Act 2000, the Anti-Terrorism Crime and Security Act 2001, the Terrorism Act 2006, the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017 and the Money Laundering Sourcebook of the FCA and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines issued, administered or enforced by any government agency having jurisdiction in respect thereof (the "Regulations") and, if making payment on behalf of a third party, that satisfactory evidence has been obtained and recorded by it to verify the identity of the third party as required by the Regulations. If within a reasonable time after a request for verification of identity, the Banks have not received such satisfactory evidence, the Banks may, in their absolute discretion, terminate the Placee's Placing participation in which event all funds delivered by the Placee to the Banks will be returned without interest to the account of the drawee bank or CREST account from which they were originally debited;

- 14. that it is acting as principal only in respect of the Placing or, if it is acting for any other person:

  (i) it is duly authorised to do so and has full power to make, and does make, the acknowledgments, representations and agreements herein on behalf of each such person; and
  (ii) it is and will remain liable to the Banks and the Company for the performance of all its obligations as a Placee in respect of the Placing (regardless of the fact that it is acting for another person);
- 15. if it is in a member state of the EEA, it is a Qualified Investor and undertakes that it will subscribe for, hold, manage or dispose of any Placing Shares that are allocated to it for the purposes of its business only;
- 16. if it is in the United Kingdom, it is a Relevant Person and undertakes that it will subscribe for, hold, manage or dispose of any Placing Shares that are allocated to it for the purposes of its business only;
- 17. it understands that any investment or investment activity to which this Announcement relates is available only to, in the United Kingdom, Relevant Persons, and in any member state of the EEA, Qualified Investors, and will be engaged in only with such persons, and further understands that this Announcement must not be acted on or relied on by persons who are not, in the United Kingdom, Relevant Persons and, in any member state of the EEA, Qualified Investors;
- 18. that it will not distribute, forward, transfer or otherwise transmit this Announcement or any part of it, or any other presentation or other materials concerning the Placing, in or into the United States or any other Restricted Territory (including electronic copies thereof) to any person, and it has not distributed, forwarded, transferred or otherwise transmitted any such materials to any person;
- 19. where it is subscribing for the Placing Shares for one or more managed accounts, it represents, warrants and undertakes that it is authorised in writing by each managed account to subscribe for the Placing Shares for each managed account and it has full power to make the acknowledgements, representations and agreements herein on behalf of each such account;
- 20. that if it is a pension fund or investment company, it represents, warrants and undertakes that its subscription for Placing Shares is in full compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- 21. if it is acting as a financial intermediary, as that term is used in Article 5(1) of the Prospectus Regulation and Article 5(1) of the UK Prospectus Regulation, that the Placing Shares subscribed for by it in the Placing will not be subscribed for on a non-discretionary basis on behalf of, nor will they be subscribed for with a view to their offer or resale to, persons in a member state of the EEA other than Qualified Investors or persons in the United Kingdom other than Relevant Persons, or in circumstances in which the prior consent of the Banks has been given to the proposed offer or resale;
- 22. that any offer of Placing Shares may only be directed at persons in member states of the EEA who are Qualified Investors and represents, warrants and undertakes that it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Placing Shares to persons in the EEA prior to Admission except to Qualified Investors or otherwise in circumstances which have not resulted in and which will not result in an offer to the public in any member state of the EEA within the meaning of the Prospectus Regulation;
- 23. that any offer of Placing Shares may only be directed at persons in the United Kingdom who are Relevant Persons and represents, warrants and undertakes that it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Placing Shares to persons in the United Kingdom prior to Admission except to Relevant Persons or otherwise in circumstances which have not resulted in and which will not result in an offer to the public in the United Kingdom within the meaning of the UK Prospectus Regulation and section 85(1) of FSMA;
- 24. that it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated any invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of the FSMA) relating to the Placing Shares in circumstances in

which section 21(1) of the FSMA does not require approval of the communication by an authorised person and agrees that this Announcement has not been approved by either of the Banks in their respective capacity as an authorised person under section 21 of FSMA and it may not therefore be subject to the controls which would apply if it was made or approved as a financial promotion by an authorised person;

