



NEXT Group plc

(incorporated with limited liability under the laws of England and Wales with registered number 11118708)

£3,000,000,000

Euro Medium Term Note Programme

unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by

NEXT plc

(incorporated with limited liability in England and Wales with registered number 4412362)

Under this £3,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the **Programme**), NEXT Group plc (the **Issuer**) may from time to time issue notes (the **Notes**) denominated in any currency agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer (as defined below). The payments of all amounts due in respect of the Notes will be unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by NEXT plc (the **Guarantor**).

Notes may be issued in bearer or registered form (respectively **Bearer Notes** and **Registered Notes**). The maximum aggregate nominal amount of all Notes from time to time outstanding under the Programme will not exceed £3,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described in the Programme Agreement described herein), subject to increase as described herein.

The Notes may be issued on a continuing basis to one or more of the Dealers specified under “*Overview of the Programme*” and any additional Dealer appointed under the Programme from time to time by the Issuer (each a **Dealer** and together the **Dealers**), which appointment may be for a specific issue or on an ongoing basis. References in this Prospectus (the **Prospectus**) to the **relevant Dealer** shall, in the case of an issue of Notes being (or intended to be) subscribed by more than one Dealer, be to all Dealers agreeing to subscribe such Notes.

An investment in Notes issued under the Programme involves certain risks. For a discussion of these risks see “Risk Factors”.

This Prospectus has been approved as a base prospectus by the Financial Conduct Authority (the **FCA**), as competent authority under Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (**EUWA**) (the **UK Prospectus Regulation**). The FCA only approves this Prospectus as meeting the standards of completeness, comprehensibility and consistency imposed by the UK Prospectus Regulation. Such approval should not be considered as an endorsement of the Issuer or the Guarantor or of the quality of the Notes that are the subject of this Prospectus. Investors should make their own assessment as to the suitability of investing in the Notes.

Application has been made to the FCA for Notes issued under the Programme during the period of 12 months from the date of this Prospectus to be admitted to the official list of the FCA (the **Official List**) and to the London Stock Exchange plc (the **London Stock Exchange**) for such Notes to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange’s main market (the **Main Market**).

References in this Prospectus to Notes being **listed** (and all related references) shall mean that such Notes have been admitted to trading on the Main Market and have been admitted to the Official List. The Main Market is a UK

regulated market for the purposes of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 on markets in financial instruments as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (**UK MiFIR**).

This Prospectus (as supplemented as at the relevant time, if applicable) is valid for 12 months from its date in relation to Notes which are to be admitted to trading on a regulated market in the United Kingdom (UK). The obligation to supplement this Prospectus in the event of a significant new factor, material mistake or material inaccuracy does not apply when this Prospectus is no longer valid.

The requirement to publish a prospectus under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended, **FSMA**) only applies to Notes which are to be admitted to trading on a UK regulated market as defined in UK MiFIR and/or offered to the public in the UK other than in circumstances where an exemption is available under section 86 of the FSMA. References in this Prospectus to **Exempt Notes** are to Notes for which no prospectus is required to be published under the FSMA. The FCA has neither approved nor reviewed information contained in this Prospectus in connection with Exempt Notes.

Notice of the aggregate nominal amount of Notes, interest (if any) payable in respect of Notes, the issue price of Notes and certain other information which is applicable to each Tranche (as defined under “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*”) of Notes will (other than in the case of Exempt Notes, as defined above) be set out in a final terms document (the **Final Terms**) which will be delivered to the FCA and, where listed, the London Stock Exchange. Copies of the Final Terms in relation to Notes to be listed on the London Stock Exchange will also be published on the website of the London Stock Exchange through a regulatory information service.

In the case of Exempt Notes, notice of the aggregate nominal amount of Notes, interest (if any) payable in respect of Notes, the issue price of Notes and certain other information which is applicable to each Tranche will be set out in a pricing supplement document (the **Pricing Supplement**).

The Programme provides that Notes may be listed or admitted to trading, as the case may be, on such other or further stock exchanges or markets as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer. The Issuer may also issue unlisted Notes and/or Notes not admitted to trading on any market.

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the **Securities Act**) or any U.S. State securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States or to, or for the account or the benefit of, U.S. persons as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act unless an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act is available and in accordance with all applicable securities laws of any state of the United States and any other jurisdiction. The Notes in bearer form are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to a United States person, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. Treasury regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder. The applicable Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes) will identify whether TEFRA C rules or TEFRA D rules apply or whether TEFRA is not applicable.

The Issuer has been rated Baa1 by Moody's Investors Service Limited (**Moody's**) and BBB by S&P Global Ratings UK Limited (**S&P**). The Programme has been rated Baa1 by Moody's and BBB by S&P.

Each of Moody's and S&P is established in the UK and is registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the **UK CRA Regulation**). Neither Moody's nor S&P is established in the European Economic Area (the EEA) or has applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended) (the **CRA Regulation**). Accordingly, the ratings issued by Moody's and S&P have been endorsed by Moody's Deutschland GmbH and S&P Global Ratings Europe Limited, respectively, in accordance with the CRA Regulation and have not been withdrawn. Each of Moody's Deutschland GmbH and S&P Global Ratings Europe Limited is established in the EEA and registered under the CRA Regulation. As such, each of Moody's Deutschland GmbH and S&P Global Ratings Europe Limited is included in the list of credit rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority on its website (at <http://www.esma.europa.eu/page/List-registered-and-certified-CRAs>) in accordance with the CRA Regulation.

Notes issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated by any one or more of the rating agencies referred to above. Where a Tranche of Notes is rated, such rating will be disclosed in the applicable Final Terms (or Pricing

Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes) and will not necessarily be the same as the rating assigned to the Programme by the relevant rating agency. A security rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, reduction or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

Amounts payable on Floating Rate Notes will be calculated by reference to one of SONIA, SOFR, €STR and EURIBOR, as specified in the applicable Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes). As at the date of this Prospectus, the administrator of EURIBOR (which is the European Money Markets Institute) is included in the FCA's register of administrators under Article 36 of Regulation (EU) No 2016/1011 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the **UK Benchmarks Regulation**). As far as the Issuer is aware, €STR (the administrator of which is the European Central Bank), SOFR (the administrator of which is the Federal Reserve Bank of New York) and SONIA (the administrator of which is the Bank of England) do not fall within the scope of the UK Benchmarks Regulation by virtue of Article 2 of that regulation.

Arranger

NatWest

Dealers

Barclays

BNP PARIBAS

Goldman Sachs International

NatWest

Standard Chartered Bank

UBS Investment Bank

The date of this Prospectus 21 May 2025.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This Prospectus comprises a base prospectus in respect of all Notes other than Exempt Notes issued under the Programme for the purposes of Article 8 of the UK Prospectus Regulation.

The Issuer and the Guarantor accept responsibility for the information contained in this Prospectus and the Final Terms for each Tranche of Notes issued under the Programme. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer and the Guarantor, the information contained in this Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and this Prospectus makes no omission likely to affect its import.

This Prospectus is to be read in conjunction with all information which is deemed to be incorporated in it by reference (see “*Documents Incorporated by Reference*”). This Prospectus shall be read and construed on the basis that such information is incorporated in, and forms part of, this Prospectus.

Other than in relation to the information which is deemed to be incorporated by reference (see “*Documents Incorporated by Reference*”), the information on the websites to which this Prospectus refers does not form part of this Prospectus and has not been scrutinised or approved by the FCA.

Neither the Dealers nor BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited (the Trustee) have independently verified the information contained herein. Accordingly, no representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made and no responsibility or liability is accepted by the Dealers or the Trustee as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained or incorporated in this Prospectus or any other information provided by the Issuer or the Guarantor in connection with the Programme.

No person is or has been authorised by the Issuer, the Guarantor, any of the Dealers or the Trustee to give any information or to make any representation not contained in or not consistent with this Prospectus or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the Notes and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer, the Guarantor, any of the Dealers or the Trustee.

Neither this Prospectus nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any Notes (a) is intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation or (b) should be considered as a recommendation by the Issuer, the Guarantor, any of the Dealers or the Trustee that any recipient of this Prospectus or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any Notes should purchase any Notes. Each investor contemplating purchasing any Notes should make its own independent investigation of the financial condition and affairs, and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness, of the Issuer and the Guarantor. Neither this Prospectus nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the issue of any Notes constitutes an offer or invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Guarantor, any of the Dealers or the Trustee to any person to subscribe for or to purchase any Notes.

Neither the delivery of this Prospectus nor the offering, sale or delivery of any Notes shall in any circumstances imply that the information contained in it concerning the Issuer and/or the Guarantor is correct at any time subsequent to its date or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct as of any time subsequent to the date indicated in the document containing the same. The Dealers and the Trustee expressly do not undertake to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuer or the Guarantor during the life of the Programme or to advise any investor in Notes issued under the Programme of any information coming to their attention. If a jurisdiction requires that the offering be made by a licensed broker or dealer and any Dealer or any parent company or affiliate of the Dealers is a licensed broker or dealer in that

jurisdiction and so agrees, the offering shall be deemed to be made by the relevant Dealer or such parent company or affiliate on behalf of the Dealers in such jurisdiction.

IMPORTANT – EEA RETAIL INVESTORS – If the Final Terms in respect of any Notes (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes) includes a legend entitled “Prohibition of sales to EEA Retail Investors”, the Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the EEA. For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended) (**MiFID II**); or (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/97 (the **Insurance Distribution Directive**), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (the **Prospectus Regulation**). Consequently, no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (as amended) (the **PRIIPs Regulation**) for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation.

IMPORTANT – UK RETAIL INVESTORS – If the Final Terms in respect of any Notes (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes) includes a legend entitled “Prohibition of sales to UK Retail Investors”, the Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the UK. For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the FSMA and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement Directive (EU) 2016/97, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA. Consequently, no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the **UK PRIIPs Regulation**) for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the UK has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the UK may be unlawful under the UK PRIIPs Regulation.

MiFID II product governance/target market – The Final Terms in respect of any Notes (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes) may include a legend entitled “MiFID II product governance” which will outline the target market assessment in respect of the Notes and which channels for distribution of the Notes are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a **distributor**) should take into consideration the target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to MiFID II is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.

A determination will be made in relation to each issue about whether, for the purpose of the Product Governance rules under EU Delegated Directive 2017/593 (the **MiFID Product Governance Rules**), any Dealer subscribing for any Notes is a manufacturer in respect of such Notes, but otherwise neither the Arranger nor the Dealers nor any of their respective affiliates will be a manufacturer for the purpose of the MiFID Product Governance Rules.

UK MiFIR product governance/target market – The Final Terms in respect of any Notes (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes) may include a legend entitled “UK MiFIR product governance” which will outline the target market assessment in respect of the Notes and which channels for distribution of the Notes are appropriate. A distributor (as defined above) should take into consideration the target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to the FCA Handbook Product Intervention and Product

Governance Sourcebook (the **UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules**) is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.

A determination will be made in relation to each issue about whether, for the purpose of the UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules, any Dealer subscribing for any Notes is a manufacturer in respect of such Notes, but otherwise neither the Arranger nor the Dealers nor any of their respective affiliates will be a manufacturer for the purpose of the UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules.

NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 309B(1)(C) OF THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES ACT 2001 OF SINGAPORE, AS MODIFIED OR AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME (THE SFA) – In connection with Section 309B of the SFA and the Securities and Futures (Capital Markets Products) Regulations 2018 of Singapore (the CMP Regulations 2018), the Issuer has, unless otherwise specified before an offer of Notes, determined and hereby notifies all relevant persons (as defined in Section 309A(1) of the SFA), that the Notes to be issued under the Programme are prescribed capital markets products (as defined in the CMP Regulations 2018) and Excluded Investment Products (as defined in MAS Notice SFA 04-N12: Notice on the Sale of Investment Products and MAS Notice FAA-N16: Notice on Recommendations on Investment Products).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION RELATING TO THE USE OF THIS PROSPECTUS AND OFFERS OF NOTES GENERALLY

This Prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any Notes in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make the offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The distribution of this Prospectus and the offer or sale of Notes may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. The Issuer, the Guarantor, the Dealers and the Trustee do not represent that this Prospectus may be lawfully distributed, or that any Notes may be lawfully offered, in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any such jurisdiction, or pursuant to an exemption available thereunder, or assume any responsibility for facilitating any such distribution or offering. In particular, no action has been taken by any of the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Dealers or the Trustee which is intended to permit a public offering of any Notes or distribution of this Prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Accordingly, no Notes may be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and neither this Prospectus nor any advertisement or other offering material may be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations. Persons into whose possession this Prospectus or any Notes may come must inform themselves about, and observe, any such restrictions on the distribution of this Prospectus and the offering and sale of Notes. In particular, there are restrictions on the distribution of this Prospectus and the offer or sale of Notes in the United States, the EEA, the UK and Singapore, see “*Subscription and Sale*”.

NOTICE TO CANADIAN INVESTORS

The Notes 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), and are permitted clients, as defined in National Instrument 31-103 Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations. Any resale of the Notes must be made in accordance with an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the prospectus requirements of applicable securities laws.

Securities legislation in certain provinces or territories of Canada may provide a purchaser with remedies for rescission or damages if this Prospectus (including any amendment thereto) contains a misrepresentation, provided that the remedies for rescission or damages are exercised by the purchaser within the time limit prescribed by the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory. The

purchaser should refer to any applicable provisions of the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory for particulars of these rights or consult with a legal advisor.

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER INFORMATION

Presentation of Financial Information

Unless otherwise indicated, the financial information in this Prospectus relating to the Guarantor has been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of the Guarantor as of and for the 52-week period ended on 25 January 2025 and the audited consolidated financial statements of the Guarantor as of and for the 52-week period ended on 27 January 2024 (together, the **Financial Statements**).

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with international accounting standards which are adopted for use in the UK (**UK-IAS**).

Alternative Performance Measures

The Group (as defined below) uses certain alternative performance measures (**APMs**) to assess the performance of its business (as described further below). These APMs are not calculated in accordance with UK-IAS or the International Financial Reporting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (**IFRS**). The Group considers that these APMs provide useful information to enhance the understanding of the financial performance of the Group but APMs should not be regarded as a substitute for, or superior to, any IFRS measures of performance.

For further details on (i) an explanation of why such APMs provide useful information for investors and (ii) the relevant page reference(s) to the 2025 Annual Report (as defined below) and the 2024 Annual Report (as defined below) for the basis of calculation, components, reconciliation and comparatives to previous reporting periods, please see the table below.

APM	Explanation of why use of APM provides useful information	2025 Annual Report page reference	2024 Annual Report page reference
Average active customers	Active customers have a strong correlation with interest income on the Finance P&L and help drive understanding of movements in income.	N/A (<i>not used in the 2025 Annual Report</i>)	256
Average customer receivables / debtor balance	Average debtor balance has a strong correlation with interest income on the Finance P&L and helps drive understanding of movements in income. It also helps to evaluate the overall health of the balance sheet for the Finance business.	252	256
Bad debt charge (NEXT Finance)	Measurement of the quality of the debtor book/customer receivables. A lower bad debt charge indicates that the quality and recoverability of the balance are higher.	252	256 (<i>referred to as "Bad debt charge" in the 2024 Annual Report</i>)

Bought-in gross margin	Bought-in gross margin is a measure of the profit made on the sale of stock at full price. This is a key internal management metric for assessing category performance.	252	256
Branch or store profitability	Measurement of the Retail business profit by physical branch. It provides an indication of the performance of the store portfolio. This is based on costs which are directly attributable to the store. Therefore, it does not include costs such as central overheads which will be included in the statutory accounts.	252	256 (<i>referred to as “Branch profitability” in the 2024 Annual Report</i>)
Cost of funding (NEXT Finance)	Used by the business to evaluate the profitability of the Finance business. There is no statutory equivalent as this is a metric specific to how the Group manages its funding and cost allocations.	252	256 (<i>referred to as “Cost of funding – Finance” in the 2024 Annual Report</i>)
Credit sales	Credit sales are a direct indicator of the performance of the NEXT Finance business.	253	257
Divisional operating profit	A direct indicator of the performance of each division making up the total Group operating profit. A commonly used metric that provides a useful method of performance comparison across the Group.	N/A (<i>not used in the 2025 Annual Report</i>)	257
Full price sales	Full price sales are a direct indicator of the performance and profitability of the business, as these sales are achieved at their full margin.	253	257
Interest income (NEXT Finance)	Interest income for the Finance business is a direct indicator of the performance and profitability of the Finance business.	253	257
Like-for-like sales	This metric enables the performance of Retail stores to be measured on a consistent year-on-year basis and is a common term used in the retail industry.	253	257
Net debt excluding leases	This measure is a good indication of the strength of the Group's liquidity and is widely used by credit rating agencies.	253	257
Net profit (NEXT Finance)	A measure of profitability of the Finance business.	253	257
NEXT Group profit before tax	NEXT Group profit before tax differs from the statutory profit before tax for 3 reasons:	253	258

	<p>1) Amortisation on acquired brands and related acquired intangibles is removed from the NEXT Group profit before tax.</p> <p>2) For management purposes, the non-controlling interests in Reiss, FatFace and Joules are removed from the NEXT Group profit before tax. In contrast, in line with International accounting standards, the statutory profit includes 100% of the Reiss, FatFace and Joules results.</p> <p>3) Exceptional items, as defined in the accounting policy section of the Financial Statements, are not included in the headline "NEXT Group profit before tax".</p>		
NEXT Group profit after tax	<p>NEXT Group profit after tax differs from the statutory profit before tax for 2 reasons:</p> <p>1) It starts with the NEXT Group profit before tax (defined above).</p> <p>2) It then applies the tax rate to the items included in NEXT Group profit before tax.</p>	254	N/A (<i>not used in the 2024 Annual Report</i>)
NEXT Operating profit	<p>NEXT Operating profit is based on the same principles and adjustments (compared to statutory operating profit) as the NEXT Group profit before tax noted above.</p> <p>It differs from the statutory operating profit for 4 reasons:</p> <p>1) It excludes the impact of non-controlling interests.</p> <p>2) It excludes the effect of amortisation of acquired brands and related intangible assets.</p> <p>3) Within NEXT Operating profit, external interest costs borne by Reiss, FatFace and Joules are allocated to those businesses. This contrasts to statutory accounting where finance costs are reported below operating profit.</p> <p>4) It excludes exceptional items reported within statutory operating profit.</p>	254	258
NEXT Group pre-tax Earnings Per Share	<p>Earnings per share provides a measure of how much profit has been generated for each share in issue. It is a commonly used metric for listed entities.</p>	254	N/A (<i>not used in the 2024 Annual Report</i>)

NEXT Group post tax Earnings Per Share	Earnings per share provides a measure of how much profit has been generated for each share in issue. It is a commonly used metric for listed entities.	254	258 (referred to as "NEXT post tax earnings per share" in the 2024 Annual Report)
NEXT Online margin	A measure of the profitability of the Group. A commonly used metric that can be used to compare performance to other businesses. Net margin measures whether profitability is changing at a higher or lower rate relative to revenue.	255	258 (referred to as "Online margin" in the 2024 Annual Report)
NEXT Retail margin	A measure of the profitability of the Group. A commonly used metric that can be used to compare performance to other businesses. Net margin measures whether profitability is changing at a higher or lower rate relative to revenue.	255	259 (referred to as "Retail margin" in the 2024 Annual Report)
NEXT Trading full price sales	Full price sales are a direct indicator of the performance and profitability of the business, as these sales are achieved at their full margin.	255	N/A (not used in the 2024 Annual Report)
Online customers	The number of online customers is a useful metric to establish the average spend per customer.	255	N/A (not used in the 2024 Annual Report)
Return on Capital Employed – ROCE (NEXT Finance)	A commonly used metric that can be used to compare performance to other financial businesses. It measures the profit (i.e. return) relative to the amount of capital employed. The higher the ROCE, the greater the return for the capital employed in the business.	256	259
Total Group sales	Total Group sales are a direct indicator of the performance and profitability of the entire Group, including NEXT's share of subsidiaries and investments.	256	N/A (not used in the 2024 Annual Report)
Total NEXT sales	Total NEXT sales are a direct indicator of the performance and profitability of the segment.	256	259
Total NEXT Trading sales	Total NEXT Trading sales are a direct indicator of the performance and profitability of the business from the Online, Retail and Finance business.	256	N/A (not used in the 2024 Annual Report)
Total Trading sales/Total Group sales	Total Trading sales are a direct indicator of the performance and profitability of the business from the Online, Retail and Finance business. Total Group sales are	N/A (not used in the 2025 Annual Report)	259

	a direct indicator of the performance and profitability of the entire business.		
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Third Party Information

Where information in this Prospectus has been sourced from third parties, this information has been accurately reproduced and, as far as each of the Issuer and the Guarantor is aware and is able to ascertain from the information published by such third parties, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading. The source of any third party information is identified where used.

While each of the Issuer and the Guarantor believes that this information is derived from sources which are reliable, the accuracy of such information is subject to the availability and reliability of the data supporting such information and neither the published information nor the underlying data has been independently verified. In addition, the methodology of these sources and of other industry sources for collecting information and data, and therefore the reported information, may differ from that used by the Issuer and/or the Guarantor to compile operational data and from the methodologies employed by other sources.

Certain Defined Terms and Conventions

Capitalised terms which are used but not defined in any particular section of this Prospectus will have the meaning attributed to them in “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*” or any other section of this Prospectus. In addition, the following terms as used in this Prospectus have the meanings defined below:

In this Prospectus, all references to:

- *U.S. dollars*, *U.S.\$* and *\$* refer to United States dollars;
- *Sterling* and *£* refer to pounds sterling; and
- *euro* and *€* refer to the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as amended.

Certain figures and percentages included in this Prospectus have been subject to rounding adjustments; accordingly, figures shown in the same category presented in different tables may vary slightly and figures shown as totals in certain tables may not be an arithmetic aggregation of the figures which precede them.

In this Prospectus, unless the contrary intention appears, a reference to a law or a provision of a law is a reference to that law or provision as extended, amended or re-enacted.

The maximum aggregate nominal amount of all Notes outstanding at any one time under the Programme will not exceed £3,000,000,000 (and for this purpose, any Notes denominated in a currency other than Sterling shall be converted into Sterling in accordance with the provisions of the Programme Agreement (as such term is defined under “*Subscription and Sale*”). The maximum aggregate nominal amount of Notes which may be outstanding at any one time under the Programme may be increased from time to time, subject to compliance with the relevant provisions of the Programme Agreement.

SUITABILITY OF INVESTMENT

The Notes may not be a suitable investment for all investors. Each potential investor in the Notes must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential

investor may wish to consider, either on its own or with the help of its financial and other professional advisers, whether it:

- (i) has sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Notes, the merits and risks of investing in the Notes and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus or any applicable supplement;
- (ii) has access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the Notes and the impact the Notes will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (iii) has sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Notes, including Notes where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the potential investor's currency;
- (iv) understands thoroughly the terms of the Notes and is familiar with the behaviour of financial markets;
- (v) is able to evaluate possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks; and
- (vi) understands the accounting, legal, regulatory and tax implications of a purchase, holding and disposal of an interest in the Notes.

Legal investment considerations may restrict certain investments. The investment activities of certain investors are subject to investment laws and regulations, or review or regulation by certain authorities. Each potential investor should consult its legal advisers to determine whether and to what extent (1) Notes are legal investments for it, (2) Notes can be used as collateral for various types of borrowing and (3) other restrictions apply to its purchase or pledge of any Notes. Financial institutions should consult their legal advisers or the appropriate regulators to determine the appropriate treatment of Notes under any applicable risk-based capital or similar rules.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Some statements in this Prospectus may be deemed to be forward looking statements. Forward looking statements include statements concerning the Issuer's and/or the Guarantor's plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future operations and performance and the assumptions underlying these forward looking statements. When used in this Prospectus, the words "anticipates", "estimates", "expects", "believes", "intends", "plans", "aims", "seeks", "may", "will", "should" and any similar expressions generally identify forward looking statements. These forward looking statements are contained in the sections entitled "*Risk Factors*", "*Description of the Issuer*" and "*Description of the Guarantor*" and other sections of this Prospectus. The Issuer and the Guarantor have based these forward looking statements on the current view of /their management with respect to future events and financial performance. Although each of the Issuer and the Guarantor believes that the expectations, estimates and projections reflected in its forward looking statements are reasonable as of the date of this Prospectus, if one or more of the risks or uncertainties materialise, including those identified below or which the Issuer and/or the Guarantor has otherwise identified in this Prospectus, or if any of the Issuer's and/or the Guarantor's underlying assumptions prove to be incomplete or inaccurate, the Issuer's and/or the Guarantor's actual results of operation may vary from those expected, estimated or predicted.

Any forward looking statements contained in this Prospectus speak only as at the date of this Prospectus. Without prejudice to any requirements under applicable laws and regulations, each of the Issuer and the Guarantor expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to disseminate after the date of this Prospectus any updates or revisions to any forward looking statements contained in it to reflect any change

in expectations or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such forward looking statement is based.

STABILISATION

In connection with the issue of any Tranche of Notes, the Dealer or Dealers (if any) designated in the applicable Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes) as acting as the Stabilisation Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilisation Manager(s)) may over-allot Notes or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Notes at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, stabilisation may not necessarily occur. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the relevant Tranche of Notes is made and, if begun, may cease at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of Notes and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche of Notes. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment must be conducted by the relevant Stabilisation Manager(s) (or person(s) acting on behalf of any Stabilisation Manager(s)) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

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OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME

The following overview does not purport to be complete and is taken from, and is qualified in its entirety by, the remainder of this Prospectus and, in relation to the terms and conditions of any particular Tranche of Notes, the applicable Final Terms (or, in the case of Exempt Notes, the applicable Pricing Supplement).

This Overview constitutes a general description of the Programme for the purposes of Article 25(1) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 2019/980 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA.

Words and expressions defined in “*Form of the Notes*” and “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*” shall have the same meanings in this Overview.

Issuer:	NEXT Group plc
Issuer Legal Entity Identifier (LEI):	213800O8TRZCFJ9R5760
Guarantor:	NEXT plc
Guarantor LEI:	213800WQD8ECPZP9PH98
Risk Factors:	<p>There are certain factors that may affect the Issuer’s ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme. There are also certain factors that may affect the Guarantor’s ability to fulfil its obligations under the Guarantee. In addition, there are certain factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme and risks relating to the structure of a particular Series (as defined below) of Notes issued under the Programme. All of these are set out under “<i>Risk Factors</i>”.</p>
Description:	Euro Medium Term Note Programme
Arranger:	NatWest Markets Plc
Dealers:	Barclays Bank PLC BNP PARIBAS Goldman Sachs International NatWest Markets Plc Standard Chartered Bank UBS AG London Branch
	and any other Dealers appointed in accordance with the Programme Agreement.
Certain Restrictions:	<p>Each issue of Notes denominated in a currency in respect of which particular laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements apply will only be issued in circumstances which comply with such laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements from time to time (see “<i>Subscription and Sale</i>”) including the following restrictions applicable at the date of this Prospectus.</p> <p>Notes having a maturity of less than one year</p> <p>Notes having a maturity of less than one year will constitute deposits for the purposes of the prohibition on accepting</p>

deposits contained in section 19 of the FSMA unless they are issued to a limited class of professional investors and have a denomination of at least £100,000 or its equivalent, see "*Subscription and Sale*".

Principal Paying Agent:	The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch
Registrar and Transfer Agent:	The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Dublin Branch
Trustee:	BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited
Programme Size:	Up to £3,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described in the Programme Agreement) outstanding at any time. The Issuer and the Guarantor may increase the amount of the Programme in accordance with the terms of the Programme Agreement.
Distribution:	Notes may be distributed by way of private or public placement and in each case on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis.
Currencies:	Subject to any applicable legal or regulatory restrictions, Notes may be denominated in any currency agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer.
Maturities:	The Notes will have such maturities as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer, subject to such minimum or maximum maturities as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the Issuer or the relevant Specified Currency.
Issue Price:	Notes will be issued on a fully-paid basis and at an issue price which is at par or at a discount to, or premium over, par.
Form of Notes	The Notes will be issued in either bearer or registered form as described in " <i>Form of the Notes</i> ". Registered Notes will not be exchangeable for Bearer Notes and <i>vice versa</i> .
Fixed Rate Notes:	Fixed interest will be payable on such date or dates as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer and on redemption and will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer.
Floating Rate Notes:	<p>Floating Rate Notes will bear interest at a rate determined on the basis of the reference rate set out in the applicable Final Terms (or, in the case of Exempt Notes, the applicable Pricing Supplement).</p> <p>Interest on Floating Rate Notes in respect of each Interest Period, as agreed prior to issue by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer, will be payable on such Interest Payment Dates, and will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction, as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer.</p> <p>The margin (if any) relating to such floating rate will be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer for each Series of Floating Rate Notes.</p>

**Benchmark discontinuation
(Floating Rate Notes only):**

Floating Rate Notes may also have a maximum interest rate, a minimum interest rate or both.

Other than for Floating Rate Notes for which the Reference Rate is specified as “SOFR” in the applicable Final Terms (or, in the case of Exempt Notes, the applicable Pricing Supplement), if a Benchmark Event occurs, such that any Rate of Interest (or any component part thereof) cannot be determined by reference to the relevant Original Reference Rate, then the Issuer may (subject to certain conditions) be permitted to substitute such Original Reference Rate with a successor, replacement or alternative benchmark and/or screen rate (with consequent amendment to the terms of the Notes and the application of an adjustment spread (which could be positive, negative or zero)).

In respect of Floating Rate Notes for which the Reference Rate is specified as “SOFR” in the applicable Final Terms (or, in the case of Exempt Notes, the applicable Pricing Supplement), if a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the then-current Benchmark, then the Benchmark Replacement will replace the then-current Benchmark for all purposes relating to the Notes and the Issuer will have the right (subject to certain conditions) to make Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes from time to time.

Exempt Notes:

The Issuer and the Guarantor may agree with any Dealer and the Trustee that Exempt Notes may be issued in a form not contemplated by the “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*”, in which event the relevant provisions will be included in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

Redemption:

The applicable Final Terms (or, in the case of Exempt Notes, the applicable Pricing Supplement) will indicate either that the relevant Notes cannot be redeemed prior to their stated maturity (other than for taxation reasons or following an Event of Default) or that such Notes will be redeemable at the option of the Issuer at certain times or in certain circumstances upon giving notice to the Noteholders, on a date or dates specified prior to such stated maturity and at a price or prices and on such other terms as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer.

Notes having a maturity of less than one year are subject to restrictions on their denomination and distribution, see “*Certain Restrictions - Notes having a maturity of less than one year*” above.

**Redemption or purchase on change
of control:**

The Notes of a Noteholder may be redeemed or purchased prior to their stated maturity at the option of such Noteholder on a change of control and rating downgrade, as further described in Condition 7.4.

Denomination of Notes:	The Notes will be issued in such denominations as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer save that the minimum denomination of each Note will be such amount as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Specified Currency, see “ <i>Certain Restrictions - Notes having a maturity of less than one year</i> ” above, and save that the minimum denomination of each Note (other than an Exempt Note) will be €100,000 (or, if the Notes are denominated in a currency other than euro, the equivalent amount in such currency).
Taxation:	All payments in respect of the Notes will be made without deduction for or on account of withholding taxes imposed by any Relevant Jurisdiction unless such deduction is required by law as provided in Condition 8. In the event that any such deduction is made, the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor will, save in certain limited circumstances provided in Condition 8, be required to pay additional amounts to cover the amounts so deducted.
Negative Pledge:	The terms of the Notes will contain a negative pledge provision as further described in Condition 4.
Cross Default:	The terms of the Notes will contain a cross default provision as further described in Condition 10.
Status of the Notes:	The Notes will constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and (subject to Condition 4) unsecured obligations of the Issuer and (subject as aforesaid) rank and will rank <i>pari passu</i> without any preference among themselves, with all other outstanding unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer, present and future, but, in the event of insolvency, only to the extent permitted by applicable laws relating to creditors’ rights.
Guarantee:	The Notes will be unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the Guarantor. The obligations of the Guarantor under the Guarantee will be direct, unconditional unsubordinated and (subject to the provisions of Condition 4) unsecured obligations of the Guarantor and (subject as aforesaid) rank and will rank <i>pari passu</i> with all other outstanding unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Guarantor, present and future, but, in the event of insolvency, only to the extent permitted by applicable laws relating to creditors’ rights.
Rating:	The Programme has been rated Baa1 by Moody’s and BBB by S&P. Series of Notes issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated. Where a Series of Notes is rated, such rating will be disclosed in the applicable Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes) and will not necessarily be the same as the ratings assigned to the Programme. A security rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension,

reduction or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

Listing:

Application has been made to the FCA for Notes (other than Exempt Notes) issued under the Programme during the period of 12 months from the date of this Prospectus to be admitted to the Official List of the FCA and to the London Stock Exchange for such notes to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market.

Exempt Notes may be listed or admitted to trading, as the case may be, on other or further stock exchanges or markets agreed between the Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer in relation to the Series. Notes which are neither listed nor admitted to trading on any market may also be issued. For considerations in relation to Notes which are neither listed nor admitted to trading, see "*Taxation*".

The applicable Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes) will state whether or not the relevant Notes are to be listed and/or admitted to trading and, if so, on which stock exchanges and/or markets.

Governing Law:

The Notes, the Guarantee and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Notes and the Guarantee will be governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, English law.

Selling Restrictions:

There are restrictions on the offer, sale and transfer of the Notes in the United States, the EEA, the UK and Singapore and such other restrictions as may be required in connection with the offering and sale of a particular Tranche of Notes, see "*Subscription and Sale*".

United States Selling Restrictions:

Regulation S, Category 2. TEFRA C or D/TEFRA not applicable, as specified in the applicable Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes).

RISK FACTORS

In purchasing Notes, investors assume the risk that the Issuer and the Guarantor may become insolvent or otherwise be unable to make all payments due in respect of the Notes or under the Guarantee, as applicable. There is a wide range of factors which individually or together could result in the Issuer and the Guarantor becoming unable to make all payments due in respect of the Notes or under the Guarantee, as applicable. It is not possible to identify all such factors or to determine which factors are most likely to occur, as the Issuer and the Guarantor may not be aware of all relevant factors and certain factors which they currently deem not to be material may become material as a result of the occurrence of events outside the Issuer's and the Guarantor's control. The Issuer and the Guarantor have identified in this Prospectus a number of factors which could materially adversely affect their businesses and ability to make payments due in respect of the Notes or under the Guarantee, as applicable.

In addition, factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme are also described below. However, neither the Issuer nor the Guarantor represents that the statements below regarding the risks of holding any Notes are exhaustive.

Prospective investors should also read the detailed information set out elsewhere in this Prospectus and reach their own views prior to making any investment decision. Prospective investors should also consult their own financial and legal advisers about risks associated with an investment in the Notes and the suitability of investing in the Notes in light of their particular circumstances, without relying on the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Arranger or the Dealers.

FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT THE ISSUER'S ABILITY TO FULFIL ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE NOTES ISSUED UNDER THE PROGRAMME AND THE GUARANTOR'S ABILITY TO FULFIL ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE GUARANTEE

1. *The following risk factor applies to the respective businesses of the Issuer and the Guarantor*

The Issuer is a public limited company and acts as the intermediate holding company of the Group. The Guarantor is a public limited company and parent company of the Group. Although the percentage of revenues which the Group derives from outside the UK is growing, as at the date of this Prospectus the business operations of the Group are based predominantly in the United Kingdom and Ireland and are carried on through subsidiary companies. The Guarantor's principal asset is its investment in the Issuer, which holds investments in the principal trading entities through its wholly owned subsidiary, Next Holdings Limited. As such, the Guarantor is dependent upon dividend and other cash inflows from its subsidiaries to meet its financial obligations.

2. *The following risk factors apply to the business of the Group*

An adverse change in macroeconomic conditions, whether domestically or internationally, may adversely affect the costs of conducting business, the Group's relative competitive position, cash liquidity and its financial performance

As a significant proportion of the Group's revenues are generated from retailing and associated activities in the UK, the Group's business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects are, and will continue to be, particularly affected by the prevailing economic conditions in the UK, where there continues to be macroeconomic uncertainty relating to geopolitics and other global events such as wars and civil unrest, terrorism, elections, government restrictions, cost and wage inflation, as well as energy supply issues resulting in an increase in operational costs for the Group and its suppliers. The cost of conducting business could also be materially affected as a result of, amongst other things, the increasing costs of, or volatility in the cost of, raw materials, adverse exchange rate movements, cross-border trade complexities and changes to taxation and tariffs (resulting in unpredictable tax

exposures).

The Group manages the risk of macroeconomic conditions impacting its own liquidity through a range of strategies including:

- (i) managing market factors, commodity prices and currency fluctuations in line with its Group treasury and energy hedging policies;
- (ii) maintaining regular Board and Audit Committee reviews of liquidity levels, sources of cash and access to committed credit facilities and debt capital markets;
- (iii) conducting stress testing on the Group's ongoing strategy to assess its resilience to black swan events; and
- (iv) monitoring proposed changes to tax legislation.

However, there can be no assurance that these strategies will be successful and there may be an adverse impact on the Group's cash liquidity or its ability to continue to fund its operations.

Any combination of the above could have a material and adverse effect on the Group's business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects.

Uncertainties in the macroeconomic and geopolitical conditions both in the UK and globally put pressure on customers' budgets and may impact customer behaviour in a way in which the Group is unable to respond

There remains uncertainty as to the impact on the economy, employment rates and household budgets in both the UK and throughout the various jurisdictions where the Group operates globally. Changes in macroeconomic conditions impact the Group's customers' budgets and may impact customer behaviour in relation to discretionary spend. In this climate, a failure to ensure that the Group's brands remain competitive on price, range, supply and service (through retail and online channels) could lead to a potential loss of market share and a fall in revenues as customer purchases are made with competitors, and/or the Group is unable to build and sustain brand loyalty. Furthermore, there remains ongoing uncertainty in the wider macroeconomic environment, mainly as a result of geopolitical tensions, including tariffs, wars and civil unrest, terrorism, elections, government restrictions and the risk of potential future pandemics, which may cause major disruption to the Group's business through global supply chain challenges. The Group actively leverages its strong supplier relationships and the variety and breadth of its supply base to ensure resilience and maintain good levels of availability for customers. Nonetheless, any of these factors could have a material and adverse effect on the Group's business, results of operations, competitiveness, financial condition and prospects.

If the wrong business strategies are adopted or are not implemented effectively, the Group may under-achieve its financial targets, negatively impacting customer confidence and leading to a loss of brand reputation

This risk arises if the Guarantor's Board of Directors (the **Board**) adopts the wrong business strategy or does not implement its strategies effectively. The Board must understand and properly manage strategic risk, taking into account specific retail sector risk and wider economic risks.

The Board reviews business strategy on a regular basis to determine how sales and profit budgets can be achieved or bettered, and business operations made more efficient. Seasonal and annual budgets together with longer term financial objectives and cash flow forecasts are produced.

The Board and senior management consider strategic risk factors, wider economic and industry specific trends that affect the Group's businesses, the competitive position of its product offer and the financial structure of the Group. In addition, longer term financial scenarios for the Group's retail business (**Retail**) are prepared and stress tested, a process which is designed to provide a mechanism for ensuring that business profitability is maximised through efficient allocation of resources and management of costs.

The resulting impact of this risk not being appropriately managed by the Board and senior management would be evidenced by under-achievement of financial targets, a negative impact on customer confidence and loss of the Group's brand reputation.

Changes within the senior management team could adversely affect delivery of strategic plans and/or the quality of the Group's product offering, resulting in both operational and financial under-performance

The success of the Group relies on the continued service and expertise of its senior management and technical personnel, and on its ability to continue to attract, motivate and retain highly qualified employees.

The Board considers the development of senior managers to ensure adequate career development opportunities for key personnel, with orderly succession and promotion to important management positions. The Guarantor's Remuneration and Nomination Committees identify senior personnel, review remuneration at least annually and formulate packages to retain and motivate these employees, including long term incentive schemes.

Changes within the senior management could adversely affect delivery of short and medium term strategic plans and/or the quality of the Group's product offering, resulting in both operational and financial under-performance.

Failure to manage product ranges may mean the Group has to dispose of surplus stock at a loss and its reputation may suffer if the product ranges are not meeting customer quality, design or price expectations, resulting in lower customer demand for its products

The Group's success depends on designing and selecting products that customers want to buy, at appropriate price points which are stocked in the right quantities.

Executive directors and senior management continually review the design, selection and performance of the Group's own product ranges and those of other brands sold by the Group. They regularly review product range trends and performance to assess and correct any key selection or product issues. The development of third party LABEL brands (along with the Group's beauty business) have served to increase the breadth of the Group's online offering beyond the Group's natural design, fashion and price boundaries. In addition, the Group's product ranges are continually extended and diversified. Corrections to significant missed trends or poorer performing ranges are targeted for amendment, with alternative products being sourced within six months where deemed necessary.

In the short term, a failure to manage product ranges may mean that the Group is faced with surplus stocks that cannot be sold at full price and may have to be disposed of at a loss. Over the longer term, the reputation of the NEXT brand may suffer if the product ranges are not meeting customer quality, design or price expectations, resulting in lower customer demand for its products.

Failure to manage key suppliers and the supply chain may adversely affect the timeliness, continuity or quality of supply of the Group's products, may result in reduced customer demand and may also impact on profit margins, while failure to ensure the Group's ethical sourcing standards are met may adversely affect the Group's brand reputation and customer demand for its products

The Group relies on its global supplier base to deliver products on time and to the quality standards it specifies. Risks may arise in the financial, political and geographical aspects of its supplier base. In particular, the Middle East conflict has increased shipping transit times and there has been some disruption

to product availability due to ongoing civil unrest and labour disputes in Bangladesh, and the significant growth in the Group's international business also contributes to logistical supply and demand challenges. As at the date of this Prospectus, the impact on the Group's business and global supply chains of the recent global tariffs imposed by the United States on many other countries has not been material. However, there can be no assurance that this will not change in the future given the ongoing uncertainties around the imposition and level of tariffs and their longer term impact. The Group must continually seek ways to develop its supplier base so as to reduce over-reliance on individual suppliers of products and services and maintain the quality and competitiveness of its product offer. The Group also supports strong corporate social responsibility and must work with its suppliers to ensure they comply with the standards set out in the NEXT Code of Practice; covering production methods, employee working conditions, quality control and inspection processes.

The Group's risk assessment procedures for key suppliers identify alternatives and develop contingency plans in the event of key supplier failure. Existing and new sources of supply are developed in conjunction with NEXT Sourcing (the Guarantor's wholly owned global sourcing agent), external agents and/or direct suppliers. The Group also monitors and reviews stock availability on an on-going basis to try to ensure that issues are identified and appropriate action is taken where any issues are impacting service delivery to customers. The Group's global Code of Practice audit team carry out regular inspections of suppliers' operations to review compliance with the Group's ethical standards.