- 25. that it has complied and will comply with all applicable laws (including all relevant provisions of the FSMA) with respect to anything done by it in relation to the Placing Shares in respect of anything done in, from or otherwise involving, the United Kingdom;
- 26. if it has received any "inside information" for the purposes of UK MAR about the Company in advance of the Placing, it has not: (i) dealt in the securities of the Company; (ii) encouraged or required another person to deal in the securities of the Company; or (iii) disclosed such information to any person except as permitted by the UK MAR, prior to the information being made publicly available;
- 27. that (i) it (and any person acting on its behalf) has the funds available to pay for, and has the capacity and authority and is otherwise entitled to purchase the Placing Shares under the laws of all relevant jurisdictions which apply to it; (ii) it has paid any issue, transfer or other taxes due in connection with its participation in any territory; (iii) it has not taken any action which will or may result in the Company, the Banks, any of their respective Affiliates or any person acting on its or their behalf being in breach of the legal and/or regulatory requirements and/or any antimoney laundering requirements of any territory in connection with the Placing; and (iv) that the subscription for and purchase of the Placing Shares by it or any person acting on its behalf will be in compliance with applicable laws and regulations in the jurisdiction of its residence, the residence of the Company, or otherwise;
- 28. that it (and any person acting on its behalf) will make payment for the Placing Shares allocated to it in accordance with this Announcement on the due time and date set out herein against delivery of such Placing Shares to it, failing which the relevant Placing Shares may be placed with other Placees or sold as the Banks may in their absolute discretion determine and without liability to such Placee. It will, however, remain liable for any shortfall below the net proceeds of such sale and the placing proceeds of such Placing Shares and may be required to bear any stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax or other similar taxes (together with any interest, fines or penalties) due pursuant to the terms set out or referred to in this Announcement which may arise upon the sale of such Placee's Placing Shares on its behalf;
- 29. that its allocation (if any) of Placing Shares will represent a maximum number of Placing Shares to which it will be entitled, and required, to subscribe for, and that the Banks or the Company may call upon it to subscribe for a lower number of Placing Shares (if any), but in no event in aggregate more than the aforementioned maximum;
- 30. that neither of the Banks nor any of their respective Affiliates nor any person acting on its or their behalf, is making any recommendations to it, or advising it regarding the suitability or merits of any transactions it may enter into in connection with the Placing and that participation in the Placing is on the basis that it is not and will not be a client of the Banks and that the Banks do not have any duties or responsibilities to it for providing the protections afforded to their respective clients or customers or for providing advice in relation to the Placing nor in respect of any representations, warranties, undertakings or indemnities contained in the Placing Agreement nor for the exercise or performance of either of the Banks' rights and obligations thereunder including any rights to waive or vary any conditions or exercise any termination right. In addition, it acknowledges and agrees that neither of the Banks nor their Affiliates nor any person acting on its or their behalf are acting for the Company with respect to the Retail Offer or the Director Subscription and will have no responsibilities, duties or liabilities, whether direct or indirect, whether arising in tort, contract or otherwise in connection with the Retail Offer or the Director Subscription or to any person in connection with the Retail Offer or Subscription;
- 31. that the person whom it specifies for registration as holder of the Placing Shares will be (i) itself or (ii) its nominee, as the case may be. Neither the Banks nor the Company nor any of their

respective Affiliates nor any person acting on its or their behalf will be responsible for any liability to stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax or other similar duties or taxes (together with any interest, fines or penalties) resulting from a failure to observe this requirement. Each Placee and any person acting on behalf of such Placee agrees to indemnify each of the Banks, the Company and any of their respective Affiliates and any person acting on its or their behalf in respect of the same on an after-tax basis on the basis that the Placing Shares will be allotted to the CREST stock account of J.P. Morgan Cazenove who will hold them as nominee on behalf of such Placee until settlement in accordance with its standing settlement instructions with payment for the Placing Shares being made simultaneously upon receipt of the Placing Shares in the Placee's stock account on a delivery versus payment basis;