Failure to manage these risks may adversely affect the timeliness, continuity or quality of supply of the Group's products and may result in reduced customer demand due to lack of stock availability. Changes in global manufacturing capacity and costs may also impact on profit margins. Failure to meet the Group's ethical sourcing standards may adversely affect the Group's brand reputation and customer demand for its products.

Failure to manage warehousing and logistics operations may mean products do not reach customers within the promised timeframe which may reduce sales and adversely affect customer service and customer perception of the Group and failure to plan warehouse expansion and deliver capacity may restrict business growth, particularly of Online sales

The Group's warehouse and logistics operations provide fundamental support to the business operations. Risks include business interruption due to physical damage, access restrictions, breakdowns, capacity and resource shortages, IT systems failure, inefficient processes and third party failures. Increasing choice in the products the Group sells has been central to the development of the Group's online platform (**Online**), but the proliferation of unique items, along with a shift in sales from Retail to Online, has presented the Group's warehouse operations with significant challenges.

Service levels, warehouse handling, inbound logistics and delivery costs are monitored continuously to ensure goods are delivered to the Group's warehouses, Retail stores and Online customers in a timely and cost-efficient manner. Management reviews lessons learned where operational problems may arise from time to time. Planning processes are in place to ensure there is sufficient warehouse handling capacity for expected future business volumes over the short and longer terms; this is particularly important at the present time as the Group continues to pursue a strategy to increase choice and offer unique items. Business continuity plans and insurance are also in place to mitigate the impact of business interruption.

If the Group does not manage its warehousing and logistics operations appropriately, the availability of products in stores will be restricted and products ordered online may not reach customers within the timeframe of the delivery promised. This may reduce sales and adversely affect customer service and customer perception of the Group. Failure to adequately plan warehouse expansion and deliver sufficient capacity to meet customer demand will restrict business growth, particularly of Online sales.

Failure to manage business critical systems may restrict availability of products in stores and adversely affect the timeframe of delivery of Online orders which may reduce sales and adversely

affect customer service and customer perception of the Group, and failure to adequately maintain service levels and deliver sufficient capacity to meet demand may restrict business growth, particularly of Online sales

The Group's performance depends on the engagement, recruitment and retention of customers and on its ability to drive and service customer demand. There is a risk that the business fails to adopt and/or maintain efficient use of suitable software, hardware and mechanisation to provide both Retail and Online customers with service levels that meet or exceed their expectations. These systems, software and platforms are ever changing as technology continues to evolve. Keeping customers and users up to date and managing the implementation and changes that come with the evolution of these platforms, in addition to maintenance of existing systems, can be challenging.

The Group continuously invests in technology that supports the various parts of the Online platform, including improvements in technology recruitment and retention, and monitors the performance of the Group's UK and overseas websites with a particular focus on improving the Online customer experience. Management keeps the performance, evolution, risks and opportunities of the Group's customer-facing systems under continuous review and routinely conducts market research and customer feedback to assess customer opinions and satisfaction levels to help ensure that the Group remains focused on delivering excellent customer service and improves the Group's systems to meet these needs.

If the Group does not manage its business critical systems appropriately by failing to adopt and/or maintain efficient use of suitable software, hardware and mechanisation, the availability of products in stores will be restricted and products ordered online may not reach customers within the timeframe of the delivery promised. This may reduce sales and adversely affect customer service and customer perception of the Group. Failure to adequately maintain service levels, including through keeping up with the evolution of systems and platforms, and deliver sufficient capacity to meet customer demand could restrict business growth, particularly of Online sales.

Failure to actively manage long term liabilities and capital expenditure may result in the business being committed to certain liabilities and costs that could adversely affect the financial performance of the Group

Poor management of the Group's longer term liabilities and capital expenditure, in particular its store portfolio in terms of its cost base (for example property lease arrangements and rental costs), could jeopardise the long term sustainability of the business.

The predominantly leased store portfolio is actively managed by senior management, with openings, refits and closures based on store profitability and cash payback criteria. Regular reviews of lease expiry and break clauses are undertaken to identify opportunities for exit or renegotiation of commitments. Profiling of the Group's lease commitments is also regularly undertaken by the Board. The Group will only continue to invest in new space where its financial criteria are met, and will renew and refurbish its existing portfolio when appropriate.

If management does not actively manage its long term liabilities and capital expenditure, including the costs and profitability of the store portfolio, the business will be committed to certain liabilities and costs such as property leases of loss making stores that could adversely affect the financial performance of the Group.

Failure of key IT systems could lead to customer demand being unfulfilled, adversely affecting the Group's brand reputation and potentially resulting in lower sales. A significant cyber attack could adversely affect operation of key systems or result in data leaks, exposing the Group to brand reputational damage and significant financial penalties

The Group is dependent upon the continued availability and integrity of its IT systems throughout its operations. These systems must record and process substantial volumes of data accurately and quickly

and are essential to the successful operation of all areas of the business, for example, store till systems, warehouse and stock management, online websites and mobile applications. Systems require continuous enhancement and investment to prevent obsolescence and maintain responsiveness. The threat of unauthorised or malicious attack is an on-going risk, the nature of which is constantly evolving and increasingly sophisticated.

IT risks are also managed through the application of internal policies and change management procedures, contractual service level agreements with third party suppliers, and IT capacity management. IT development projects are appraised and prioritised for implementation, with significant IT resource also being dedicated to ongoing maintenance and upgrade of existing systems.

Systems' vulnerability and penetration testing are carried out regularly to help ensure that data is protected from corruption or unauthorised access or use.

As the nature of cyber-attack risk is constantly changing and becoming ever more sophisticated, the Group continually works towards improving controls and supports significant resource and investments in this area, including employee data security awareness training. Critical systems are reviewed and tested periodically to ensure they have back up facilities and business continuity plans in place and these are updated and tested on an on-going basis to reflect business risk.

The Guarantor's Audit Committee receives updates and agrees appropriate actions relating to cyber risk and business continuity. The Guarantor's Audit Committee and Board receive updates and agree appropriate actions relating to key IT development projects, and key IT risks including cyber risk and business continuity.

IT systems are, however, vulnerable to a number of problems, such as operational failure. Operational failure of key IT systems could lead to customer demand being unable to be fulfilled, adversely affecting the Group's brand reputation and potentially resulting in lower sales. A significant cyber attack could adversely affect operation of key systems or result in data leaks, exposing the Group to brand reputational damage and significant financial penalties.

Failure to generate surplus cash flows, secure adequate financing or manage cash and debt effectively may adversely affect the Group's ability to trade, and failure to manage customer credit risk could expose the Group to unprofitable sales for those customers and expose the Group to debt write-offs

The main financial related risks are the availability of funds to meet business needs, default by counterparties to financial transactions, the effect of fluctuations in foreign exchange rates and interest rates, and compliance with regulation. The Group is also exposed to credit risk, particularly in respect of its customer receivables, which at the end of January 2025, amounted to £1.3 billion, which represented the largest item on the Group's balance sheet.

The Group operates a centralised treasury function which is responsible for managing its liquidity, interest and foreign currency risks. The Group's treasury function operates under a Board-approved policy. This includes approved counterparty and other limits which are designed to mitigate the Group's exposure to financial risk. The Group maintains financing and liquidity to enable the business to meet its objectives and operational commitments over the short, medium and long term. The Group has adequate medium and long term financing in place to meet its core debt requirement, support its business operations and provide liquidity to meet large cash flows including those under its dividend and share buyback policies. The availability of financing is supported by the Guarantor's commitment to maintaining an investment grade credit rating and forecast financing requirements are regularly monitored and reported to the Board.

Rigorous procedures are in place with regard to the Group's credit account customers, including the use of external credit reference agencies and applying set risk criteria before acceptance. These procedures

are regularly reviewed and updated. The Guarantor's Audit Committee receives regular updates regarding the customer credit business.

Should the Group be unable to generate surplus cash flows, secure adequate financing or manage its cash and debt effectively, its ability to trade could be at risk. In addition, poor management of its customer credit risk would expose the Group to unprofitable Online sales for those customers who do not ultimately pay for their goods and whose debt is then written off.

The Group may be subject to litigation or other legal or investigatory proceedings from time to time

As with all businesses, there is a risk that the Group could be subject to material civil or criminal litigation, regulatory or other investigations, or other complaints that could result in the Group being required to pay material damages or fines or material amounts in order to settle or satisfy any such claims, requiring significant management time to be incurred and material damage being done to the Group's reputation, brand or customer or supplier trust leading to a loss of market share (even if the Group is able to successfully defend or rebuff the litigation or investigation). In particular, along with other retailers, the Group is currently subject to claims from current and ex-employees in the Employment Tribunal for equal pay under the Equality Act 2010 and/or the Equal Pay Act 1970. A decision on this matter was issued by the Employment Tribunal in August 2024. While the Group was successful in its defence on the majority (eleven) of matters considered by the Employment Tribunal, there were seven matters on which it was not successful. The Group has carefully reviewed the findings of the Employment Tribunal and, following advice from legal counsel, has appealed the decision. The legal advice received suggests that the Group has good prospects of success with the appeal. As such, it remains the view of the Board that the likelihood of payment remains possible but not probable. It is important to recognise that there remains significant uncertainty in the total number of claims that may be received and the outcome of the appeals process is unknown. It is a complex case and is expected to continue to run for a number of years as important legal matters are considered and subject to further hearings. If the Group is unsuccessful at the end of the litigation, there is a risk that the liability could be material, but due to the complexity and multitudinous factual and legal uncertainties, the Group is not in a position to predict an outcome, quantum or impact at this stage.

Further, any such litigation or other legal or investigatory proceedings could be expensive and time-consuming and cause a significant diversion of management time. In addition, the outcome of litigation or an investigation can be difficult to predict with any certainty, and so there is a risk that the Group may underestimate or overestimate the materiality of a particular claim, which could result in the selection of an inefficient or ineffective defence strategy. Any of these factors alone or in combination could result in a material adverse effect on the Group's business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects.

FACTORS WHICH ARE MATERIAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSING THE MARKET RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH NOTES ISSUED UNDER THE PROGRAMME

Risks related to the structure of a particular issue of Notes

A range of Notes may be issued under the Programme. A number of these Notes may have features which contain particular risks for potential investors. Set out below is a description of the most common such features:

If the Issuer has the right to redeem any Notes at its option, this may limit the market value of the Notes concerned and an investor may not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in a manner which achieves a similar effective return

An optional redemption feature is likely to limit the market value of Notes. During any period when the Issuer may elect to redeem Notes, the market value of those Notes generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. This also may be true prior to any redemption period.

The Issuer may be expected to redeem Notes when its cost of borrowing is lower than the interest rate on the Notes. At those times, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Notes being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in light of other investments available at that time.

If the Notes include a feature to convert the interest basis from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or vice versa, this may affect the secondary market and the market value of the Notes concerned

Fixed/Floating Rate Notes are Notes which bear interest at a rate that converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or from a floating rate to a fixed rate. Such a feature to convert the interest basis, and any conversion of the interest basis, may affect the secondary market in, and the market value of, such Notes as the change of interest basis may result in a lower interest return for Noteholders. Where the Notes convert from a fixed rate to a floating rate, the spread on the Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may be less favourable than the prevailing spreads on comparable Floating Rate Notes tied to the same reference rate. In addition, the new floating rate at any time may be lower than the rates on other Notes. Where the Notes convert from a floating rate to a fixed rate, the fixed rate may be lower than the prevailing rates on those Notes and could affect the market value of an investment in the relevant Notes.

Notes which are issued at a substantial discount or premium may experience price volatility in response to changes in market interest rates

The market values of securities issued at a substantial discount or premium to their principal amount tend to fluctuate more in relation to general changes in interest rates than do prices for more conventional interest-bearing securities. Generally, the longer the remaining term of such securities, the greater the price volatility, as compared to more conventional interest-bearing securities with comparable maturities.

The regulation and reform of “benchmarks” may adversely affect the value of Notes linked to or referencing such “benchmarks”

Interest rates and indices which are deemed to be “benchmarks”, (including the euro interbank offered rate (**EURIBOR**), the Sterling Over Night Indexed Average (**SONIA**), the Euro Short-Term Rate (**€STR**) and the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (**SOFR**)) are the subject of national and international regulatory guidance and reform aimed at supporting the transition to robust benchmarks. Most reforms have now reached their planned conclusion (including the transition away from LIBOR), and “benchmarks” remain subject to ongoing monitoring. These reforms may cause such benchmarks to perform differently than in the past, to disappear entirely, or have other consequences which cannot be predicted. Any such consequence could have a material adverse effect on any Notes referencing such a benchmark.

Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 (the **EU Benchmarks Regulation**) applies, subject to certain transitional provisions, to the provision of benchmarks, the contribution of input data to a benchmark and the use of a benchmark within the EU. Among other things, it (i) requires benchmark administrators to be authorised or registered (or, if non-EU-based, to be subject to an equivalent regime or otherwise recognised or endorsed) and (ii) prevents certain uses by EU supervised entities of “benchmarks” of administrators that are not authorised or registered (or, if non-EU based, not deemed equivalent or recognised or endorsed). The UK Benchmarks Regulation, among other things, applies to the provision of benchmarks and the use of a benchmark in the UK. Similarly, it prohibits the use in the UK by UK supervised entities of benchmarks of administrators that are not authorised by the FCA or registered on the FCA register (or, if non-UK based, not deemed equivalent or recognised or endorsed).

The EU Benchmarks Regulation and/or the UK Benchmarks Regulation, as applicable, could have a material impact on any Notes linked to or referencing a “benchmark”, in particular, if the methodology or other terms of the “benchmark” are changed in order to comply with the requirements of the EU Benchmarks Regulation and/or the UK Benchmarks Regulation, as applicable. Such changes could, among other things, have the effect of reducing, increasing or otherwise affecting the volatility of the published rate or level of the relevant “benchmark”.

More broadly, any of the international or national reforms, or the general increased regulatory scrutiny of “benchmarks”, could increase the costs and risks of administering or otherwise participating in the setting of a “benchmark” and complying with any such regulations or requirements.

Such factors may have (without limitation) the following effects on certain “benchmarks”: (i) discouraging market participants from continuing to administer or contribute to a “benchmark”; (ii) triggering changes in the rules or methodologies used in the “benchmark”; and/or (iii) leading to the disappearance of the “benchmark”. Any of the above changes or any other consequential changes as a result of international or national reforms or other initiatives or investigations, could have a material adverse effect on the value of and return on any Notes linked to, or referencing, or otherwise dependent (in whole or in part) upon, a “benchmark” and the secondary market for such Notes.

The Terms and Conditions of the Notes provide for certain fallback arrangements in the event that a Benchmark Event (as defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes) or a Benchmark Transition Event (as defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes) occurs in respect of the Original Reference Rate or the then-current Benchmark (each as defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes), as applicable, and/or any page on which such benchmark may be published (or any other successor service) becomes unavailable. Such fallback arrangements include the possibility that the Rate of Interest could be set by reference to a Successor Rate, an Alternative Rate or a Benchmark Replacement (as applicable) (each as defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes), with the application of an Adjustment Spread or a Benchmark Replacement Adjustment (as applicable) (each as defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes) (which could be positive, negative or zero), and may include amendments to the Terms and Conditions of the Notes to ensure the proper operation of the new benchmark, all as more fully described at Condition 5.2(C) and 5.2(B)(iii)(c), as applicable.

It is possible that the adoption of a Successor Rate, an Alternative Rate or a Benchmark Replacement, as applicable, including any Adjustment Spread or Benchmark Replacement Spread, as applicable, may result in any Notes linked to or referencing an Original Reference Rate or a Benchmark, as applicable, performing differently (which may include payment of a lower Rate of Interest) than they would if the Original Reference Rate or Benchmark, as applicable, were to continue to apply in its current form. There is also a risk that the relevant fallback provisions may not operate as expected or intended at the relevant time.

Furthermore, in certain circumstances, the ultimate fallback for the purposes of the calculation of the Rate of Interest for a particular Interest Period may result in the Rate of Interest for the last preceding Interest Period being used. This may result in the effective application of a fixed rate for Floating Rate Notes. Due to the uncertainty concerning the availability of Successor Rates, Alternative Rates and Benchmark Replacement, as applicable, the involvement of an Independent Adviser (as defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes) where relevant and the potential for further regulatory developments, there is a risk that the relevant fallback provisions may not operate as intended at the relevant time.

Any such consequences could have a material adverse effect on the value of and return on any such Notes. Moreover, any of the above matters or any other significant change to the setting or existence of any relevant rate could affect the ability of the Issuer to meet its obligations under any Notes referencing a “benchmark” or could have a material adverse effect on the value or liquidity of, and the amount payable under, any Notes referencing a “benchmark”.

Investors should consult their own independent advisers and make their own assessment about the potential risks imposed by the EU Benchmarks Regulation and/or the UK Benchmarks Regulation, as applicable, or any of the international or national reforms and the possible application of the benchmark replacement provisions in respect of the Notes in making any investment decision with respect to any Notes referencing a “benchmark”.

The market continues to develop in relation to risk-free rates (including overnight rates) as reference rates

Investors should be aware that the market continues to develop in relation to SONIA, SOFR and €STR as reference rates continue to develop. This relates not only to the substance of the calculation and the development and adoption of market infrastructure for the issuance and trading of Notes referencing such rates, but also how widely such rates and methodologies might be adopted.

The market or a significant part thereof may adopt an application of risk-free rates that differs significantly from that set out in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes and used in relation to Notes that reference risk-free rates issued under the Programme. The Issuer may in the future also issue Notes referencing SONIA, SOFR and €STR that differ materially in terms of interest determination when compared with any previous Notes issued by it under the Programme. The development of risk-free rates for the Eurobond markets could result in reduced liquidity or increased volatility, or could otherwise affect the market price of any Notes that reference a risk-free rate issued under the Programme from time to time.

In addition, the manner of adoption or application of risk-free rates in the Eurobond markets may differ materially compared with the application and adoption of risk-free rates in other markets, such as the derivatives and loan markets. Investors should carefully consider how any mismatch between the adoption of such reference rates in the bond, loan and derivatives markets may impact any hedging or other financial arrangements which they may put in place in connection with any acquisition, holding or disposal of Notes referencing such risk-free rates.

In particular, investors should be aware that several different methodologies have been used in risk-free rate notes issued to date. No assurance can be given that any particular methodology, including the compounding formula in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes, will gain widespread market acceptance.

In addition, market participants and relevant working groups are still exploring alternative reference rates based on risk-free rates, including various ways to produce term versions of certain risk-free rates (which seek to measure the market’s forward expectation of an average of these reference rates over a designated term, as they are overnight rates) or different measures of such risk-free rates. If the relevant risk-free rates do not prove to be widely used in securities like the Notes, the trading price of such Notes linked to such risk-free rates may be lower than those of Notes referencing indices that are more widely used.

Investors should consider these matters when making their investment decision with respect to any Notes which reference SONIA, SOFR and €STR or any related indices.

Risk-free rates may differ from EURIBOR and other inter-bank offered rates in a number of material respects and have a limited history

Risk-free rates may differ from EURIBOR and other inter-bank offered rates in a number of material respects. These include (without limitation) being backwards-looking, in most cases, calculated on a compounded or weighted average basis, risk-free, overnight rates and, in the case of SOFR, secured, whereas such inter-bank offered rates are generally expressed on the basis of a forward-looking term, are unsecured and include a risk-element based on inter-bank lending. As such, investors should be aware that risk-free rates may behave materially differently to inter-bank offered rates as interest reference rates for the Notes. Furthermore, SOFR is a secured rate that represents overnight secured funding transactions, and therefore will perform differently over time to an unsecured rate. For example, since publication of SOFR began on 3 April 2018, daily changes in SOFR have, on occasion, been more volatile than daily changes in comparable benchmarks or other market rates.

Risk-free rates offered as alternatives to interbank offered rates also have a limited history. For that reason, future performance of such rates may be more difficult to predict based on their limited historical performance. The level of such rates during the term of the Notes may bear little or no relation to historical levels. Prior observed patterns, if any, in the behaviour of market variables and their relation to such rates such as correlations, may change in the future. Investors should not rely on historical performance data as an indicator of the future performance of such risk-free rates nor should they rely on any hypothetical data.

Furthermore, interest on Notes which reference a backwards-looking risk-free rate is only capable of being determined immediately prior to the relevant Interest Payment Date. It may be difficult for investors in Notes which reference such risk-free rates reliably to estimate the amount of interest which will be payable on such Notes, and some investors may be unable or unwilling to trade such Notes without changes to their IT systems, both of which could adversely impact the liquidity of such Notes.

The administrator of SONIA, SOFR, €STR or any related indices or other reference rates may make changes that could change the value of SONIA, SOFR, €STR or any related index or other reference rates, or discontinue SONIA, SOFR, €STR or any related index or other reference rates

The Bank of England, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York or the European Central Bank (or their successors) as administrators of SONIA, SOFR and €STR, respectively, or the administrator of any other reference rate, may make methodological or other changes that could change the value of these rates, including changes related to the method by which such rate is calculated, eligibility criteria applicable to the transactions used to calculate such rate, or timing related to the publication of such rate. In addition, the administrator may alter, discontinue or suspend calculation or dissemination of any such rate (in which case a fallback method of determining the interest rate on the Notes will apply). The administrator has no obligation to consider the interests of Noteholders when calculating, adjusting, converting, revising or discontinuing any such rate.

Investors are relying solely on the creditworthiness of the Issuer and the Guarantor

The Notes and any relative Coupons are direct, unconditional and (subject to Condition 4) unsecured, unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer and (subject as aforesaid) rank and will rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves, with all other outstanding unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer, present and future, but, in the event of insolvency, only to the extent permitted by applicable laws relating to creditors' rights. The obligations of the Guarantor under the Guarantee are direct, unconditional and (subject to the provisions of Condition 4) unsecured, unsubordinated obligations of the Guarantor and (subject as aforesaid) rank and will rank *pari passu* with all other outstanding unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Guarantor, present and future, but, in the event of insolvency, only to the extent permitted by applicable laws relating to creditors' rights.