- 32. that these Terms and Conditions and any agreements entered into by it pursuant to these Terms and Conditions, and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with such agreements, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales and it subjects (on behalf of itself and on behalf of any person on whose behalf it is acting) to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts as regards any claim, dispute or matter arising out of any such contract, except that enforcement proceedings in respect of the obligation to make payment for the Placing Shares (together with any interest chargeable thereon) may be taken by the Banks or the Company in any jurisdiction in which the relevant Placee is incorporated or in which any of its securities have a quotation on a recognised stock exchange;
- 33. that each of the Banks, the Company, their respective Affiliates and any person acting on its or their behalf will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the representations, warranties, agreements, undertakings and acknowledgements contained in this Announcement and which are given to each of the Banks on their own behalf and on behalf of the Company and are irrevocable and it irrevocably authorises each of the Banks and the Company to produce this Announcement, pursuant to, in connection with, or as may be required by any applicable law or regulation, administrative or legal proceeding or official inquiry with respect to the matters contained in this Announcement;
- 34. that it will indemnify on an after-tax basis and hold each of the Banks, the Company and their respective Affiliates and any person acting on its or their behalf harmless from any and all costs, claims, liabilities and expenses (including legal fees and expenses) arising out of, directly or indirectly, or in connection with any breach by it of the representations, warranties, acknowledgements, agreements and undertakings in this Appendix and further agrees that the provisions of this Appendix shall survive after completion of the Placing;
- 35. that it irrevocably appoints any director or authorised signatory of the Banks as its agent for the purposes of executing and delivering to the Company and/or its registrars any documents on its behalf necessary to enable it to be registered as the holder of any of the Placing Shares agreed to be taken up by it under the Placing;
- 36. that its commitment to subscribe for Placing Shares on the terms contained in this Announcement and in the electronic contract note/trade confirmation will continue notwithstanding any amendment that may in future be made to the Terms and Conditions of the Placing, and that Places will have no right to be consulted or require that their consent be obtained with respect to the Company's or the Banks conduct of the Placing;
- 37. that neither of the Banks nor the Company, their respective Affiliates or any person acting on its or their behalf owe any fiduciary or other duties to it or any Placee in respect of any representations, warranties, undertakings or indemnities in the Placing Agreement;
- 38. that it may not rely on any investigation that either of the Banks or their respective Affiliates or any person acting on its or their behalf may or may not have conducted with respect to the Company and its Affiliates or the Placing and the Banks have not made any representation or warranty to it, express or implied, with respect to the merits of the Placing, the subscription for or purchase of the Placing Shares, or as to the condition, financial or otherwise, of the Company and its Affiliates, or as to any other matter relating thereto, and nothing herein shall be construed as any investment or other recommendation to it to subscribe for the Placing Shares. It

- acknowledges and agrees that no information has been prepared by, or is the responsibility of, either of the Banks or their respective Affiliates or any person acting on its or their behalf for the purposes of this Placing;
- 39. that it will not hold either of the Banks or any of their respective Affiliates or any person acting on its or their behalf responsible or liable for any misstatements in or omission from any publicly available information relating to the Group or information made available (whether in written or oral form) relating to the Group (the "Information") and that neither of the Banks nor any person acting on behalf of the Banks makes any representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the truth, accuracy or completeness of such Information or accepts any responsibility for any of such Information;
- 40. that in connection with the Placing, each of the Banks and any of their respective Affiliates and any person acting on its or their behalf, acting as an investor for its own account, may take up a portion of the Placing Shares as a principal position and in that capacity may retain, purchase or sell for its own account or the account of its customers such shares in the Company and any other securities of the Company or related investments and may offer or sell such shares. securities or other investments otherwise than in connection with the Placing, Accordingly, references in this Announcement to Placing Shares being issued, offered or placed should be read as including any issue, offering or placement of such shares in the Company to the Banks and any of their respective Affiliates or any person acting on its or their behalf, in each case, acting in such capacity. In addition, either of the Banks and any of their respective Affiliates and any person acting on its or their behalf may enter into financing arrangements (including swaps, warrants or contracts for difference) with investors in connection with which such person(s) may from time to time subscribe for, acquire, hold or dispose of such securities of the Company, including the Placing Shares. Neither of the Banks nor any of their respective Affiliates nor any person acting on its or their behalf intends to disclose the extent of any such investment or transactions otherwise than in accordance with any legal or regulatory obligation to do so;
- 41. that each of the Banks and their respective Affiliates may have engaged in transactions with, and provided various commercial banking, investment banking, financial advisory transactions and services in the ordinary course of their business with the Company and/or its Affiliates for which they would have received customary fees and commissions. Each of the Banks and their respective Affiliates may provide such services to the Company and/or its Affiliates in the future;
- 42. that a communication that a transaction is, or that the books are, "covered" refers to the position of the book at that time. It is not an assurance that the books will remain covered, that the Placing will take place on any terms indicated or at all, or that if the Placing does take place, the Placing will be fully distributed by the Banks. Each of the Banks reserves the right to take up a portion of the securities in the Placing as a principal position at any stage at its sole discretion and will, inter alia, take account of the Company's objectives, UK MiFIR and MiFID II requirements and/or its allocation policies;
- 43. that (i) the Placing Shares have not been and will not be registered or otherwise qualified, and will not be registered or otherwise qualified, for offer and sale nor will a prospectus be prepared in respect of any of the Placing Shares under the Securities Act or under the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States, nor approved or disapproved by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, any state securities commission or any other United States regulatory authority in the United States, nor have any of the foregoing authorities passed upon or endorsed the merits of the Placing or the accuracy or adequacy of this Announcement. The Placing Shares have not been registered or otherwise qualified for offer and sale nor will a prospectus be filed, cleared or approved in respect of the Placing Shares under the laws of any Restricted Territory and, subject to certain exceptions, may not be offered, sold, taken up, renounced, delivered or otherwise transferred, directly or indirectly, in or within any Restricted Territory; (ii) subject to certain exceptions the Placing Shares are being offered and sold outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S; and (iii) the Placing Shares may not be reoffered, resold, pledged or otherwise transferred except in transactions not requiring registration or qualification under the Securities Act or the securities laws of any other Restricted Territory;