Each investor in the Notes is relying on the creditworthiness of the Issuer and the Guarantor, and no other person.

In addition, investment in the Notes involves the risk that subsequent changes in actual or perceived creditworthiness of the relevant Issuer and/or the Guarantor may adversely affect the market value of the Notes.

Risks related to Notes generally

Set out below is a description of material risks relating to the Notes generally:

The "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" contain provisions which may permit their modification without the consent of all investors and confer significant discretions on the Trustee which may be exercised without the consent of the Noteholders and without regard to the individual interests of particular Noteholders.

The “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*” contain provisions for calling meetings (including by way of conference call or by use of a videoconference platform) of Noteholders to consider and vote upon matters affecting their interests generally, or to pass resolutions in writing or through the use of electronic consents. These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all Noteholders including Noteholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting or, as the case may be, did not sign the written resolution or give their consent electronically, and including those Noteholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority.

The “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*” also provide that the Trustee may, without the consent of Noteholders and without regard to the interests of particular Noteholders, agree to (i) any modification of, or to the waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach of, any of the provisions of the Notes or (ii) determine without the consent of the Noteholders that any Event of Default or potential Event of Default shall not be treated as such or (iii) the substitution of another company as principal debtor under any Notes in place of the Issuer in the circumstances described in Condition 16.

A Restructuring Plan implemented pursuant to Part 26A of the Companies Act 2006 may modify or disapply certain terms of the Notes or the Guarantee without the consent of the Noteholders.

Where the Issuer or Guarantor encounters, or is likely to encounter, financial difficulties that are affecting, or will or may affect, its ability to carry on business as a going concern, it may propose a restructuring plan (a **Plan**) with its creditors (and members, if relevant) under Part 26A of the Companies Act 2006 (introduced by the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020) to eliminate, reduce, prevent or mitigate the effect of any of those financial difficulties. Should this happen, creditors and members whose rights are affected are organised into classes and can vote on any such Plan (subject to being excluded from the vote by the English courts for having no genuine economic interest in the Issuer or Guarantor and certain exclusions where the Plan is proposed within the 12-week period following the end of a moratorium under Part A1 Insolvency Act 1986). Providing that one class (who would receive a payment, or have a genuine economic interest in the Issuer or Guarantor) has approved the Plan, and in the view of the English courts any dissenting class(es) who did not approve the Plan are no worse off under the Plan than they would be in the event of the “relevant alternative” (such as, broadly, liquidation or administration), then the English court can sanction the Plan where it would be a proper exercise of its discretion. A sanctioned Plan is binding on all creditors and members, regardless of whether they approved it. Any such sanctioned Plan in relation to the Issuer or the Guarantor may, therefore, adversely affect the rights of Noteholders and the price or value of their investment in the Notes, as it may have the effect of modifying or disapplying certain terms of the Notes (by, for example, writing down the principal amount of the Notes, modifying the interest payable on the Notes, the maturity date or dates on which any payments are due or substituting the Issuer) or modifying or disapplying certain terms of the Guarantee or substituting the Guarantor.

The value of the Notes could be adversely affected by a change in English law or administrative practice.

The Terms and Conditions of the Notes are governed by English law in effect as at the date of this Prospectus. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change to English law or administrative practice after the date of this Prospectus and any such change could materially adversely impact the value of any Notes affected by it.

Investors who hold less than the minimum Specified Denomination may be unable to sell their Notes and may be adversely affected if definitive Notes are subsequently required to be issued.

In relation to any issue of Notes which have denominations consisting of a minimum Specified Denomination plus one or more higher integral multiples of another smaller amount, it is possible that such Notes may be traded in amounts in excess of the minimum Specified Denomination that are not integral multiples of such minimum Specified Denomination. In such a case a holder who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds an amount which is less than the minimum Specified Denomination in their account with the relevant clearing system would not be able to sell the remainder of such holding without first purchasing a principal amount of Notes at or in excess of the minimum Specified Denomination such that

its holding amounts to a Specified Denomination. Further, a holder who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds an amount which is less than the minimum Specified Denomination in their account with the relevant clearing system at the relevant time may not receive a definitive Note in respect of such holding (should definitive Notes be printed or issued) and would need to purchase a principal amount of Notes at or in excess of the minimum Specified Denomination, such that its holding amounts to a Specified Denomination.

If such Notes in definitive form are issued, holders should be aware that definitive Notes which have a denomination that is not an integral multiple of the minimum Specified Denomination may be illiquid and difficult to trade.

Holders of Notes held through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg must rely on procedures of those clearing systems to effect transfers of Notes, receive payments in respect of Notes and vote at meetings of Noteholders.

Notes issued under the Programme will be represented on issue by one or more Global Notes that may be deposited with a Common Depositary or Common Safekeeper for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (each as defined under “*Form of the Notes*”). Except in the circumstances described in each Global Note, investors will not be entitled to receive Notes in definitive form. Each of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and their respective direct and indirect participants will maintain records of the beneficial interests in each Global Note held through it. While the Notes are represented by a Global Note, investors will be able to trade their beneficial interests only through the relevant clearing systems and their respective participants.

While the Notes are represented by Global Notes, the Issuer will discharge its payment obligation under the Notes by making payments through the relevant clearing systems. A holder of a beneficial interest in a Global Note must rely on the procedures of the relevant clearing system and its participants to receive payments under the Notes. The Issuer has no responsibility or liability for the records relating to, or payments made in respect of, beneficial interests in any Global Note.

Holders of beneficial interests in a Global Note will not have a direct right to vote in respect of the Notes so represented. Instead, such holders will be permitted to act only to the extent that they are enabled by the relevant clearing system and its participants to appoint appropriate proxies.

Risks related to the market generally

Set out below is a description of material market risks, including liquidity risk, exchange rate risk, interest rate risk and credit risk:

An active secondary market in respect of the Notes may never be established or may be illiquid and this would adversely affect the value at which an investor could sell their Notes.

Notes may have no established trading market when issued, and one may never develop. If a market does develop, it may not be very liquid. Therefore, investors may not be able to sell their Notes easily or at prices that will provide them with a yield comparable to similar investments that have a developed secondary market. This is particularly the case for Notes that are especially sensitive to interest rate, currency or market risks, are designed for specific investment objectives or strategies, are being issued to a single investor or a limited number of investors, or have been structured to meet the investment requirements of limited categories of investors. These types of Notes generally would have a more limited secondary market and more price volatility than conventional debt securities. In addition, should the Issuer be in financial distress, this is likely to have a further significant impact on the secondary market for the Notes and investors may have to sell their Notes at a substantial discount to their principal amount.

If an investor holds Notes which are not denominated in the investor's home currency, they will be exposed to movements in exchange rates adversely affecting the value of their holding. In addition, the imposition of exchange controls in relation to any Notes could result in an investor not receiving payments on those Notes.

The Issuer will pay principal and interest on the Notes and the Guarantor will make any payments under the Guarantee in the Specified Currency. This presents certain risks relating to currency conversions if an investor's financial activities are denominated principally in a currency or currency unit (the **Investor's Currency**) other than the Specified Currency. These include the risk that exchange rates may significantly change (including changes due to devaluation of the Specified Currency or revaluation of the Investor's Currency) and the risk that authorities with jurisdiction over the Investor's Currency may impose or modify exchange controls. An appreciation in the value of the Investor's Currency relative to the Specified Currency would decrease (1) the Investor's Currency-equivalent yield on the Notes, (2) the Investor's Currency equivalent value of the principal payable on the Notes and (3) the Investor's Currency equivalent market value of the Notes.

Government and monetary authorities may impose (as some have done in the past) exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable exchange rate or the ability of the Issuer or the Guarantor to make payments in respect of the Notes. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected, or no interest or principal.

The value of Fixed Rate Notes may be adversely affected by movements in market interest rates.

Investment in Fixed Rate Notes involves the risk that if market interest rates subsequently increase above the rate paid on the Fixed Rate Notes, this will adversely affect the value of the Fixed Rate Notes.

Credit ratings assigned to the Issuer, the Guarantor or any Notes may not reflect all the risks associated with an investment in those Notes.

One or more independent credit rating agencies may assign credit ratings to the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Notes. The ratings may not reflect the potential impact of all risks related to structure, market, additional factors discussed above, and other factors that may affect the value of the Notes. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be revised, suspended or withdrawn by the rating agency at any time.

In general, European regulated investors are restricted under the CRA Regulation from using credit ratings for regulatory purposes in the EEA, unless such ratings are issued by a credit rating agency established in the EEA and registered under the CRA Regulation (and such registration has not been withdrawn or suspended, subject to transitional provisions that apply in certain circumstances). Such general restriction will also apply in the case of credit ratings issued by third country non-EEA credit rating agencies, unless the relevant credit ratings are endorsed by an EEA-registered credit rating agency or the relevant third country rating agency is certified in accordance with the CRA Regulation (and such endorsement action or certification, as the case may be, has not been withdrawn or suspended, subject to transitional provisions that apply in certain circumstances). The list of registered and certified rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority (**ESMA**) on its website in accordance with the CRA Regulation is not conclusive evidence of the status of the relevant rating agency included in such list, as there may be delays between certain supervisory measures being taken against a relevant rating agency and the publication of the updated ESMA list.

Investors regulated in the UK are subject to similar restrictions under the UK CRA Regulation. As such, UK regulated investors are required to use for UK regulatory purposes ratings issued by a credit rating agency established in the UK and registered under the UK CRA Regulation. In the case of ratings issued by third country non-UK credit rating agencies, third country credit ratings can either be: (a) endorsed by a UK registered credit rating agency; or (b) issued by a third country credit rating agency that is certified in

accordance with the UK CRA Regulation. Note this is subject, in each case, to (a) the relevant UK registration, certification or endorsement, as the case may be, not having been withdrawn or suspended, and (b) transitional provisions that apply in certain circumstances.

If the status of the rating agency rating the Notes changes for the purposes of the CRA Regulation or the UK CRA Regulation, relevant regulated investors may no longer be able to use the rating for regulatory purposes in the EEA or the UK, as applicable, and the Notes may have a different regulatory treatment, which may impact the value of the Notes and their liquidity in the secondary market. Certain information with respect to the credit rating agencies and ratings is set out on the cover of this Prospectus.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following information which has previously been published shall be incorporated in, and form part of, this Prospectus (excluding all information incorporated by reference in any such documents either expressly or implicitly and excluding the Excluded Information (as defined below)):

- (A) the auditors' report and audited consolidated financial statements of the Guarantor for the 52 weeks ended 27 January 2024 as set out on pages 170 to 178 and pages 180 to 246 of the annual report of the Guarantor for the 52-week period ended on 27 January 2024 (the **2024 Annual Report**) (available at <https://www.nextplc.co.uk/~media/Files/N/next-plc-v4/about-next/r-and-p/2023-24/annual-report-and-accounts-jan-2024.pdf>), which include *inter alia*, the following information:
 - (i) Consolidated Income Statement (page 180);
 - (ii) Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income (page 181);
 - (iii) Consolidated Balance Sheet (page 182);
 - (iv) Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity (page 183);
 - (v) Consolidated Cash Flow Statement (page 184);
 - (vi) Accounting Policies and Notes (pages 185 to 246); and
 - (vii) Auditors' Report (pages 170 to 178);
- (B) the section headed "Glossary – Alternative Performance Measures (APMs) and other non-statutory financial measures" on pages 256-259 of the 2024 Annual Report;
- (C) the auditors' report and audited consolidated financial statements of the Guarantor for the 52 weeks ended 25 January 2025 as set out on pages 158 to 166 and pages 168 to 241 of the annual report of the Guarantor for the 52-week period ended on 25 January 2025 (the **2025 Annual Report**) (available at <https://www.nextplc.co.uk/~media/Files/N/next-plc-v4/about-next/annual-report-and-accounts-jan-2025.pdf>), which include *inter alia*, the following information:
 - (i) Consolidated Income Statement (page 168);
 - (ii) Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income (page 169);
 - (iii) Consolidated Balance Sheet (page 170);
 - (iv) Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity (page 171);
 - (v) Consolidated Cash Flow Statement (page 172);
 - (vi) Accounting Policies and Notes (pages 173 to 241); and
 - (vii) Auditors' Report (pages 158 to 166);
- (D) the section headed "Glossary – Alternative Performance Measures (APMs) and other non-statutory financial measures" on pages 252-256 of the 2025 Annual Report;
- (E) the information set out in the following specified sections on the following pages of the 2025 Annual Report:
 - (i) Financial Highlights (page 1);
 - (ii) Chief Executive's Review (pages 4 to 63);
 - (iii) Business Model (pages 64 to 65);

- (iv) Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) (pages 66 to 67);
 - (v) Risks and Uncertainties (pages 68 to 76);
 - (vi) Viability Assessment (pages 77 to 78);
 - (vii) Corporate Responsibility (pages 79 to 99);
 - (viii) Section 172 Statement (pages 100 to 103);
 - (ix) Non-Financial and Sustainability Information Statement (pages 104 to 105);
 - (x) Directors' Biographies (pages 108 to 109);
 - (xi) Directors' Responsibilities Statement (page 110);
 - (xii) Corporate Governance Report (pages 111 to 117);
 - (xiii) Nomination Committee Report (pages 118 to 119);
 - (xiv) Audit Committee Report (pages 120 to 126);
 - (xv) Remuneration Report (pages 127 to 155); and
 - (xvi) Directors' Report (pages 156 to 157); and
- (F) the unaudited first quarter trading statement of the Group for the 13-week period ended 26 April 2025 (the **Q1 2025/2026 Trading Statement**).

For the purposes of this Prospectus, the excluded information (the **Excluded Information**) shall comprise:

- (A) the three bullet points under the section headed "Guidance for the Year to January 2026" which starts "*Full price sales in the first eight weeks of the year*" and ends "*we expect post-tax EPS to be up +8*" on page 6 of the 2025 Annual Report;
- (B) the entirety of the contents under the heading "SALES AND PROFIT GUIDANCE FOR 2025/26" which starts "*Full price sales in the first eight weeks of the year*" and ends "*PBT versus 2024/25 (e) +5.4%*" on pages 25 to 27 of the 2025 Annual Report;
- (C) the entirety of the contents under the heading "Guidance for Retail in the Year Ahead" which starts "*In the year ahead*" and ends "*and cost savings (+0.3%).*" on page 29 of the 2025 Annual Report;
- (D) the paragraph under the section headed "Lease renewals in the year to January 2026" which starts "*In the year ahead*" and ends "*costs in those stores*" on page 30 of the 2025 Annual Report;
- (E) the paragraph and the table under the section headed "New space in the year ahead" which starts "*In the year ahead*" and ends "*Change % +0.2% +0.3% +2.7% +0.4%*" on page 31 of the 2025 Annual Report;
- (F) the entirety of the contents under the heading "Guidance for Online UK in the Year Ahead" which starts "*In the year ahead*" and ends "*Online UK net margin 17.7% 17.5% +0.2%*" on page 36 of the 2025 Annual Report;
- (G) the entirety of the contents under the heading "Guidance for Online International in the Year Ahead" which starts "*In the year ahead*" and ends "*14.8%*" on page 38 of the 2025 Annual Report;
- (H) the paragraph under the section headed "Guidance for the Year to January 2026" which starts "*In the year ahead*" and ends "*flat versus the prior year*" on page 42 of the 2025 Annual Report;
- (I) the sentence under the heading "FINANCIAL SUMMARY" which starts "*For the year ahead*" on page 43 of the 2025 Annual Report;

- (J) the first column of data under the column heading “Jan 2026(e)” in the table under the section headed “OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES” on page 46 of the 2025 Annual Report;
- (K) the sentence under the heading “Foreign Exchange” which starts “*In the year ahead*” on page 47 of the 2025 Annual Report
- (L) the first column of data under the column heading “Jan 2026(e)” in the table under the section headed “Foreign Exchange (FX)” on page 47 of the 2025 Annual Report;
- (M) the first column of data under the column heading “Jan 2026(e)” in the table under the section headed “INTEREST” on page 48 of the 2025 Annual Report;
- (N) the first column of data under the column heading “Jan 2026(e)” in the table under the section headed “TAX” on page 48 of the 2025 Annual Report;
- (O) the first column of data under the column heading “Jan 2026(e)” in the table under the section headed “CASH FLOW” on page 50 of the 2025 Annual Report;
- (P) the first column of data under the column heading “Jan 2026(e)” in the table under the section headed “CAPITAL EXPENDITURE” on page 52 of the 2025 Annual Report;
- (Q) the first column of data under the column heading “Jan 2026(e)” in the table under the section headed “Technology” on page 52 of the 2025 Annual Report;
- (R) the third bullet point in the section headed “HEADLINES” which starts “*Accounting for the £55m of additional sales in Q1, we are increasing*” and ends “*+£14m to £1,080m*” on page 1 of the Q1 2025/2026 Trading Statement;
- (S) the last sentence in the section headed “FULL PRICE SALES PERFORMANCE BY BUSINESS DIVISION” which starts “*So we are expecting*” and ends “*for the rest of the year*” on page 1 of the Q1 2025/2026 Trading Statement; and
- (T) the entirety of the contents under the heading “GUIDANCE FOR SALES, PROFIT AND EARNINGS PER SHARE (EPS)” which starts “*Our revised guidance*” and ends “*so it does not distort any comparisons*” on pages 2 and 3 of the Q1 2025/2026 Trading Statement.

Following the publication of this Prospectus, a supplement may be prepared by the Issuer and approved by the FCA in accordance with Article 23 of the UK Prospectus Regulation. Statements contained in any such supplement (or contained in any information incorporated by reference therein) shall, to the extent applicable (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise), be deemed to modify or supersede statements contained in this Prospectus or in information which is incorporated by reference in this Prospectus.

Any statement so modified or superseded shall not, except as so modified or superseded, constitute a part of this Prospectus.

Any documents themselves incorporated by reference in the information incorporated by reference in this Prospectus shall not form part of this Prospectus.

Any non-incorporated parts of a document referred to herein are either deemed not relevant for an investor or are otherwise covered elsewhere in this Prospectus.

The Issuer and the Guarantor will, in the event of any significant new factor, material mistake or material inaccuracy relating to information included in this Prospectus which is capable of affecting the assessment of any Notes, prepare a supplement to this Prospectus or publish a new Prospectus for use in connection with any subsequent issue of Notes.

FORM OF THE NOTES

Any reference in this section to “applicable Final Terms” shall be deemed to include a reference to “applicable Pricing Supplement” where relevant.

The Notes of each Series will be in either bearer form, with or without interest coupons attached, or registered form, without interest coupons attached. Bearer Notes and Registered Notes will be issued outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act (**Regulation S**).

Bearer Notes

Each Tranche of Bearer Notes will be in bearer form and will initially be issued in the form of a temporary global note (a **Temporary Bearer Global Note**) or, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, a permanent global note (a **Permanent Bearer Global Note** and, together with a Temporary Bearer Global Note, each a **Bearer Global Note**) which, in either case, will:

- (a) if the Bearer Global Notes are intended to be issued in new global note (**NGN**) form, as stated in the applicable Final Terms, be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a common safekeeper (the **Common Safekeeper**) for Euroclear Bank SA/NV (**Euroclear**) and Clearstream Banking S.A. (**Clearstream, Luxembourg**); and
- (b) if the Bearer Global Notes are not intended to be issued in NGN form, be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a common depositary (the **Common Depositary**) for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Where the Bearer Global Notes issued in respect of any Tranche are in NGN form, the applicable Final Terms will also indicate whether such Bearer Global Notes are intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility. Any indication that the Bearer Global Notes are to be so held does not necessarily mean that the Bearer Notes of the relevant Tranche will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any times during their life as such recognition depends upon satisfaction of the Eurosystem eligibility criteria. The Common Safekeeper for NGNs will either be Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or another entity approved by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Whilst any Bearer Note is represented by a Temporary Bearer Global Note, payments of principal, interest (if any) and any other amount payable in respect of the Notes due prior to the Exchange Date (as defined below) will be made (against presentation of the Temporary Bearer Global Note if the Temporary Bearer Global Note is not intended to be issued in NGN form) only to the extent that certification (in a form to be provided) to the effect that the beneficial owners of interests in the Temporary Bearer Global Note are not U.S. persons or persons who have purchased for resale to any U.S. person, as required by U.S. Treasury regulations, has been received by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, has given a like certification (based on the certifications it has received) to the Principal Paying Agent.

On and after the date (the **Exchange Date**) which is 40 days after a Temporary Bearer Global Note is issued, interests in such Temporary Bearer Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge) upon a request as described therein for interests in a Permanent Bearer Global Note of the same Series against certification of beneficial ownership as described above unless such certification has already been given. The holder of a Temporary Bearer Global Note will not be entitled to collect any payment of interest, principal or other amount due on or after the Exchange Date unless, upon due certification, exchange of the Temporary Bearer Global Note for an interest in a Permanent Bearer Global Note is improperly withheld or refused.

Payments of principal, interest (if any) or any other amounts on a Permanent Bearer Global Note will be made through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (against presentation or surrender (as the case may be) of the Permanent Bearer Global Note if the Permanent Bearer Global Note is not intended to be issued in NGN form) without any requirement for certification.