- 44. that the Placing Shares are being offered and sold by the Company (a) outside the United States in offshore transactions as defined in, and pursuant to, Regulation S; and (b) in the United States only to persons reasonably believed to be QIBs in transactions not involving any "public offering" within the meaning of Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, and/or pursuant to another exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act. It represents and warrants that it, and all prospective beneficial owners of the Placing Shares for the accounts of which it is acting is, and at the time the Placing Shares are subscribed for, will be, either: (i) outside the United States and subscribing for the Placing Shares in an offshore transaction as defined in, and pursuant to, Regulation S; or (ii) (x) a QIB that has executed and delivered, or will executed and deliver, a US Investor Letter, and (y) subscribing for the Placing Shares pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements under the Securities Act, acknowledging that the Placing Shares have not been, and will not be, registered under the Securities Act or with any State or other jurisdiction of the United States. With respect to (ii) above, each such potential Placee represents and warrants that it is subscribing for the Placing Shares for its own account or for one or more accounts as to each of which it exercises sole investment discretion and each of which is a QIB, for investment purposes only and not with a view to any distribution or for resale in connection with the distribution thereof in whole or in part, in the United States, and it has full power to make the representations, warranties, indemnities, acknowledgements, agreements and undertakings herein on behalf of each such account;
- 45. that it will not directly or indirectly offer, reoffer, resell, transfer, assign, pledge or otherwise dispose of any Placing Shares except: (a) in an offshore transaction as defined in, and in accordance with, Rule 903 or Rule 904 of Regulation S outside the United States; (b) in the United States to a person that it or any person acting on its behalf reasonably believes to be a QIB who is purchasing for its own account or for the account of another person who is a QIB in a transaction pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act (it being understood that all offers or solicitations in connection with such a transfer are limited to QIBs and do not involve any means of general solicitation or general advertising); (c) pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act (if available); (d) to the Company; or (e) pursuant to another available exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act, and if the Company shall so require, subject to delivery to the Company of an opinion of counsel (and such other evidence as the Company may reasonably require) that such transfer or sale is in compliance with the Securities Act, in each case, in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States; and that it will notify any transferee to whom it subsequently reoffers, resells, pledges or otherwise transfers the Placing Shares of the foregoing restrictions on transfer;
- 46. that the Placing Shares offered and sold in the United States are "restricted securities" within the meaning of Rule 144(a)(3) under the Securities Act, and for so long as the Placing Shares are restricted securities, it will not deposit such shares in any unrestricted depositary facility established or maintained by any depositary bank, and it agrees to notify any transferee to whom it subsequently reoffers, resells, pledges or otherwise transfers the Placing Shares of the foregoing restrictions on transfer;
- 47. that no representation has been made as to the availability of the exemption provided by Rule 144 or any other exemption under the Securities Act for the reoffer, resale, pledge or transfer of the Placing Shares;
- 48. that it is not acquiring any of the Placing Shares as a result of any form of general solicitation or general advertising (within the meaning of Rule 502(c) of Regulation D under the Securities Act) or any form of directed selling efforts (as defined in Regulation S);
- 49. if it is a person in Canada, that it is: (i) an "accredited investor" as such term is defined in section 1.1 of National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions* or, in Ontario, as such term is defined in section 73.3(1) of the Securities Act (Ontario); and (ii) a "permitted client" as such term is defined in section 1.1 of National Instrument 31-103 *Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations*; and

50. if it is a person in Canada, that it is not a person created or used solely to purchase or hold the securities as an "accredited investor" as described in paragraph (m) of the definition of "accredited investor" in section 1.1 of National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus Exemptions*.

The foregoing acknowledgements, agreements, undertakings, representations, warranties and confirmations are given for the benefit of the Company as well as each of the Banks (for their own benefit and, where relevant, the benefit of their respective Affiliates and any person acting on its or their behalf) and are irrevocable. Each Placee, and any person acting on behalf of a Placee, acknowledges that neither of the Banks nor the Company owe any fiduciary or other duties to any Placee in respect of any representations, warranties, undertakings or indemnities in the Placing Agreement or these Terms and Conditions.

In Canada, Placing Shares may only be offered and sold in the provinces of Ontario, Québec, British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba on a basis exempt from the prospectus requirements of applicable securities laws. In connection with any acquisition of Placing Shares in Canada, the Placee will be required to make specific representations, warranties, agreements and acknowledgements pursuant to a Canadian Investor Letter.

Please also note that the agreement to allot and issue Placing Shares to Placees (or the persons for whom Placees are contracting as nominee or agent) free of UK stamp duty and UK stamp duty reserve tax relates only to their allotment and issue to Placees, or such persons as they nominate as their agents, direct from the Company for the Placing Shares in question. None of the Company or the Banks nor their respective Affiliates nor any person acting on its or their behalf will be responsible for any UK stamp duty or UK stamp duty reserve tax (including any interest, fines and penalties relating thereto) arising in relation to the Placing Shares in any other circumstances.

Such agreement is subject to the representations, warranties and further terms above and also assumes, and is based on a warranty and representation from each Placee, that the Placing Shares are not being subscribed for, in connection with arrangements to issue depositary receipts or to issue or transfer the Placing Shares into a clearance service. Neither the Banks, the Company, nor their respective Affiliates nor any person acting on its or their behalf will be liable to bear any interest or any stamp duty or stamp duty reserve tax or any other similar duties or taxes (including, without limitation, other stamp, issue, securities, transfer, registration, capital, or documentary duties or taxes or any interest ("transfer taxes")) that arise (i) if there are any such arrangements (or if any such arrangements arise subsequent to the subscription by Placees for Placing Shares) or (ii) on a sale of Placing Shares, or (iii) otherwise than under the laws of the United Kingdom. Each Placee to whom (or on behalf of whom, or in respect of the person for whom it is participating in the Placing as an agent or nominee) the allocation, allotment, issue or delivery of Placing Shares has given rise to such transfer taxes undertakes to pay such transfer taxes forthwith (including any interest, fines and penalties relating thereto), and agrees to indemnify on an after-tax basis and hold the Banks and/or the Company (as the case may be) and their respective Affiliates and any person acting on its or their behalf harmless from any such transfer taxes, and all interest, fines or penalties in relation to such transfer taxes. Each Placee should, therefore, take its own advice as to whether any such transfer tax liability arises.

## Miscellaneous

Each Placee and any person acting on behalf of each Placee acknowledges and agrees that either of the Banks or any of their respective Affiliates may, at their absolute discretion, agree to become a Placee in respect of some or all of the Placing Shares. Each Placee acknowledges and is aware that the Banks are receiving a fee in connection with their role in respect of the Placing as detailed in the Placing Agreement.