The applicable Final Terms will specify that a Permanent Bearer Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for definitive Bearer Notes with, where applicable, interest coupons and talons attached upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event. For these purposes, **Exchange Event** means that (i) an Event of Default (as defined in Condition 10) has occurred and is continuing, (ii) the Issuer has been notified that both Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or have announced an intention permanently to cease business or have in fact done so and no alternative clearing system satisfactory to the Trustee is available or (iii) the Issuer would suffer a disadvantage as a result of a change in laws or regulations (taxation or otherwise) or as a result of a change in the practice of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg which would not be suffered were the Notes represented by the Permanent Bearer Global Note in definitive form and a certificate to such effect signed by two Authorised Signatories of the Issuer is given to the Trustee. The Issuer will promptly give notice to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 if an Exchange Event occurs. In the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Bearer Global Note) or the Trustee may give notice to the Principal Paying Agent requesting exchange and, in the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event as described in (iii) above, the Issuer may also give notice to the Principal Paying Agent requesting exchange. Any such exchange shall occur not later than 45 days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Principal Paying Agent.

The following legend will appear on all Bearer Notes (other than Temporary Bearer Global Notes) and interest coupons relating to such Notes where TEFRA D is specified in the applicable Final Terms:

“ANY UNITED STATES PERSON WHO HOLDS THIS OBLIGATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS UNDER THE UNITED STATES INCOME TAX LAWS, INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 165(j) AND 1287(a) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.”

The sections referred to provide that United States holders, with certain exceptions, will not be entitled to deduct any loss on Bearer Notes or interest coupons and will not be entitled to capital gains treatment in respect of any gain on any sale, disposition, redemption or payment of principal in respect of Bearer Notes or interest coupons.

Notes which are represented by a Bearer Global Note will only be transferable in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be.

Registered Notes

The Registered Notes of each Tranche will initially be represented by a global note in registered form (a Registered Global Note and, together with the Bearer Global Notes, the **Global Notes** and each a **Global Note**).

Registered Global Notes will be deposited with a Common Depositary or, if the Registered Global Notes are to be held under the new safe-keeping structure (the **NSS**), a Common Safekeeper, as the case may be for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, and registered in the name of the nominee for the Common Depositary of, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg or in the name of a nominee of the Common Safekeeper, as specified in the applicable Final Terms. Persons holding beneficial interests in Registered Global Notes will be entitled or required, as the case may be, under the circumstances described below, to receive physical delivery of definitive Notes in fully registered form.

Where the Registered Global Note issued in respect of any Tranche is intended to be held under the NSS, the applicable Final Terms will indicate whether or not such Registered Global Notes are intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility. Any indication that the Registered Global Notes are to be so held does not necessarily mean that the Notes of the relevant Tranche will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any time during their life as such recognition depends upon satisfaction of the Eurosystem eligibility criteria. The common safekeeper for a Registered Global Note held under the NSS will either be Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or another entity approved by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Payments of principal, interest and any other amount in respect of the Registered Global Notes will, in the absence of provision to the contrary, be made to the person shown on the Register (as defined in Condition 6.4) as the registered holder of the Registered Global Notes. None of the Issuer, the Guarantor, any Paying Agent, the Trustee or the Registrar will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments or deliveries made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the Registered Global Notes or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

Payments of principal, interest or any other amount in respect of the Registered Notes in definitive form will, in the absence of provision to the contrary, be made to the persons shown on the Register on the relevant Record Date (as defined in Condition 6.4) immediately preceding the due date for payment in the manner provided in that Condition.

Interests in a Registered Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for definitive Registered Notes without interest coupons or talons attached only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event. For these purposes, **Exchange Event** means that (i) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, (ii) in the case of Notes registered in the name of a nominee for a Common Depository or a Common Safekeeper for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, the Issuer has been notified that both Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or have announced an intention permanently to cease business or have in fact done so and, in any such case, no alternative clearing system satisfactory to the Trustee is available or (iii) the Issuer would suffer a disadvantage as a result of a change in laws or regulations (taxation or otherwise) or as a result of a change in the practice of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg which would not be suffered were the Notes represented by the Registered Global Note in definitive form and a certificate to that effect signed by two Authorised Signatories of the Issuer is given to the Trustee. The Issuer will promptly give notice to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 if an Exchange Event occurs. In the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any person acting on their behalf (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Registered Global Note) or the Trustee may give notice to the Registrar requesting exchange and, in the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event as described in (ii) above, the Issuer may also give notice to the Registrar requesting exchange. Any such exchange shall occur not later than 10 days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Registrar.

No beneficial owner of an interest in a Registered Global Note will be able to transfer such interest, except in accordance with the applicable procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, in each case to the extent applicable.

General

Pursuant to the Agency Agreement (as defined under “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*”), the Principal Paying Agent shall arrange that, where a further Tranche of Notes is issued which is intended to form a single Series with an existing Tranche of Notes at a point after the Issue Date of the further Tranche, the Notes of such further Tranche shall be assigned a common code and ISIN which are different from the

common code and ISIN assigned to Notes of any other Tranche of the same Series until such time as the Tranches are consolidated and form a single Series, which shall not be prior to the expiry of the distribution compliance period (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act) applicable to the Notes of such Tranche.

Any reference herein to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system specified in the applicable Final Terms and as may be approved by the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Principal Paying Agent, the Trustee and, if applicable, the Registrar.

No Noteholder or Couponholder shall be entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer or the Guarantor unless the Trustee, having become bound so to proceed, (i) fails so to do within 60 days, or (ii) is unable for any reason so to do, and the failure or inability shall be continuing.

The Issuer and the Guarantor may agree with any Dealer and the Trustee that Notes may be issued in a form not contemplated by the “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*”, in which event, other than where such Notes are Exempt Notes, a new Prospectus or a supplement to this Prospectus, if appropriate, will be made available which will describe the effect of the agreement reached in relation to such Notes.

APPLICABLE FINAL TERMS

[PROHIBITION OF SALES TO EEA RETAIL INVESTORS – The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area (**EEA**). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or [more/both]) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended) (**MiFID II**); or (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/97, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II[./; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Regulation (EU) No 2017/1129]¹. Consequently, no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (as amended) (the **PRIPs Regulation**) for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation.]²

[PROHIBITION OF SALES TO UK RETAIL INVESTORS – The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the United Kingdom (**UK**). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or [more/both]) of: (i) a retail client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (**EUWA**); (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (**FSMA**) and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement Directive (EU) 2016/97, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA[./; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA]¹. Consequently, no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the **UK PRIIPs Regulation**) for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the UK has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the UK may be unlawful under the UK PRIIPs Regulation.]³

[⁴MiFID II product governance/Professional investors and ECPs only target market – Solely for the purposes of [the/each] manufacturer's product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the Notes has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Notes is eligible counterparties and professional clients only, each as defined in [Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended) (**MiFID II**)]**[MiFID II]**; and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Notes to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. [*Consider any negative target market*]. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a **distributor**) should take into consideration the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to MiFID II is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.]

[⁴UK MiFIR product governance/Professional investors and ECPs only target market – Solely for the purposes of [the/each] manufacturer's product approval process, the target market assessment in respect

¹ Part (iii) of the PRIIPs legend can be deleted in relation to a transaction with a minimum denomination of €100,000 or equivalent, in which case "more" can be changed to "both" earlier in the legend.

² Legend to be included on front of the Final Terms if the Notes potentially constitute "packaged" products and no key information document will be prepared in the EEA or the issuer wishes to prohibit offers to EEA retail investors for any other reason, in which case the selling restriction should be specified to be "Applicable".

³ Legend to be included on the front of the Final Terms if the Notes potentially constitute "packaged" products and no key information document will be prepared in the UK or the issuer wishes to prohibit offers to UK retail investors for any other reason, in which case the selling restriction should be specified to be "Applicable".

⁴ Legend to be included on front of the Final Terms if following the ICMA 1 "all bonds to all professionals" target market approach.

of the Notes has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Notes is only eligible counterparties, as defined in the FCA Handbook Conduct of Business Sourcebook, and professional clients, as defined in Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the [European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (**EUWA**)/EUWA]; and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Notes to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. [*Consider any negative target market*]. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a **distributor**) should take into consideration the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to the FCA Handbook Product Intervention and Product Governance Sourcebook is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.]

[NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 309B(1)(C) OF THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES ACT 2001 OF SINGAPORE, AS MODIFIED OR AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME (THE SFA) - [To insert notice if classification of the Notes is not “prescribed capital markets products”, pursuant to Section 309B of the SFA or Excluded Investment Products (as defined in MAS Notice SFA 04-N12: Notice on the Sale of Investment Products and MAS Notice FAA-N16: Notice on Recommendations on Investment Products)].⁵

[Date]

NEXT Group plc
Legal entity identifier (LEI): 213800O8TRZCFJ9R5760
Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes]
Guaranteed by NEXT plc
under the £3,000,000,000
Euro Medium Term Note Programme
PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions set forth in the Prospectus dated 21 May 2025 [and the supplement[s] to it dated [date] [and [date]]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of [Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the **UK Prospectus Regulation**)/the UK Prospectus Regulation] (the **Prospectus**). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of the UK Prospectus Regulation and must be read in conjunction with the Prospectus in order to obtain all the relevant information. The Prospectus has been published on Issuer’s website at [●].

[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as “Not Applicable”. Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if “Not Applicable” is indicated for individual paragraphs or subparagraphs (in which case the sub-paragraphs of the paragraphs which are not applicable can be deleted). Italics denote directions for completing the Final Terms.]

[If the Notes have a maturity of less than one year from the date of their issue, the minimum denomination must be £100,000 or its equivalent in any other currency.]

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| 1 | (a) | Issuer: | NEXT Group plc |
| | (b) | Guarantor: | NEXT plc |
| 2 | (a) | Series Number: | [●] |
| | (b) | Tranche Number: | [●] |

⁵ Relevant Dealer(s) to consider whether it/they have received the necessary product classification from the Issuer prior to the launch of the offer, pursuant to Section 309B of the SFA.

	(c)	Date on which the Notes will be consolidated and form a single Series:	[The Notes will be consolidated and form a single Series with <i>[identify earlier Tranches]</i> on [the Issue Date/the date that is 40 days after the Issue Date/exchange of the Temporary Bearer Global Note for interests in the Permanent Bearer Global Note, as referred to in paragraph [22] below, which is expected to occur on or about <i>[date]</i>]/[Not Applicable]
3		Specified Currency or Currencies:	[•]
4		Aggregate Nominal Amount:	
	(a)	Series:	[•]
	(b)	Tranche:	[•]
5		Issue Price:	[•] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from <i>[insert date]</i> (if applicable)]
6	(a)	Specified Denominations:	[•] <i>(N.B. Notes must have a minimum denomination of €100,000 (or equivalent))</i> <i>(Note – where multiple denominations above €100,000 or equivalent are being used the following sample wording should be followed:</i> <i>“€100,000 and integral multiples of €1,000 in excess thereof up to (and including) €199,000. No Notes in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above €199,000.”)</i>
	(b)	Calculation Amount (in relation to calculation of interest in global form or Registered definitive form see Conditions):	[•] <i>(If only one Specified Denomination, insert the Specified Denomination. If more than one Specified Denomination, insert the highest common factor. Note: There must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations.)</i>
7	(a)	Issue Date:	[•]
	(b)	Interest Commencement Date:	[specify/Issue Date/Not Applicable]
8		Maturity Date:	[Specify date or for Floating Rate Notes – Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to <i>[specify month and year]</i>]
9		Interest Basis:	[[•] per cent. Fixed Rate] [[[•] month [EURIBOR]]/[SONIA]]/[SOFR]/[€STR] +/- [•] per cent. Floating Rate] (see paragraph [14]/[15] below)

- 10 Redemption Basis: Subject to any purchase and cancellation or early redemption, the Notes will be redeemed on the Maturity Date at [●] per cent. of their nominal amount
- 11 Change of Interest Basis: *[Specify the date when any fixed to floating rate change occurs or cross refer to paragraphs 14 and 15 and identify there]*[Not Applicable]
- 12 Call Options: [Issuer Call]
[Clean-up Call]
[(see paragraph [17]/[18] below)]
[Not Applicable]
- 13 [Date [Board] approval for issuance of Notes [and Guarantee] obtained: [●] [and [●], respectively]]
(N.B. Only relevant where Board (or similar) authorisation is required for the particular tranche of Notes or the related Guarantee)

PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

- 14 Fixed Rate Note Provisions [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
- (a) Rate(s) of Interest: [●] per cent. per annum payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date
- (b) Interest Payment Date(s): [●] in each year up to (and including) the Maturity Date
(Amend appropriately in the case of irregular coupons)
- (c) Fixed Coupon Amount(s) (and, in relation to Notes in global form or Registered definitive form, see Conditions): [●] per Calculation Amount
- (d) Broken Amount(s) (and, in relation to Notes in global form or Registered definitive form, see Conditions): [[●] per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] [●]] [Not Applicable]
- (e) Day Count Fraction: [30/360] [Actual/Actual (ICMA)]
- (f) Determination Date(s): [[●] in each year] [Not Applicable]
(Only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA). In such a case, insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon)
- 15 Floating Rate Note Provisions [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)

- (a) Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates: [•] [, subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention set out in (b) below/, not subject to adjustment, as the Business Day Convention in (b) below is specified to be Not Applicable]
- (b) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention][Not Applicable]
- (c) Additional Business Centre(s): [•]
- (d) Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount (if not the Principal Paying Agent): [•] (the **Calculation Agent**)
(If the Reference Rate is EURIBOR, a Calculation Agent should always be specified)
- (e) Screen Rate Determination:
- (i) Reference Rate: [SONIA]
[SOFR]
[€STR]
[•] month [EURIBOR]
- (ii) Term Rate [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (iii) Overnight Rate [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- Index Determination: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- D: [360/365/[•]]/[Not Applicable]
- Observation Method: [Lag/Observation Shift/Not Applicable]
- p: [5/[•]] [London Banking Days] [U.S. Government Securities Business Days] [TARGET Business Days] [Not Applicable]
(NB: A minimum of 5 London Banking Days if SONIA, 5 U.S. Government Securities Business Days if SOFR or 5 TARGET Business Days if €STR, should be specified, unless otherwise agreed with the Principal Paying Agent or Calculation Agent, as applicable)
- Relevant Decimal Place: [5/7[•]]
- (iv) Interest Determination Date(s): [•]

(Second day on which T2 is open prior to the start of each Interest Period if EURIBOR and the first London Banking Day falling after the last day of the relevant Observation Period if SONIA and the first U.S. Government Securities Business Day falling after the last day of the relevant Observation Period if SOFR and the first TARGET Business

		<i>Day falling after the last day of the relevant Observation Period if €STR)</i>
	(v) Relevant Screen Page:	[•] <i>(In the case of EURIBOR, if not Reuters EURIBOR01 ensure it is a page which shows a composite rate or amend the fallback provisions appropriately)</i>
	(f) Linear Interpolation:	[Not Applicable/Applicable - the Rate of Interest for the [long/short] [first/last] Interest Period shall be calculated using Linear Interpolation (<i>specify for each short or long interest period</i>)]
	(g) Margin(s):	[+/-] [•] per cent. per annum
	(h) Minimum Rate of Interest:	[•] per cent. per annum
	(i) Maximum Rate of Interest:	[•] per cent. per annum
	(j) Day Count Fraction:	[Actual/Actual (ISDA)][Actual/Actual] Actual/365 (Fixed) Actual/365 (Sterling) Actual/360 [30/360][360/360][Bond Basis] [30E/360][Eurobond Basis] [30E/360 (ISDA)]

PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

16	Notice periods for Condition 7.2:	Minimum period: [30] days Maximum period: [60] days
17	Issuer Call:	[Applicable/Not Applicable] <i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)</i>
	(a) Optional Redemption Date(s):	[•]
	(b) Optional Redemption Amount:	[[•] per Calculation Amount in respect of the Optional Redemption Date(s) falling in the Par Call Period] [[[•] per Calculation Amount][Sterling Make Whole Redemption Amount][Make Whole Redemption Amount][in respect of the Optional Redemption Date(s) not falling in the Par Call Period]]
	(c) Redemption Margin:	[•]
	(d) Reference Bond:	[•]
	(e) Quotation Time:	[•]
	(f) Par Call Period:	[From (and including) [•] (the Par Call Period Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the Maturity Date]/[Not Applicable]
	(g) Partial Redemption:	[Applicable/Not Applicable] <i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)</i>

- (i) Minimum Redemption Amount: [•]
 - (ii) Maximum Redemption Amount: [•]
- (h) Notice periods: Minimum period: [15] days
Maximum period: [30] days
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- 18 Clean-up Call: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
 - (a) Clean-up Call Redemption Amount: [•] per Calculation Amount
 - (b) Clean-up Call Threshold: [•] per cent.
 - (c) Notice periods: Minimum period: [15] days
Maximum period: [30] days
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- 19 Change of Control Put Clean-up Threshold: [•] per cent.
- 20 Final Redemption Amount: [•] per Calculation Amount
- 21 Early Redemption Amount payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on Event of Default: [•] per Calculation Amount
(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is 100 per cent. of the nominal value (i.e. par), the Early Redemption Amount is likely to be par (but consider). If, however, the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value, consideration should be given as to what the Early Redemption Amount should be.)

GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

- 22 Form of Notes:
 - (a) Form: [Bearer Notes: [Temporary Bearer Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Bearer Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes upon an Exchange Event]

- [Permanent Bearer Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes upon an Exchange Event]]
- [Registered Global Notes:
- [Registered Global Note registered in the name of a nominee for a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg/a common safekeeper for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg]]
- (b) New Global Note: [Yes][No]
- 23 Additional Financial Centre(s): [Not Applicable/give details]
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- 24 Talons for future Coupons to be attached to Definitive Notes: [Yes, as the Notes have more than 27 coupon payments, Talons may be required if, on exchange into definitive form, more than 27 coupon payments are still to be made/No]

THIRD PARTY INFORMATION

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PART B – OTHER INFORMATION

1. LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING

- (a) Listing and Admission to trading [Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market and to be listed on the Official List of the Financial Conduct Authority with effect from [●].]
- [Application is expected to be made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market and to be listed on the Official List of the Financial Conduct Authority with effect from [●].]
- (Where documenting a fungible issue need to indicate that original Notes are already admitted to trading.)*
- (b) Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading: [●]

2. RATINGS

- Ratings: [The Notes to be issued [[have been]/[are expected to be]] rated]/[The following ratings reflect ratings assigned to Notes of this type issued under the Programme generally]:
- [insert details] by [insert the legal name of the relevant credit rating agency entity(ies) and associated defined terms].*
- [Each of [defined terms] is established in the European Union and is registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended).]/[Each of [defined terms] is established in the United Kingdom and is registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA.]
- [Need to include a brief explanation of the meaning of the ratings if this has previously been published by the rating provider.]*
- (The above disclosure should reflect the rating allocated to Notes of the type being issued under the Programme generally or, where the issue has been specifically rated, that rating.)*

3. INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE

- [Save for the fees payable to the [Managers/Dealers], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue of the Notes has an interest material to the offer. The [Managers/Dealers] and their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform other services for, the Issuer, the

Guarantor and their affiliates in the ordinary course of business - *Amend as appropriate if there are other interests*]

(When adding any other description, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 23 of the UK Prospectus Regulation.)

4. REASONS FOR THE OFFER AND ESTIMATED NET PROCEEDS

(a) Reasons for the offer: [General corporate purposes]
(See “Use of Proceeds” wording in Prospectus – if reasons for offer different from what is disclosed in the Prospectus, give details)

(b) Estimated net proceeds: [•]

5. YIELD *(Fixed Rate Notes only)*

Indication of yield: [•]

6. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

(a) ISIN: [•]

(b) Common Code: [•]

(c) CFI: [See/[*include code*], as updated, as set out on] the website of the Association of National Numbering Agencies (ANNA) or alternatively sourced from the responsible National Numbering Agency that assigned the ISIN/Not Applicable/Not Available]

(d) FISN [See/[*include code*], as updated, as set out on] the website of the Association of National Numbering Agencies (ANNA) or alternatively sourced from the responsible National Numbering Agency that assigned the ISIN/Not Applicable/Not Available]

(e) Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and the relevant identification number(s): [Not Applicable/*give name(s) and number(s)*]

(f) Delivery: Delivery [against/free of] payment

(g) Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any): [•]

(h) Intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility: [Yes. Note that the designation “yes” simply means that the Notes are intended upon issue to be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper[and registered in the name of a nominee of one of the ICSDs acting as common safekeeper] [*include this text for Registered Notes which are to be held under the NSS*] and does not necessarily mean that the Notes will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any or all times during their life. Such recognition will depend upon

the ECB being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.]/

[No. Whilst the designation is specified as “no” at the date of these Final Terms, should the Eurosystem eligibility criteria be amended in the future such that the Notes are capable of meeting them the Notes may then be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper[, and registered in the name of a nominee of one of the ICSDs acting as common safekeeper][*include this text for Registered Notes*]. Note that this does not necessarily mean that the Notes will then be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra day credit operations by the Eurosystem at any time during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the ECB being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.]

7. DISTRIBUTION

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| (a) | Method of distribution: | [Syndicated/Non-syndicated] |
| (b) | If syndicated, names of Managers: | [Not Applicable/ <i>give names</i>] |
| (c) | Stabilisation Manager(s) (if any): | [Not Applicable/ <i>give names</i>] |
| (d) | If non-syndicated, name of relevant Dealer: | [Not Applicable/ <i>give name</i>] |
| (e) | U.S. Selling Restrictions: | [Reg. S Compliance Category 2; TEFRA D/TEFRA C/TEFRA not applicable] |
| (f) | Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors: | <p>[Applicable/Not Applicable]</p> <p><i>(If the Notes clearly do not constitute “packaged” products or the Notes do constitute “packaged” products and a key information document will be prepared in the EEA, “Not Applicable” should be specified. If the Notes may constitute “packaged” products and no key information document will be prepared in the EEA, “Applicable” should be specified.)</i></p> |
| (g) | Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors: | <p>[Applicable/Not Applicable]</p> <p><i>(If the Notes clearly do not constitute “packaged” products or the Notes do constitute “packaged” products and a key information document will be prepared in the UK, “Not Applicable” should be specified. If the Notes may constitute “packaged” products and no key information document will be prepared in the UK, “Applicable” should be specified.)</i></p> |
| (h) | [Singapore Sales to Institutional Investors and Accredited Investors only: | <p>[Applicable/Not Applicable]]</p> <p><i>(If no sales are made into Singapore, please delete this paragraph)</i></p> |

APPLICABLE PRICING SUPPLEMENT

[PROHIBITION OF SALES TO EEA RETAIL INVESTORS – The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area (**EEA**). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended) (**MiFID II**); or (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/97, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Regulation (EU) No 2017/1129 (the **Prospectus Regulation**). Consequently, no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (as amended) (the **PRIIPs Regulation**) for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation.]⁶

[PROHIBITION OF SALES TO UK RETAIL INVESTORS – The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the United Kingdom (**UK**). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (EUWA); (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (**FSMA**) and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement Directive (EU) 2016/97, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA. Consequently, no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the **UK PRIIPs Regulation**) for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the UK has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the UK may be unlawful under the UK PRIIPs Regulation.]⁷

[MiFID II/UK MiFIR product governance/target market – *[appropriate target market legend to be included]*]

[NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 309B(1)(C) OF THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES ACT 2001 OF SINGAPORE, AS MODIFIED OR AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME (THE SFA) - [To insert notice if classification of the Notes is not “prescribed capital markets products”, pursuant to Section 309B of the SFA or Excluded Investment Products (as defined in MAS Notice SFA 04-N12: Notice on the Sale of Investment Products and MAS Notice FAA-N16: Notice on Recommendations on Investment Products)].⁸

⁶ Legend to be included on front of the Pricing Supplement if the Notes potentially constitute “packaged” products and no key information document will be prepared in the EEA or the issuer wishes to prohibit offers to EEA retail investors for any other reason, in which case the selling restriction should be specified to be “Applicable”.

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⁸ Relevant Dealer(s) to consider whether it/they have received the necessary product classification from the Issuer prior to the launch of the offer, pursuant to Section 309B of the SFA.

[THE FINANCIAL CONDUCT AUTHORITY HAS NEITHER APPROVED NOR REVIEWED THIS PRICING SUPPLEMENT.]

[Date]

NEXT Group plc
Legal entity identifier (LEI): 213800O8TRZCFJ9R5760
Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes]
Guaranteed by NEXT plc
under the £3,000,000,000
Euro Medium Term Note Programme

PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

[Any person making or intending to make an offer of the Notes may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to either of Article 3 of the Prospectus Regulation or section 85 of the FSMA or to supplement a prospectus pursuant to either of Article 23 of the Prospectus Regulation or Article 23 of the UK Prospectus Regulation, in each case, in relation to such offer.]⁹

This document constitutes the Pricing Supplement for the Notes described herein. This document must be read in conjunction with the Prospectus dated 21 May 2025 [as supplemented by the supplement[s] dated [date[s]]] (the **Prospectus**). Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of this Pricing Supplement and the Prospectus. Copies of the Prospectus may be obtained from [address].

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the **Conditions**) set forth in the Prospectus [dated 21 May 2025 [and the supplement dated [date]]] which are incorporated by reference in the Prospectus].¹⁰

[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as “Not Applicable”. Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if “Not Applicable” is indicated for individual paragraphs or subparagraphs (in which case the sub-paragraphs of the paragraphs which are not applicable can be deleted). Italics denote directions for completing the Pricing Supplement.]

[If the Notes have a maturity of less than one year from the date of their issue, the minimum denomination must be £100,000 or its equivalent in any other currency.]

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| 1 | (a) | Issuer: | NEXT Group plc |
| | (b) | Guarantor: | NEXT plc |
| 2 | (a) | Series Number: | [•] |
| | (b) | Tranche Number: | [•] |
| | (c) | Date on which the Notes will be consolidated and form a single Series: | [The Notes will be consolidated and form a single Series with [identify earlier Tranches] on [the Issue Date/the date that is 40 days after the Issue Date/exchange of the Temporary Bearer Global Note for interests in the Permanent Bearer Global |

⁹ Include relevant legend wording here for the EEA and UK if the “Prohibition of Sales” legend and related selling restriction for that regime are not included/not specified to be “Applicable” (because the Notes do not constitute “packaged” products, or a key information document will be prepared, under that regime).

¹⁰ Only include this language where it is a fungible issue and the original Tranche was issued under an Prospectus with a different date.

		Note, as referred to in paragraph [22] below, which is expected to occur on or about [date]]/[Not Applicable]
3	Specified Currency or Currencies:	[•]
4	Aggregate Nominal Amount:	
	(a) Series:	[•]
	(b) Tranche:	[•]
5	Issue Price:	[•] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [insert date] (if applicable)]
6	(a) Specified Denominations:	
	(b) Calculation Amount (in relation to calculation of interest in global form or Registered definitive form see Conditions):	[•] <i>(If only one Specified Denomination, insert the Specified Denomination. If more than one Specified Denomination, insert the highest common factor. Note: There must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations.)</i>
7	(a) Issue Date:	[•]
	(b) Interest Commencement Date:	[specify/Issue Date/Not Applicable]
8	Maturity Date:	<i>Specify date or for Floating Rate Notes - Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to [specify month and year]</i>
9	Interest Basis:	[[•] per cent. Fixed Rate] [[[•] month [EURIBOR]]/[SONIA]/[SOFR]/[€STR] +/-[•] per cent. Floating Rate] [specify other] (further particulars specified below)
10	Redemption/Payment Basis:	[Redemption at par] [specify other]
11	Change of Interest Basis or Redemption/Payment Basis:	<i>[Specify details of any provision for change of Notes into another Interest Basis or Redemption/Payment Basis]</i> [Not Applicable]
12	Call Options:	[Issuer Call] [Clean-up Call] [(further particulars specified below)]
13	[Date [Board] approval for issuance of Notes [and Guarantee] obtained:	[•] [and [•], respectively]] <i>(N.B. Only relevant where Board (or similar) authorisation is required for the particular tranche of Notes or the related Guarantee)</i>

PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

14	Fixed Rate Note Provisions	[Applicable/Not Applicable] <i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)</i>
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	(a)	Rate(s) of Interest:	[●] per cent. per annum payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date
	(b)	Interest Payment Date(s):	[●] in each year up to (and including) the Maturity Date <i>(Amend appropriately in the case of irregular coupons)</i>
	(c)	Fixed Coupon Amount(s) (and, in relation to Notes in global form or Registered definitive form, see Conditions):	[●] per Calculation Amount
	(d)	Broken Amount(s) (and, in relation to Notes in global form or Registered definitive form, see Conditions):	[[●] per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] [●]][Not Applicable]
	(e)	Day Count Fraction:	[30/360/Actual/Actual (ICMA)/specify other]
	(f)	Determination Date(s):	[[●] in each year][Not Applicable] <i>(Only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA). In such a case, insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon)</i>
	(g)	Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest for Fixed Rate Notes which are Exempt Notes:	[None/Give details]
15		Floating Rate Note Provisions	[Applicable/Not Applicable] <i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)</i>
	(a)	Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates:	[●], subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention set out in (b) below/, not subject to adjustment, as the Business Day Convention in (b) below is specified to be Not Applicable]
	(b)	Business Day Convention:	[Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/[specify other]] [Not Applicable]
	(c)	Additional Business Centre(s):	[●]
	(d)	Manner in which the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount is to be determined if different from the Conditions:	[Specify] <i>(Where different interest provisions are specified, consider adjusting or disapplying the Screen Rate Determination provisions in Condition 5.2(B) and including replacement provisions describing the manner in which the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount is to be determined)</i>

- (e) Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount (if not the Principal Paying Agent): [•] (the **Calculation Agent**)
(If the Reference Rate is EURIBOR, a Calculation Agent should always be specified)
- (f) Screen Rate Determination:
- (i) Reference Rate: [SONIA]
[SOFR]
[€STR]
[•] month [EURIBOR/specify other Reference Rate] (Either EURIBOR or other, although additional information is required if other, including fallback provisions in the Agency Agreement.)
- (ii) Term Rate [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (iii) Overnight Rate [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- Index Determination: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
 - D: [360/365/[•]]/[Not Applicable]
 - Observation Method: [Lag/Observation Shift/Not Applicable]
 - p: [5/[•]] [London Banking Days] [U.S. Government Securities Business Days] [TARGET Business Days] [Not Applicable]
(NB: A minimum of 5 London Banking Days if SONIA, 5 U.S. Government Securities Business Days if SOFR or 5 TARGET Business Days if €STR, should be specified, unless otherwise agreed with the Principal Paying Agent or Calculation Agent, as applicable)
 - Relevant Decimal Place: [5/7/[•]]
- (iv) Interest Determination Date(s): [•]
(Second day on which T2 is open prior to the start of each Interest Period if EURIBOR and the first London Banking Day falling after the last day of the relevant Observation Period if SONIA and the first U.S. Government Securities Business Day falling after the last day of the relevant Observation Period if SOFR and the first TARGET Business Day falling after the last day of the relevant Observation Period if €STR)
- (v) Relevant Screen Page: [•]
(In the case of EURIBOR, if not Reuters EURIBOR01 ensure it is a page which shows a composite rate or amend the fallback provisions appropriately)
- (g) Linear Interpolation: [Not Applicable/Applicable – the Rate of Interest for the [long/short] [first/last] Interest Period shall

- be calculated using Linear Interpolation (*specify for each short or long interest period*)
- (h) Margin(s): [+/-] [•] per cent. per annum
 - (i) Minimum Rate of Interest: [•] per cent. per annum
 - (j) Maximum Rate of Interest: [•] per cent. per annum
 - (k) Day Count Fraction: [Actual/Actual (ISDA)][Actual/Actual]
Actual/365 (Fixed)
Actual/365 (Sterling)
Actual/360
[30/360][360/360][Bond Basis]
[30E/360][Eurobond Basis]
[30E/360 (ISDA)]
[Other]
 - (l) Fallback provisions, rounding provisions and any other terms relating to the method of calculating interest on Floating Rate Notes which are Exempt Notes, if different from those set out in the Conditions: [•]

PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

- 16 Notice periods for Condition 7.2: Minimum period: [30] days
Maximum period: [60] days
- 17 Issuer Call: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
 - (a) Optional Redemption Date(s): [•]
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[[•] per Calculation Amount][Sterling Make Whole Redemption Amount][Make Whole Redemption Amount][in respect of the Optional Redemption Date(s) not falling in the Par Call Period][specify other/see Appendix]
 - (c) Redemption Margin: [•]
 - (d) Reference Bond: [•]
 - (e) Quotation Time: [•]
 - (f) Par Call Period: [From (and including) [•] (the **Par Call Period Commencement Date**) to (but excluding) the Maturity Date]/[Not Applicable]
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20	Final Redemption Amount:	[[●] per Calculation Amount/specify other/see Appendix]
21	Early Redemption Amount payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on Event of Default and/or the method of calculating the same (if required):	<p>[[●] per Calculation Amount/specify other/see Appendix]</p> <p><i>(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is 100 per cent. of the nominal value (i.e. par), the Early Redemption Amount is likely to be par (but consider). If, however, the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value, consideration should be given as to what the Early Redemption Amount should be.)</i></p>

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- 25 Other terms or special conditions: [Not Applicable/give details]

RESPONSIBILITY

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PART B – OTHER INFORMATION

- 1 **LISTING**
- [Application [has been made/is expected to be made] by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be listed on [*specify market – note this must not be an EEA regulated market or the London Stock Exchange’s main market*] with effect from [●].] [Not Applicable]
- (For considerations in relation to Notes which are neither listed nor admitted to trading, see “Taxation”.)
- 2 **RATINGS**
- Ratings:
- [The Notes to be issued [[have been]/[are expected to be]] rated [*insert details*] by [*insert the legal name of the relevant credit rating agency entity(ies)*]].
- (The above disclosure is only required if the ratings of the Notes are different to those stated in the Prospectus)
3. **INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE**
- [Save for the fees payable to the [Managers named below/Dealers], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue of the Notes has an interest material to the offer. The [Managers/Dealers] and their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform other services for, the Issuer, the Guarantor and their affiliates in the ordinary course of business – *Amend as appropriate if there are other interests*]
4. **[REASONS FOR THE OFFER]**
- Reasons for the offer:
- [General corporate purposes]
- (See “Use of Proceeds” wording in Prospectus – if reasons for offer different from what is disclosed in the Prospectus, give details)]
5. **OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**
- (a) ISIN: [●]
- (b) Common Code: [●]
- (c) CFI: [See/[[*include code*], as updated, as set out on] the website of the Association of National Numbering Agencies (ANNA) or alternatively sourced from the responsible National Numbering Agency that assigned the ISIN/Not Applicable/Not Available]
- (d) FISN: [See/[[*include code*], as updated, as set out on] the website of the Association of National Numbering Agencies (ANNA) or alternatively sourced from the responsible National Numbering Agency that assigned the ISIN/Not Applicable/Not Available]

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| (e) | Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and the relevant identification number(s): | [Not Applicable/ <i>give name(s) and number(s)</i>] |
| (f) | Delivery: | Delivery [against/free of] payment |
| (g) | Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any): | [•] |
| (h) | Intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility: | <p>[Yes. Note that the designation “yes” simply means that the Notes are intended upon issue to be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper[and registered in the name of a nominee of one of the ICSDs acting as common safekeeper] <i>[include this text for Registered Notes which are to be held under the NSS]</i> and does not necessarily mean that the Notes will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any or all times during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the ECB being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.]/</p> <p>[No. Whilst the designation is specified as “no” at the date of this Pricing Supplement, should the Eurosystem eligibility criteria be amended in the future such that the Notes are capable of meeting them the Notes may then be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper[, and registered in the name of a nominee of one of the ICSDs acting as common safekeeper] <i>[include this text for Registered Notes]</i>. Note that this does not necessarily mean that the Notes will then be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra day credit operations by the Eurosystem at any time during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the ECB being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.]</p> |

6. DISTRIBUTION

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| (a) | Method of distribution: | [Syndicated/Non-syndicated] |
| (b) | If syndicated, names of Managers: | [Not Applicable/ <i>give names</i>] |
| (c) | Stabilisation Manager(s) (if any): | [Not Applicable/ <i>give names</i>] |
| (d) | If non-syndicated, name of relevant Dealer: | [Not Applicable/ <i>give name</i>] |

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| (e) | U.S. Selling Restrictions: | [Reg. S Compliance Category 2; TEFRA D/TEFRA C/TEFRA not applicable] |
| (f) | Additional selling restrictions: | [Not Applicable/ <i>give details</i>] |
| (g) | Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors: | [Applicable/Not Applicable]
<i>(If the Notes clearly do not constitute “packaged” products or the Notes do constitute “packaged” products and a key information document will be prepared in the EEA, “Not Applicable” should be specified. If the Notes may constitute “packaged” products and no key information document will be prepared in the EEA, “Applicable” should be specified.)</i> |
| (h) | Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors: | [Applicable/Not Applicable]
<i>(If the Notes clearly do not constitute “packaged” products or the Notes do constitute “packaged” products and a key information document will be prepared in the UK, “Not Applicable” should be specified. If the Notes may constitute “packaged” products and no key information document will be prepared in the UK, “Applicable” should be specified.)</i> |
| (i) | [Singapore Sales to Institutional Investors and Accredited Investors only: | [Applicable/Not Applicable]
<i>(If no sales are made into Singapore, please delete this paragraph)</i> |

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

The following are the Terms and Conditions of the Notes which will be incorporated by reference into each Global Note (as defined below) and each definitive Note, in the latter case only if permitted by the relevant stock exchange or other relevant authority (if any) and agreed by the Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer at the time of issue but, if not so permitted and agreed, such definitive Note will have endorsed thereon or attached thereto such Terms and Conditions. The applicable Pricing Supplement in relation to any Tranche of Exempt Notes may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the following Terms and Conditions, replace or modify the following Terms and Conditions for the purpose of such Notes. The applicable Final Terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) will be endorsed upon, or attached to, each Global Note and definitive Note. Reference should be made to "Applicable Final Terms" for a description of the content of the Final Terms which will specify which of such terms are to apply in relation to the relevant Notes. Reference should be made to "Applicable Pricing Supplement" for a description of the content of the Pricing Supplement which will specify which of such terms are to apply in relation to the relevant Notes.

This Note is one of a Series (as defined below) of Notes issued by NEXT Group plc (the **Issuer**) constituted by a Trust Deed (such Trust Deed as modified and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the **Trust Deed**) dated 21 May 2025 made between the Issuer, NEXT plc as guarantor (the **Guarantor**) and BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited (the **Trustee**, which expression shall include any successor as Trustee).

References herein to the Notes shall be references to the Notes of this Series and shall mean:

- (a) in relation to any Notes represented by a global Note (a **Global Note**), units of each Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency;
- (b) any Global Note;
- (c) any definitive Notes in bearer form (**Bearer Notes**) issued in exchange for a Global Note in bearer form (each a **Bearer Global Note**); and
- (d) any definitive Notes in registered form (**Registered Notes**) (whether or not issued in exchange for a Global Note in registered form) (each a **Registered Global Note**).

The Notes and the Coupons (as defined below) have the benefit of an Agency Agreement (such Agency Agreement as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the **Agency Agreement**) dated 21 May 2025 and made between the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee, The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch as issuing and principal paying agent (the **Principal Paying Agent**, which expression shall include any successor principal paying agent and, together with any additional paying agents, the **Paying Agents**, which expression shall include any successor paying agents), The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Dublin Branch as registrar (the **Registrar**, which expression shall include any successor registrar) and a transfer agent (together with the Registrar and any additional transfer agents, the **Transfer Agents**, which expression shall include any successor transfer agents). The Principal Paying Agent, the Calculation Agent (if any is specified in the applicable Final Terms), the Registrar, the Paying Agents and the other Transfer Agents are together referred to as the **Agents**.

The final terms for this Note (or the relevant provisions thereof) are set out in Part A of the Final Terms attached to or endorsed on this Note which supplement these Terms and Conditions (the **Conditions**) or, if this Note is a Note which is not admitted to trading on a UK regulated market as defined in Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, nor offered in the United Kingdom in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (an **Exempt Note**), the

final terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) are set out in Part A of the Pricing Supplement and may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the Conditions, replace or modify the Conditions for the purposes of this Note. References to the **applicable Final Terms** are, unless otherwise stated, to Part A of the Final Terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) attached to or endorsed on this Note. Any reference in the Conditions to **applicable Final Terms** shall be deemed to include a reference to the applicable Pricing Supplement in the case of Exempt Notes.

Interest bearing definitive Bearer Notes have interest coupons (**Coupons**) and, in the case of Bearer Notes which, when issued in definitive form, have more than 27 interest payments remaining, talons for further Coupons (**Talons**) attached on issue. Any reference herein to Coupons or coupons shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include a reference to Talons or talons. Registered Notes and Global Notes do not have Coupons or Talons attached on issue.

The Trustee acts for the benefit of the Noteholders (which expression shall mean (in the case of Bearer Notes) the holders of the Notes and (in the case of Registered Notes) the persons in whose name the Notes are registered and shall, in relation to any Notes represented by a Global Note, be construed as provided below) and the holders of the Coupons (the **Couponholders**, which expression shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include the holders of the Talons), in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed.

As used herein, **Tranche** means Notes which are identical in all respects (including as to listing and admission to trading) and **Series** means a Tranche of Notes together with any further Tranche or Tranches of Notes which (a) are expressed to be consolidated and form a single series and (b) have the same terms and conditions or terms and conditions which are the same in all respects save for the amount and date of the first payment of interest thereon and the date from which interest starts to accrue.

Copies of the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement (i) are available for inspection during normal business hours at the specified office of each of the Paying Agents or (ii) may be provided by email to a Noteholder following their prior written request to any Paying Agent and provision of proof of holding and identity (in a form satisfactory to the relevant Paying Agent). If the Notes are to be admitted to trading on the main market of the London Stock Exchange, the applicable Final Terms will be published on the website of the London Stock Exchange through a regulatory information service. If this Note is an Exempt Note, the applicable Pricing Supplement will only be obtainable by a Noteholder holding one or more Notes and such Noteholder must produce evidence satisfactory to the relevant Paying Agent as to its holding of such Notes and identity.

The Noteholders and the Couponholders are deemed to have notice of, and are entitled to the benefit of, all the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement and the applicable Final Terms which are applicable to them.

The statements in the Conditions include summaries of, and are subject to, the detailed provisions of the Trust Deed (including the Guarantee) and the Agency Agreement.

Words and expressions defined in the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement or used in the applicable Final Terms shall have the same meanings where used in the Conditions unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise stated and provided that, in the event of inconsistency between the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement, the Trust Deed will prevail and, in the event of inconsistency between the Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement and the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms will prevail.

In the Conditions, euro means the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as amended.

1 FORM, DENOMINATION AND TITLE

The Notes are in bearer form or in registered form as specified in the applicable Final Terms and, in the case of definitive Notes, serially numbered, in the currency (the **Specified Currency**) and the denominations (the **Specified Denomination(s)**) specified in the applicable Final Terms. Notes of one Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Notes of another Specified Denomination and Bearer Notes may not be exchanged for Registered Notes and *vice versa*.

This Note may be a Fixed Rate Note or a Floating Rate Note, or a combination of the foregoing, depending upon the Interest Basis shown in the applicable Final Terms.