When a Placee or person acting on behalf of the Placee is dealing with either of the Banks, any money held in an account with either of the Banks on behalf of the Placee and/or any person acting on behalf of the Placee will not be treated as client money within the meaning of the rules and regulations of the FCA made under the FSMA. The Placee acknowledges that the money will not be subject to the protections conferred by the client money rules; as a consequence, this money will not be segregated from the relevant Bank's money in accordance with the client money rules and will be used by each of the Banks in the course of its own business; and the Placee will rank only as a general creditor of the relevant Bank.

All times and dates in this Announcement may be subject to amendment by the Banks and the Company (in their absolute discretion). The Banks shall notify the Placees and any person acting on behalf of the Placees of any changes.

Past performance is no guide to future performance and persons needing advice should consult an independent financial adviser.

The rights and remedies of the Banks and the Company under these Terms and Conditions are in addition to any rights and remedies which would otherwise be available to each of them and the exercise or partial exercise of one will not prevent the exercise of others.

Time is of the essence as regards each Placee's obligations under this Appendix.

Any document that is to be sent to it in connection with the Placing will be sent at its risk and may be sent to it at any address provided by it to the Banks.

Each Placee may be asked to disclose in writing or orally to the Banks:

- (a) if he or she is an individual, his or her nationality; or
- (b) if it is a discretionary fund manager, the jurisdiction in which the funds are managed or owned.

## Appendix 2

#### **Definitions**

The following definitions apply throughout this Announcement unless the context otherwise requires:

Admission means admission of the Offering Shares to the

premium listing segment of the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's Main

Market for listed securities;

Affiliate has the meaning given in Rule 405 or Rule 501(b)

under the Securities Act, as applicable;

Announcement means this announcement (including its

Appendices);

Banks has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 to this

Announcement;

Barclays has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 to this

Announcement;

Bookbuilding Process means the bookbuilding process to be

commenced by the Banks to use reasonable endeavours to procure Placees for the Placing Shares (other than for the Cornerstone Shares which will be subscribed for by the Cornerstones in the Placing pursuant to the Cornerstones Subscription) at the Placing Price, as described in this Announcement and subject to the Terms and Conditions set out in this Announcement and

the Placing Agreement;

Canadian Investor Letter means the investor representation letter in the

form provided by the Banks to investors in Canada who are "accredited investors" and "permitted clients" each as defined under

Canadian securities laws;

COBS means Chapter 3 of the FCA Handbook Conduct

of Business Sourcebook;

Company means Aston Martin Lagonda Global Holdings

plc;

Cornerstone Shares means the new Ordinary Shares to be allotted

and issued under the Cornerstones Subscription;

Cornerstones means Yew Tree Overseas Limited, The Public

Investment Fund of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Geely International (Hong Kong) Limited and

Mercedes-Benz AG;

Cornerstones Subscription means the subscription by the Cornerstones in

the Placing pursuant to the Cornerstones

Undertakings;

Cornerstones Undertakings

means the irrevocable undertakings provided by each of the Cornerstones to the Company to

subscribe for the Cornerstone Shares;

CREST

means the relevant system (as defined in the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI 2001 No. 3755)) in respect of which Euroclear is the Operator (as defined in such Regulations) in accordance with which securities may be held and transferred in uncertificated form;

**Director Subscription** 

means the subscription for new Ordinary Shares by certain directors of the Company;

**Director Subscriptions Shares** 

means the new Ordinary Shares to be allotted and issued under the Director Subscription;

**DTRs** 

means the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules sourcebook made by the FCA pursuant to Part VI of FSMA;

**EU MAR** 

means the Market Abuse Regulation (EU) No.596/2014;

**EU Target Market Assessment** 

means the assessment that the Placing Shares are (i) compatible with an end target market of retail investors and investors who meet the criteria of professional clients and eligible counterparties, each as defined in MiFID II; and (ii) eligible for distribution through all permitted distribution channels;

**Euroclear** 

means Euroclear UK & International Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales;

**Exchange Information** 

has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 to this Announcement:

**FCA or Financial Conduct Authority** 

means the UK Financial Conduct Authority;

**FSMA** 

has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 to this Announcement:

Group

means the Company and its subsidiary undertakings:

J.P. Morgan Cazenove

has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 to this Announcement;

**Listing Rules** 

means the rules and regulations made by the FCA under FSMA;

LSE or London Stock Exchange

means London Stock Exchange plc;

MiFID II

means EU Directive 2014/65/EU on markets in financial instruments:

**MiFID II Product Governance Requirements** 

means the product governance requirements of (a) MiFID II; (b) Articles 9 and 10 of Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2017/593

supplementing MiFID II; and (c) local

implementing measures;

Offering Shares means the Placing Shares, the Retail Offer

Shares and the Director Subscriptions Shares;

Official List means the list of publicly listed companies

maintained by the FCA;

Ordinary Share means an ordinary share of £0.10 each in the

capital of the Company;

Placee means any person (including individuals, funds

or otherwise) by whom or on whose behalf a commitment to subscribe for Placing Shares has

been given;

Placing means the non-pre-emptive placing of the

Placing Shares;

Placing Agreement has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 to this

Announcement:

Placing Price means the price per Placing Share at which the

Placing Shares are placed;

Placing Shares means the new Ordinary Shares to be allotted

and issued under the Placing and includes, for the avoidance of doubt, the Cornerstone Shares

and any Unsold Shares;

Placing Supplement Agreement has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 to this

Announcement:

PRA or Prudential Regulation Authority means the UK Prudential Regulation Authority;

**Pricing Announcement** has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 to this

Announcement;

Prospectus Regulation means the Prospectus Regulation (EU)

2017/1129:

QIB means "qualified institutional buyer" as defined

within Rule 144A of the Securities Act;

**Qualified Investors** means qualified investors within the meaning of

article 2(e) of the Prospectus Regulation;

**Regulation S** means Regulation S promulgated under the

Securities Act;

Regulatory Information Service means any of the services set out in Appendix

1.1 of the Listing Rules;

Relevant Person has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 to this

Announcement;

**Restricted Territory** has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 to this

Announcement;

**Retail Offer** 

means the offer to be made by the Company on the PrimaryBid platform of new Ordinary Shares at the Placing Price, the terms of which will be detailed in a separate announcement by the Company published shortly after this Announcement;

**Retail Offer Shares** 

means the new Ordinary Shares to be allotted and issued under the Retail Offer;

Rule 144A

means Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities Act:

**Securities Act** 

means the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as

amended;

**Share Offering** 

means the Placing, the Retail Offer and the Director Subscription;

subsidiary

has the meaning given to that term in the Companies Act 2006;

subsidiary undertaking

has the meaning given to that term in the Companies Act 2006;

**Terms and Conditions** 

means the terms and conditions of the Placing set out in Appendix 1 to this Announcement;

**UK MAR** 

means the Market Abuse Regulation (EU) No.596/2014 (as it forms part of UK law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, as amended and supplemented;

UK MIFIR

means the Market in Financial Instruments Regulation (EU) 600/2014 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, as amended and supplemented;

**UK Product Governance Rules** 

means the product governance requirements of Chapter 3 of the FCA Handbook Product Intervention and Product Governance Sourcebook;

**UK Prospectus Regulation** 

means the Prospectus Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of UK law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, as amended and supplemented;

**UK Target Market Assessment** 

means the assessment that the Placing Shares are (i) compatible with an end target market of retail investors and investors who meet the criteria of professional clients and eligible counterparties, each as defined in Chapter 3 of COBS; and (ii) eligible for distribution through all permitted distribution channels;

uncertificated or in uncertificated form

means in respect of a share or other security, where that share or other security is recorded on the relevant register of the share or security concerned as being held in uncertificated form in

CREST and title to which may be transferred by means of CREST;

United Kingdom or UK means the United Kingdom of Great Britain and

Northern Ireland;

United States or US means the United States of America, its

territories and possessions, any state of the United States of America, the District of Columbia and all other areas subject to its jurisdiction and any political sub-division thereof;

and

**Unsold Shares** has the meaning given to it in Appendix 1 to this

Announcement; and

**US Investor Letter** means the investor representation letter in the

form provided by the Banks to QIBs in the United

States.

Unless otherwise indicated in this Announcement, all references to "£", "GBP", "pounds", "pounds sterling", "p", "penny" or "pence" are to the lawful currency of the UK.