Definitive Bearer Notes are issued with Coupons attached.

Subject as set out below, title to the Bearer Notes and Coupons will pass by delivery and title to the Registered Notes will pass upon registration of transfers in accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement. The Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee and any Agent will (except as otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or required by law) deem and treat the bearer of any Bearer Note or Coupon and the registered holder of any Registered Note as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing thereon or notice of any previous loss or theft thereof) for all purposes but, in the case of any Global Note, without prejudice to the provisions set out in the next succeeding paragraph.

For so long as any of the Notes is represented by a Global Note held on behalf of Euroclear Bank SA/NV (**Euroclear**) and/or Clearstream Banking S.A. (**Clearstream, Luxembourg**), each person (other than Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg) who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear or of Clearstream, Luxembourg as the holder of a particular principal amount of such Notes (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as to the principal amount of such Notes standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee and the Agents as the holder of such principal amount of such Notes for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest on such principal amount of such Notes, for which purpose the bearer of the relevant Bearer Global Note or the registered holder of the relevant Registered Global Note shall be treated by the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee and any Agent as the holder of such principal amount of such Notes in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant Global Note and the expressions **Noteholder** and **holder of Notes** and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.

In determining whether a particular person is entitled to a particular principal amount of Notes as aforesaid, the Trustee may rely on such evidence and/or information and/or certification as it shall, in its absolute discretion, think fit and, if it does so rely, such evidence and/or information and/or certification shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive and binding on all concerned.

Notes which are represented by a Global Note will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be. References to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system specified in Part B of the applicable Final Terms.

2 TRANSFERS OF REGISTERED NOTES

2.1 Transfers of interests in Registered Global Notes

Transfers of beneficial interests in Registered Global Notes will be effected by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, and, in turn, by other participants and, if appropriate, indirect participants in such clearing systems acting on behalf of transferors and transferees of such interests. A beneficial interest in a Registered Global Note will, subject to compliance with all applicable legal and regulatory restrictions, be transferable for Notes in definitive form or for a beneficial interest in another Registered Global Note of the same series only in the authorised denominations set out in the applicable Final Terms and only in accordance with the rules and operating procedures for the time being of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, and in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement.

2.2 Transfers of Registered Notes in definitive form

Subject as provided in paragraph 2.3 below, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement, a Registered Note in definitive form may be transferred in whole or in part (in the authorised denominations set out in the applicable Final Terms). In order to effect any such transfer (a) the holder or holders must (i) surrender the Registered Note for registration of the transfer of the Registered Note (or the relevant part of the Registered Note) at the specified office of any Transfer Agent, with the form of transfer thereon duly executed by the holder or holders thereof or their attorney or attorneys duly authorised in writing and (ii) complete and deposit such other certifications as may be required by the relevant Transfer Agent and (b) the relevant Transfer Agent must, after due and careful enquiry, be satisfied with the documents of title and the identity of the person making the request. Any such transfer will be subject to such reasonable regulations as the Issuer, the Trustee and the Registrar may from time to time prescribe (the initial such regulations being set out in Schedule 3 to the Agency Agreement). Subject as provided above, the relevant Transfer Agent will, within three business days (being for this purpose a day on which banks are open for business in the city where the specified office of the relevant Transfer Agent is located) of the request (or such longer period as may be required to comply with any applicable fiscal or other laws or regulations), authenticate and deliver, or procure the authentication and delivery of, at its specified office to the transferee or (at the risk of the transferee) send by uninsured mail, to such address as the transferee may request, a new Registered Note in definitive form of a like aggregate principal amount to the Registered Note (or the relevant part of the Registered Note) transferred. In the case of the transfer of part only of a Registered Note in definitive form, a new Registered Note in definitive form in respect of the balance of the Registered Note not transferred will be so authenticated and delivered or (at the risk of the transferor) sent to the transferor.

2.3 Registration of transfer upon partial redemption

In the event of a partial redemption of Notes under Condition 7, the Issuer shall not be required to register the transfer of any Registered Note, or part of a Registered Note, called for partial redemption.

2.4 Costs of registration

Noteholders will not be required to bear the costs and expenses of effecting any registration of transfer as provided above, except for any costs or expenses of delivery other than by regular uninsured mail and except that the Issuer may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any stamp duty, tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation to the registration.

3 STATUS OF THE NOTES AND THE GUARANTEE

3.1 Status of the Notes

The Notes and any relative Coupons are direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and (subject to Condition 4) unsecured obligations of the Issuer and (subject as aforesaid) rank and will rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves, with all other outstanding unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer, present and future, but, in the event of insolvency, only to the extent permitted by applicable laws relating to creditors' rights.

3.2 Guarantee

- 3.2.1 The payment of principal and interest in respect of the Notes and all other moneys payable by the Issuer under or pursuant to the Trust Deed has been unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the Guarantor (the **Guarantee**) in the Trust Deed.
- 3.2.2 The obligations of the Guarantor under the Guarantee are direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and (subject to the provisions of Condition 4) unsecured obligations of the Guarantor and (subject as aforesaid) rank and will rank *pari passu* with all other outstanding unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Guarantor, present and future, but, in the event of insolvency, only to the extent permitted by applicable laws relating to creditors' rights.

4 NEGATIVE PLEDGE

4.1 Negative Pledge

So long as any of the Notes remains outstanding (as defined in the Trust Deed), neither the Issuer nor the Guarantor will, and the Guarantor will procure that none of its other Subsidiaries shall:

- (a) create or permit to subsist any Security Interest (other than a Permitted Security Interest) upon the whole or any part of the present or future business, undertaking, assets (as defined in the Trust Deed) or revenues (including any uncalled capital) of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the other Subsidiaries of the Guarantor to secure payment of any Relevant Indebtedness unless the Issuer, the Guarantor or the relevant Subsidiary of the Guarantor, as the case may be, in the case of the creation of the Security Interest, before or at the same time, and, in any other case, promptly, takes any and all action necessary to ensure that:
 - (i) all amounts payable by it under the Notes, any Coupons, the Guarantee and the Trust Deed are secured by the same Security Interest equally and rateably with the Relevant Indebtedness to the satisfaction of the Trustee; or
 - (ii) such other Security Interest or guarantee or other arrangement (whether or not it involves the giving of a Security Interest) is provided either as the Trustee in its absolute discretion deems to be not materially less beneficial to the interests of the Noteholders or as is approved by an Extraordinary Resolution (as defined in the Trust Deed) of the Noteholders; or
- (b) conduct any Securitisation other than a Permitted Securitisation.

4.2 Interpretation

For the purposes of the Conditions:

Companies Act 2006 means the Companies Act 2006 (as amended);

Group means the Guarantor and its Subsidiaries;

Permitted Securitisation means any Securitisation where (i) the aggregate principal amount of all Securitisations (including the relevant Securitisation but excluding any Securitisation which is permitted under paragraph (ii) below) does not exceed £250,000,000 at any time outstanding or (ii) the Security Interest securing that Securitisation is a Permitted Security Interest;

Permitted Security Interest means (i) any liens arising by operation of law, (ii) any Security Interest over or affecting the whole or part of the present or future business, undertaking, assets or revenues (including any uncalled capital) of any company which becomes a Subsidiary of the Guarantor after the date of the Final Terms for the first Tranche of the Notes, where such Security Interest was created prior to the date on which such a company becomes a Subsidiary of the Guarantor, but only if (A) such Security Interest was not created in contemplation of such company becoming a Subsidiary of the Guarantor and (B) the amount thereby secured has not been increased in contemplation of, or since the date of, such company becoming a Subsidiary of the Guarantor; (iii) any Security Interest (the **Replacement Security Interest**) created in whole or in part to replace or renew or in substitution for any Security Interest created by a company referred to in (i) of this paragraph (the **Old Security Interest**) upon a refinancing or similar transaction where the Replacement Security Interest is created in respect of the same business, undertaking, assets or revenues as the Old Security Interest and where the amount secured by the Replacement Security Interest is equal to or less than the amount secured by the Old Security Interest and (iv) any Security Interest over or affecting the whole or part of the present or future business, undertaking, assets or revenues (including any uncalled capital) of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the other Subsidiaries of the Guarantor created in connection with any Permitted Securitisation;

Relevant Indebtedness means (i) any present or future indebtedness (whether being principal, premium, interest or other amounts) for or in respect of any notes, bonds, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock or other securities which are for the time being, or are capable of being, quoted, listed or ordinarily dealt in on any stock exchange, over-the-counter or other securities market; and (ii) any guarantee or indemnity in respect of any such indebtedness;

Security Interest means any mortgage, pledge, lien, charge, assignment, hypothecation or other security interest or any other agreement or arrangement having a similar effect;

Securitisation means any securitisation, asset-backed financing or like arrangement, payments under or in respect of the indebtedness incurred in relation to which are secured principally by a Security Interest over or in connection with the asset or assets the subject of the securitisation, asset-backed financing or like arrangement owned by a member of the Group, or which were owned by a member of the Group immediately prior to the securitisation, asset-backed financing or like arrangement; and

Subsidiary means any company which is for the time being a subsidiary within the meaning of section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006.

5 INTEREST

5.1 Interest on Fixed Rate Notes

This Condition 5.1 applies to Fixed Rate Notes only. The applicable Final Terms contain provisions applicable to the determination of fixed rate interest and must be read in conjunction with this Condition 5.1 for full information on the manner in which interest is calculated on Fixed Rate Notes. In particular, the applicable Final Terms will specify the Interest Commencement Date, the Rate(s) of Interest, the Interest Payment Date(s), the Maturity Date, the Fixed

Coupon Amount, any applicable Broken Amount, the Calculation Amount, the Day Count Fraction and any applicable Determination Date.

Each Fixed Rate Note bears interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the rate(s) per annum equal to the Rate(s) of Interest. Interest will be payable in arrear on the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year up to (and including) the Maturity Date.

If the Notes are Bearer Notes in definitive form, except as provided in the applicable Final Terms, the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date in respect of the Fixed Interest Period ending on (but excluding) such date will amount to the Fixed Coupon Amount. Payments of interest on any Interest Payment Date will, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, amount to the Broken Amount so specified.

As used in the Conditions, **Fixed Interest Period** means the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date.

Except in the case of Bearer Notes in definitive form where an applicable Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, interest shall be calculated in respect of any period by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (A) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes which are (i) represented by a Global Note or (ii) Registered Notes in definitive form, the aggregate outstanding principal amount of (A) the Fixed Rate Notes represented by such Global Note or (B) such Registered Notes; or
- (B) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes which are Bearer Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount,

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction.

The resultant figure shall be rounded to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention.

Where the Specified Denomination of a Fixed Rate Note which is a Bearer Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Fixed Rate Note shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denomination, without any further rounding.

Day Count Fraction means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest, in accordance with this Condition 5.1:

- (A) if "Actual/Actual (ICMA)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) in the case of Notes where the number of days in the relevant period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (the **Accrual Period**) is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the number of days in such Accrual Period divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) that would occur in one calendar year; or
 - (ii) in the case of Notes where the Accrual Period is longer than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the sum of:

- (a) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the Determination Period in which the Accrual Period begins divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year; and
 - (b) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year; and
- (B) if “30/360” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (such number of days being calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months) divided by 360.

In the Conditions:

Determination Period means each period from (and including) a Determination Date to (but excluding) the next Determination Date (including, where either the Interest Commencement Date or the final Interest Payment Date is not a Determination Date, the period commencing on the first Determination Date prior to, and ending on the first Determination Date falling after, such date); and

sub-unit means, with respect to any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, with respect to euro, one cent.

5.2 Interest on Floating Rate Notes

(A) Interest Payment Dates

This Condition 5.2 applies to Floating Rate Notes only. The applicable Final Terms contains provisions applicable to the determination of floating rate interest and must be read in conjunction with this Condition 5.2 for full information on the manner in which interest is calculated on Floating Rate Notes. In particular, the applicable Final Terms will identify any Specified Interest Payment Dates, any Specified Period, the Interest Commencement Date, the Business Day Convention, any Additional Business Centres, the party who will calculate the amount of interest due if it is not the Principal Paying Agent, the Margin, any maximum or minimum interest rates and the Day Count Fraction. The applicable Final Terms will also specify the applicable Reference Rate, Interest Determination Date(s) and, if applicable, Relevant Screen Page.

Each Floating Rate Note bears interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and such interest will be payable in arrear on either:

- (i) the Specified Interest Payment Date(s) in each year specified in the applicable Final Terms; or
- (ii) if no Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each date (each such date, together with each Specified Interest Payment Date, an **Interest Payment Date**) which falls the number of months or other period specified as the Specified Period in the applicable Final Terms after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.

Such interest will be payable in respect of each Interest Period. In the Conditions, **Interest Period** means the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date, or the relevant payment date if the Notes become due and payable on a date other than an Interest Payment Date.

If a Business Day Convention is specified in the applicable Final Terms and (x) if there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month in which an Interest Payment Date should occur or (y) if any Interest Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is:

- (a) in any case where Specified Periods are specified in accordance with Condition 5.2(A)(ii) above, the Floating Rate Convention, such Interest Payment Date (a) in the case of (x) above, shall be the last day that is a Business Day in the relevant month and the provisions of (ii) below shall apply mutatis mutandis or (b) in the case of (y) above, shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (i) such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (ii) each subsequent Interest Payment Date shall be the last Business Day in the month which falls in the Specified Period after the preceding applicable Interest Payment Date occurred; or
- (b) the Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day; or
- (c) the Modified Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day; or
- (d) the Preceding Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

In the Conditions, **Business Day** means:

- (a) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in each Additional Business Centre (other than T2) specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- (b) if T2 is specified as an Additional Business Centre in the applicable Final Terms, a day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer System or any successor or replacement for that system (T2) is open; and
- (c) either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively) or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which T2 is open.

(B) **Rate of Interest**

The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes will be determined in the manner specified below.

(i) **Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes - Term Rate**

This Condition 5.2(B)(i) applies where “*Term Rate*” is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be “Applicable”.

The Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject to Condition 5.2(C) and as provided below, be either:

- (a) the offered quotation; or
- (b) the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations,

(expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate (being EURIBOR) which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the Relevant Screen Page (or such replacement page on that service which displays the information) as at 11.00 a.m. (Brussels time) on the Interest Determination Date in question plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Calculation Agent. If five or more of such offered quotations are available on the Relevant Screen Page, the highest (or, if there is more than one such highest quotation, one only of such quotations) and the lowest (or, if there is more than one such lowest quotation, one only of such quotations) shall be disregarded by the Calculation Agent for the purpose of determining the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of such offered quotations.

Subject to Condition 5.2(C), if the Relevant Screen Page is not available or if, in the case of 5.2(B)(i)(a) above, no offered quotation appears or, in the case of subclause 5.2(B)(i)(b) above, fewer than three offered quotations appear, in each case as at 11.00 a.m. (Brussels time), the Issuer (or an agent of the Issuer) shall request each of the Reference Banks to provide the Calculation Agent with its offered quotation (expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate (being EURIBOR) at approximately 11.00 a.m. (Brussels time) on the Interest Determination Date in question. If two or more of the Reference Banks provide the Calculation Agent with offered quotations, the Rate of Interest for the Interest Period shall be the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

If on any Interest Determination Date one only or none of the Reference Banks provides the Calculation Agent with an offered quotation as provided in the preceding paragraph, the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period shall be the rate per annum which is the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the rates, as communicated to the Calculation Agent by the Reference Banks or any two or more of them, at which such banks were offered, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (Brussels time) on the relevant Interest Determination Date, deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate by leading banks in the Euro-zone inter-bank market plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any) or, if fewer

than two of the Reference Banks provide the Calculation Agent with offered rates, the offered rate for deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate, or the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of the offered rates for deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate, at which, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (Brussels time) on the relevant Interest Determination Date, any one or more banks (which bank or banks is or are in the opinion of the Issuer suitable for the purpose) informs the Calculation Agent it is quoting to leading banks in the Euro-zone inter-bank market plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any), provided that, if the Rate of Interest cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the Rate of Interest shall be determined as at the last preceding Interest Determination Date (though substituting, where a different Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest is to be applied to the relevant Interest Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Period, the Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest relating to the relevant Interest Period, in place of the Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest relating to that last preceding Interest Period).

In the Conditions, **Reference Banks** means the principal Eurozone office of each of the four major banks engaged in the Eurozone interbank market, in each case selected by the Issuer (or by an agent of the Issuer) and notified to the Calculation Agent provided that, once a Reference Bank has been selected by the Issuer, that Reference Bank shall not be changed unless and until, in the Issuer's reasonable opinion, it ceases to be capable of acting as such.

(ii) **Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes – Overnight Rate - Compounded Daily SONIA - Non-Index Determination**

This Condition 5.2(B)(ii) applies where the applicable Final Terms specifies: (1) "Overnight Rate" to be "Applicable"; (2) "SONIA" as the Reference Rate; and (3) "Index Determination" to be "Not Applicable".

(a) The Rate of Interest for an Interest Period will, subject to Condition 5.2(C) and as provided below, be Compounded Daily SONIA with respect to such Interest Period plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the applicable Margin (if any), all as determined by Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, on each relevant Interest Determination Date.

(b) For the purposes of this Condition 5.2(B)(ii):

Compounded Daily SONIA means, with respect to an Interest Period, the rate of return of a daily compound interest investment (with the daily Sterling overnight reference rate as the reference rate for the calculation of interest) and will be calculated by the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, on each relevant Interest Determination Date in accordance with the following formula (and the resulting percentage will be rounded, if necessary, to the Relevant Decimal Place):

$$\left[\prod_{i=1}^{d_o} \left(1 + \frac{SONIA_i \times n_i}{365} \right) - 1 \right] \times \frac{D}{d}$$

where:

- d** is the number of calendar days in:
- (i) where “Lag” is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Interest Period; or
 - (ii) where “Observation Shift” is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Observation Period;

D is the number specified as such in the applicable Final Terms (or, if no such number is specified, 365);

d_o means the number of London Banking Days in:

- (i) where “Lag” is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Interest Period; or
- (ii) where “Observation Shift” is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Observation Period;

i is a **series** of whole numbers from one to “d_o”, each representing the relevant London Banking Day in chronological order from (and including) the first London Banking Day in:

- (i) where “Lag” is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Interest Period; or
- (ii) where “Observation Shift” is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Observation Period,

to (and including) the last London Banking Day in such Interest Period, or as the case may be, such Observation Period;

London Banking Day means any day on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London;

n_i for any London Banking Day “i”, means the number of calendar days from (and including) such London Banking Day “i” up to (but excluding) the following London Banking Day;

Observation Period means, in respect of an Interest Period, the period from (and including) the date falling “p” London Banking Days prior to the first day of such Interest Period to (but excluding) the date which is “p” London Banking Days prior to the Interest Payment Date for such Interest Period (or the date falling “p” London Banking Days prior to such earlier date, if any, on which the Notes become due and payable);

p means, for any Interest Period, the whole number specified in the applicable Final Terms (or, if no such number is so specified, five, provided that a number lower than five may only be so specified by the Issuer with the prior agreement of the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable) representing a number of London Banking Days;

Relevant Decimal Place shall, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, be the fourth decimal place, with 0.00005 being rounded upwards;

SONIA Reference Rate means, in respect of any London Banking Day, a reference rate equal to the daily Sterling Overnight Index Average (**SONIA**) rate for such London Banking Day as provided by the administrator of SONIA to authorised distributors and as then published on the Relevant Screen Page (or if the Relevant Screen Page is unavailable, as otherwise is published by such authorised distributors) on the London Banking Day immediately following such London Banking Day; and

SONIA_i means, in respect of any London Banking Day “i”, the SONIA Reference Rate for:

- (i) where “Lag” is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the London Banking Day falling “p” London Banking Days prior to the relevant London Banking Day “i”; or
 - (ii) where “Observation Shift” is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant London Banking Day “i”.
- (c) If, in respect of any London Banking Day on which an applicable SONIA Reference Rate is required to be determined, the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, determines that the SONIA Reference Rate is not available on the Relevant Screen Page or has not otherwise been published by the relevant authorised distributors (or as otherwise provided in the relevant definition thereof) or as published on the Bank of England’s website at <https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/boeapps/database/> (or such other page or website as may replace such page for the purposes of publishing the SONIA Reference Rate), such SONIA Reference Rate shall, subject to Condition 5.2(C), be:
- (1) the sum of (i) the Bank of England’s Bank Rate (the **Bank Rate**) prevailing at close of business on such London Banking Day; and (ii) the mean of the spread of the SONIA Reference Rate to the Bank Rate over the previous five London Banking Days in respect of which a SONIA Reference Rate has been published, excluding the highest spread (or, if there is more than one highest spread, one only of those highest spreads) and lowest spread (or, if there is more than one lowest spread, one only of those lowest spreads) to the Bank Rate; or
 - (2) if the Bank Rate is not published by the Bank of England at close of business on the relevant London Banking Day, either (A) the SONIA Reference Rate published on the Relevant Screen Page (or otherwise published by the relevant authorised distributors) for the first preceding London Banking Day in respect of which the SONIA Reference Rate was published on the Relevant Screen Page (or otherwise published by the relevant authorised distributors) or (B) if this is more recent, the latest rate determined under (1) above.

- (d) Subject to Condition 5.2(C), if the Rate of Interest cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Condition 5.2(B)(ii), the Rate of Interest shall be (A) that determined as at the last preceding Interest Determination Date (though substituting, where a different Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest is to be applied to the relevant Interest Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Period, the Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest relating to the relevant Interest Period, in place of the Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest relating to that last preceding Interest Period) or (B) if there is no such preceding Interest Determination Date, the initial Rate of Interest which would have been applicable to the Notes for the first Interest Period had the Notes been in issue for a period equal in duration to the scheduled first Interest Period but ending on (and excluding) the Interest Commencement Date (but applying the Margin or any Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest applicable to the first Interest Period).

(iii) **Screen Rate Determination – Overnight Rate – Compounded Daily SOFR – Non-Index Determination**

This Condition 5.2(B)(iii) applies where the applicable Final Terms specifies: (1) “Overnight Rate” to be “Applicable”; (2) “SOFR” as the Reference Rate; and (3) “Index Determination” to be “Not Applicable”.

- (a) The Rate of Interest for an Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be Compounded Daily SOFR with respect to such Interest Period plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the applicable Margin (if any), all as determined by the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable.
- (b) For the purposes of this Condition 5.2(B)(iii):

Compounded Daily SOFR means, with respect to any Interest Period, the rate of return of a daily compound interest investment (with the daily Secured Overnight Financing Rate as the interest rate basis for the calculation of interest) as calculated by the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, in accordance with the following formula on each Interest Determination Date (and the resulting percentage will be rounded, if necessary, to the Relevant Decimal Place):

$$\left[\prod_{i=1}^{d_o} \left(1 + \frac{SOFR_i \times n_i}{365} \right) - 1 \right] \times \frac{D}{d}$$

where:

d is the number of calendar days in:

- (i) where “Lag” is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Interest Period; or
- (ii) where “Observation Shift” is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Observation Period;

D is the number specified as such in the applicable Final Terms (or, if no such number is specified, 360);

d_o is the number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days in:

- (i) where “Lag” is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Interest Period; or
- (ii) where “Observation Shift” is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Observation Period;

i is a series of whole numbers from one to “d_o”, each representing the relevant U.S. Government Securities Business Day in chronological order from (and including) the first U.S. Government Securities Business Day in:

- (i) where “Lag” is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Interest Period; or
- (ii) where “Observation Shift” is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Observation Period;

to (and including) the last U.S. Government Securities Business Day in such Interest Period or, as the case may be, such Observation Period;

n_i for any U.S. Government Securities Business Day “i”, means the number of calendar days from (and including) such U.S. Government Securities Business Day “i” up to (but excluding) the following U.S. Government Securities Business Day;

Observation Period means, in respect of an Interest Period, the period from, and including, the date falling “p” U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to the first day in such Interest Period to (but excluding) the date falling “p” U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to the Interest Payment Date for such Interest Period (or the date falling “p” U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to such earlier date, if any, on which the Notes become due and payable);

p means, for any Interest Period, the whole number specified in the applicable Final Terms (or, if no such number is so specified, five, provided that a number lower than five may only be so specified by the Issuer with the prior agreement of the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable) representing a number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days;

Relevant Decimal Place shall, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, be the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards;

SOFR means, with respect to any U.S. Government Securities Business Day:

- (i) the Secured Overnight Financing Rate published for such U.S. Government Securities Business Day as such rate appears on the SOFR Administrator's Website at the SOFR Determination Time;
- (ii) subject to Condition 5.2(B)(iii)(c) below, if the rate specified in (i) above does not so appear, the Secured Overnight Financing Rate as published in respect of the first preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day for which the Secured Overnight Financing Rate was published on the SOFR Administrator's Website;

SOFR_i means, in respect of any U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i", the SOFR for:

- (i) where "Lag" is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the Observation Method, the U.S. Government Securities Business Day falling "p" U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to the relevant U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i";
- (ii) where "Observation Shift" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i";

U.S. Government Securities Business Day means any day except for a Saturday, Sunday or a day on which the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association recommends that the fixed income departments of its members be closed for the entire day for purposes of trading in U.S. government securities;

SOFR Administrator means the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (or a successor administrator of the Secured Overnight Financing Rate);

SOFR Administrator's Website means the website of the SOFR Administrator, or any successor source; and

SOFR Determination Time means, for any U.S. Government Securities Business Day, 3:00 p.m. (New York time) on the immediately following U.S. Government Securities Business Day.

- (c) If the Issuer determines on or prior to the relevant Reference Time that a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the then-current Benchmark, the Benchmark Replacement will replace the then-current Benchmark for all purposes relating to the Notes in respect of all determinations on such date and for all determinations on all subsequent dates. In connection with the implementation of a Benchmark Replacement, the Issuer will have the right to make Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes from time to time, without any requirement for the consent or approval of the Noteholders or Couponholders.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Trustee and the relevant Agents, as applicable, shall (at the expense and direction of the Issuer (failing whom,

the Guarantor)), without any requirement for the consent or approval of the Noteholders or Couponholders, be obliged to use reasonable endeavours to effect such consequential amendments to the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement and the Conditions as the Issuer determines and certifies (upon which certification the Trustee and the relevant Agents, as applicable, may rely without enquiry or liability) to the Trustee and the relevant Agents, as applicable, may be appropriate in order to give effect to this Condition 5.2(B)(iii)(c) and neither the Trustee nor the relevant Agents, as applicable, shall be liable to any party for any consequence thereof. Neither Noteholder nor Couponholder consent shall be required in connection with the execution of any documents, amendments or other steps taken by the Trustee and/or the relevant Agents (if required). Notwithstanding any other provision of this Condition 5.2(B)(iii)(c), the Trustee and a relevant Agent, as applicable, shall not be obliged to agree to or implement any such Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes if the same would, in the sole opinion of the Trustee and/or the relevant Agent (as applicable), have the effect of imposing more onerous obligations upon it or exposing it to any additional duties, responsibilities or liabilities against which it has not been indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction or reducing or amending the rights and/or the protective provisions afforded to the Trustee and/or the relevant Agent (as applicable) in the Conditions, the Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any supplemental trust deed or supplemental agency agreement) in any way.

Any determination, decision or election that may be made by the Issuer pursuant to this Condition 5.2(B)(iii)(c), including any determination with respect to a tenor, rate or adjustment or of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event, circumstance or date and any decision to take or refrain from taking any action or any selection:

- (1) will be conclusive and binding absent manifest error;
- (2) will be made in the sole discretion of the Issuer; and
- (3) notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the documentation relating to the Notes, shall become effective without consent from the Noteholders, Couponholders or any other party.

Benchmark means, initially, Compounded Daily SOFR, as such term is defined above; provided that if the Issuer determines on or prior to the Reference Time that a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to Compounded Daily SOFR (or the published daily SOFR used in the calculation thereof) or the then-current Benchmark, then **Benchmark** shall mean the applicable Benchmark Replacement;

Benchmark Replacement means the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Issuer as of the Benchmark Replacement Date:

- (1) the sum of: (A) the alternate rate of interest that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body as the

- replacement for the then-current Benchmark and (B) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;
- (2) the sum of: (A) the ISDA Fallback Rate and (B) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment; or
 - (3) the sum of: (A) the alternate rate of interest that has been selected by the Issuer as the replacement for the then-current Benchmark giving due consideration to any industry-accepted rate of interest as a replacement for the then-current Benchmark for U.S. dollar-denominated floating rate notes at such time and (B) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;

Benchmark Replacement Adjustment means the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Issuer or its designee as of the Benchmark Replacement Date:

- (1) the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body for the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement;
- (2) if the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement is equivalent to the ISDA Fallback Rate, the ISDA Fallback Adjustment; or
- (3) the spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected by the Issuer giving due consideration to any industry-accepted spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of the then-current Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for U.S. dollar-denominated floating rate notes at such time;

Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes means, with respect to any Benchmark Replacement, any technical, administrative or operational changes (including changes to the timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments of interest, rounding of amounts, and other administrative matters) that the Issuer decides may be appropriate to reflect the adoption of such Benchmark Replacement in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if the Issuer decides that adoption of any portion of such market practice is not administratively feasible or if the Issuer determines that no market practice for use of the Benchmark Replacement exists, in such other manner as the Issuer determines is reasonably necessary);

Benchmark Replacement Date means the earliest to occur of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark (including the daily published component used in the calculation thereof):

- (1) in the case of clause (1) or (2) of the definition of “Benchmark Transition Event” the later of (a) the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein and (b) the date on which the administrator of the Benchmark permanently or

indefinitely ceases to provide the Benchmark (or such component);
or

- (2) in the case of clause (3) of the definition of “Benchmark Transition Event” the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein.

For the avoidance of doubt, if the event that gives rise to the Benchmark Replacement Date occurs on the same day as, but earlier than, the Reference Time in respect of any determination, the Benchmark Replacement Date will be deemed to have occurred prior to the Reference Time for such determination;

Benchmark Transition Event means the occurrence of one or more of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark (including the daily published component used in the calculation thereof):

- (1) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of the Benchmark (or such component) announcing that such administrator has ceased or will cease to provide the Benchmark (or such component), permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide the Benchmark (or such component); or
- (2) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of the Benchmark (or such component), the central bank for the currency of the Benchmark (or such component), an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Benchmark (or such component), a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Benchmark (or such component) or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for the Benchmark (or such component), which states that the administrator of the Benchmark (or such component) has ceased or will cease to provide the Benchmark (or such component) permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide the Benchmark (or such component); or
- (3) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of the Benchmark (or such component) announcing that the Benchmark (or such component) is no longer representative;

ISDA Definitions means the 2021 ISDA Definitions, as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (ISDA) and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes;

ISDA Fallback Adjustment means the spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that would apply for derivatives transactions referencing the ISDA Definitions to be determined upon the occurrence of an index cessation event with respect to the Benchmark;

ISDA Fallback Rate means the rate that would apply for derivatives transactions referencing the ISDA Definitions to be effective upon the occurrence of an index cessation date with respect to the Benchmark excluding the applicable ISDA Fallback Adjustment;

Reference Time means, with respect to any determination of the Benchmark (i) if the Benchmark is Compounded SOFR, the SOFR Determination Time, and (ii) if the Benchmark is not Compounded SOFR, the time determined by the Issuer after giving effect to the Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes;

Relevant Governmental Body means the Federal Reserve Board and/or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Federal Reserve Board and/or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York or any successor thereto; and

Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement means the Benchmark Replacement excluding the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

Any Benchmark Replacement, Benchmark Replacement Adjustment and the specific terms of any Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes, determined under Condition 5.2(B)(iii)(c) will be notified promptly by the Issuer to the Trustee, the relevant Agents (as applicable) and, in accordance with Condition 14, the Noteholders. Such notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the effective date on which such changes take effect.

No later than notifying the Trustee and the relevant Agents (as applicable) of the same, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee and the relevant Agents (as applicable) a certificate signed by two Authorised Signatories of the Issuer:

- (1) confirming (x) that a Benchmark Transition Event has occurred, (y) the relevant Benchmark Replacement and, (z) where applicable, any Benchmark Replacement Adjustment and/or the specific terms of any relevant Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes, in each case as determined in accordance with the provisions of this Condition 5.2(B)(iii)(c); and
- (2) certifying that the relevant Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes are appropriate to ensure the proper operation of such Benchmark Replacement and/or Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

The Trustee and the relevant Agents (as applicable) shall be entitled to rely on such certificate (without liability to any person and without any obligation to verify or investigate the accuracy thereof) as sufficient evidence thereof.

If, in the case of any Benchmark Transition Event, Benchmark Replacement, Benchmark Replacement Adjustment and/or Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes which are notified to the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, pursuant to this Condition 5.2(B)(iii)(c), the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, is in any way uncertain as to the application of such

Benchmark Replacement, Benchmark Replacement Adjustment and/or Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes in the calculation or determination of the Rate of Interest for future Interest Periods, it shall promptly notify the Issuer thereof and the Issuer shall direct the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, in writing as to which course of action to adopt in the application of such Benchmark Replacement, Benchmark Replacement Adjustment and/or Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes in the determination of such Rate of Interest and the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, may rely on such direction (without enquiry or liability). If the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, is not promptly provided with such direction, or is otherwise unable to make such calculation or determination for any reason, it shall notify the Issuer thereof and the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, shall be under no obligation to make such calculation or determination and shall not incur any liability for not doing so.

If the Rate of Interest cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Condition 5.2(B)(iii)(c), the Rate of Interest shall be (A) that determined as at the last preceding Interest Determination Date (though substituting, where a different Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest is to be applied to the relevant Interest Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Period, the Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest relating to the relevant Interest Period, in place of the Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest relating to that last preceding Interest Period) or (B) if there is no such preceding Interest Determination Date, the initial Rate of Interest which would have been applicable to the Notes for the first Interest Period had the Notes been in issue for a period equal in duration to the scheduled first Interest Period but ending on (and excluding) the Interest Commencement Date (but applying the Margin applicable to the first Interest Period or any Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest applicable to the first Interest Period).

(iv) **Screen Rate Determination – Overnight Rate – SONIA/SOFR - Index Determination**

This Condition 5.2(B)(iv) applies where the applicable Final Terms specifies: (1) “*Overnight Rate*” to be “Applicable”; (2) “*SONIA*” or “*SOFR*” as the Reference Rate; and (3) “*Index Determination*” to be “Applicable”.

- (a) The Rate of Interest for an Interest Period will, subject to Condition 5.2(C) (where the Reference Rate is SONIA) and Condition 5.2(B)(iii)(c) (where the Reference Rate is SOFR) and as provided below, be the compounded daily reference rate for the relevant Interest Period, calculated in accordance with the following formula on the relevant Interest Determination Date:

$$\left(\frac{\text{Compounded Index End}}{\text{Compounded Index Start}} - 1 \right) \times \frac{D}{d}$$

and rounded to the Relevant Decimal Place, plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any), all as determined and

calculated by the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable.

(b) In this Condition 5.2(B)(iv):

Benchmark Event has the meaning given to it in Condition 5.2(C);

Benchmark Replacement Date has the meaning given to it in Condition 5.2(B)(iii)(c);

Benchmark Transition Event has the meaning given to it in Condition 5.2(B)(iii)(c);

Compounded Daily SONIA has the meaning given to it in Condition 5.2(B)(iii)(c);

Compounded Index shall mean the SONIA Compounded Index (where the Reference Rate is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being SONIA) or the SOFR Compounded Index (where the Reference Rate is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being SOFR), as the case may be;

Compounded Index End means, in respect of an Interest Period, the relevant Compounded Index value on the day falling “*p*” Index Days prior to the Interest Payment Date for such Interest Period, or such other date on which the relevant payment of interest falls due (but which by its definition or the operation of the relevant provisions is excluded from such Interest Period);

Compounded Index Start means, in respect of an Interest Period, the relevant Compounded Index value on the day falling “*p*” Index Days prior to the first day of the relevant Interest Period;

d is the number of calendar days from (and including) the day on which the relevant Compounded Index Start is determined to (but excluding) the day on which the relevant Compounded Index End is determined;

D means, in the case of the SONIA Compounded Index, 365 and, in the case of the SOFR Compounded Index, 360, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms;

Index Days means, in the case of the SONIA Compounded Index, London Banking Days, and, in the case of the SOFR Compounded Index, U.S. Government Securities Business Days;

London Banking Day means any day on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London;

p means, for any Interest Period, the whole number specified in the applicable Final Terms (or, if no such number is so specified, five, provided that a number lower than five shall only be so specified by the Issuer with the prior agreement of the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable) representing a number of Index Days;

Relevant Decimal Place shall, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, be the fifth decimal place (with 0.000005 being

rounded upwards), provided that a number of decimal places lower than five may not be specified in the applicable Final Terms;

SOFR Compounded Index means the Compounded Daily SOFR rate as published at 3.00 p.m. (New York time) by Federal Reserve Bank of New York (or a successor administrator of SOFR) on the website of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or any successor source;

SONIA Compounded Index means the Compounded Daily SONIA rate as published at 10.00 a.m. (London time) by the Bank of England (or a successor administrator of SONIA) on the Bank of England's Interactive Statistical Database, or any successor source; and

U.S. Government Securities Business Day has the meaning given to it in Condition 5.2(B)(iii).

- (c) Provided that a Benchmark Event has not occurred in respect of SONIA or a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date has not occurred in respect of SOFR, as the case may be, if, with respect to any Interest Period, the relevant rate is not published for the relevant Compounded Index either on the relevant Compounded Index Start or Compounded Index End date, then the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, shall calculate the rate of interest for that Interest Period as if "*Index Determination*" was specified in the applicable Final Terms as "Not Applicable", and in each case "Observation Shift" had been specified in the applicable Final Terms as the Observation Method and, in the case of SONIA, the Relevant Screen Page will be determined by the Issuer. For the avoidance of doubt, if a Benchmark Event has occurred in respect of SONIA, the provisions of Condition 5.2(C) shall apply and, if a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred in respect of SOFR, the provisions of Condition 5.2(B)(iii)(c) shall apply.

(v) **Screen Rate Determination – Overnight Rate – Compounded Daily €STR – Non-Index Determination**

This Condition 5.2(B)(v) applies where the applicable Final Terms specifies: (1) "*Overnight Rate*" to be "Applicable"; (2) "€STR" as the Reference Rate; and (3) "*Index Determination*" to be "Not Applicable".

- (a) The Rate of Interest for an Interest Period will subject to Condition 5.2(C) and as provided below, be Compounded Daily €STR with respect to such Interest Period plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the applicable Margin (if any), all as determined by the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable.
- (b) For the purposes of this Condition 5.2(B)(v):

Compounded Daily €STR means, with respect to an Interest Period, the rate of return of a daily compound interest investment (with the daily euro short-term rate as reference rate for the calculation of interest) as calculated by the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, as at the relevant Interest Determination Date in accordance with the following formula (and the resulting percentage will be rounded if

necessary to the nearest fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards):

$$\left[\prod_{i=1}^{d_o} \left(1 + \frac{\text{€STR}_i \times n_i}{D} \right) - 1 \right] \times \frac{D}{d}$$

€STR reference rate, in respect of any TARGET Business Day (**TBD_x**), is a reference rate equal to the daily euro short-term rate (**€STR**) for such TBD_x as provided by the European Central Bank as the administrator of €STR (or any successor administrator of such rate) on the website of the European Central Bank (or, if no longer published on its website, as otherwise published by it or provided by it to authorised distributors and as then published on the Relevant Screen Page or, if the Relevant Screen Page is unavailable, as otherwise published by such authorised distributors) on the TARGET Business Day immediately following TBD_x (in each case, at the time specified by, or determined in accordance with, the applicable methodology, policies or guidelines, of the European Central Bank or the successor administrator of such rate);

€STR_i means the €STR reference rate for:

- (i) where “Lag” is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the TARGET Business Day falling “*p*” TARGET Business Days prior to the relevant TARGET Business Day “*T*”; or
- (ii) where “Observation Shift” is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant TARGET Business Day “*T*”;

d is the number of calendar days in:

- (i) where “Lag” is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Interest Period; or
- (ii) where “Observation Shift” is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Observation Period;

D is the number specified as such in the applicable Final Terms (or, if no such number is specified, 360);

d_o means:

- (i) where “Lag” is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the number of TARGET Business Days in the relevant Interest Period; or
- (ii) where “Observation Shift” is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the number of TARGET Business Days in the relevant Observation Period;

i is a series of whole numbers from one to “*d_o*”, each representing the relevant TARGET Business Day in chronological order from (and including) the first TARGET Business Day in:

- (i) where “Lag” is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Interest Period; or
- (ii) where “Observation Shift” is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Observation Period,

to (and including) the last TARGET Business Day in such Interest Period or, as the case may be, such Observation Period;

n_i for any TARGET Business Day “*i*”, means the number of calendar days from (and including) such TARGET Business Day “*i*” up to (but excluding) the following TARGET Business Day;

Observation Period means, in respect of an Interest Period, the period from (and including) the date falling “*p*” TARGET Business Days prior to the first day in such Interest Period to (but excluding) the date falling “*p*” TARGET Business Days prior to the Interest Payment Date for such Interest Period (or the date falling “*p*” TARGET Business Days prior to such earlier date, if any, on which the Notes become due and payable);

p means for any Interest Period, the whole number specified in the applicable Final Terms (or, if no such number is so specified, five, provided that a number lower than five may only be so specified by the Issuer with the prior agreement of the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable) representing a number of TARGET Business Days; and

TARGET Business Day means any day on which T2 is open.

- (c) Subject to Condition 5.2(C), if, where any Rate of Interest is to be calculated pursuant to Condition 5.2(B)(v) above, in respect of any TARGET Business Day in respect of which an applicable €STR reference rate is required to be determined, such €STR reference rate is not made available on the Relevant Screen Page or has not otherwise been published by the relevant authorised distributors, then the €STR reference rate in respect of such TARGET Business Day shall be the €STR reference rate for the first preceding TARGET Business Day in respect of which €STR reference rate was published by the European Central Bank on its website, as determined by the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable.

In the event that the Rate of Interest cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Condition 5.2(B)(v)(c) but without prejudice to Condition 5.2(C), the Rate of Interest shall be calculated in accordance, *mutatis mutandis*, with the provisions of Condition 5.2(B)(ii)(d).

(C) **Benchmark Discontinuation**

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Condition 5.2, this Condition 5.2(C) applies where the applicable Final Terms specifies: (1) “*Floating Rate Note Provisions*” to be “Applicable” and (2) the “*Reference Rate*” to be anything other than SOFR.

- (i) Independent Adviser

If the Issuer determines that a Benchmark Event has occurred in relation to an Original Reference Rate when any Rate of Interest (or any component part thereof) remains to be determined by reference to such Original Reference Rate, the Issuer shall use its reasonable endeavours to appoint and consult with an Independent Adviser, as soon as reasonably practicable, to advise the Issuer in determining a Successor Rate, failing which an Alternative Rate (in accordance with Condition 5.2(C)(ii)(b)) and, in either case, an Adjustment Spread and any Benchmark Amendments (in accordance with Condition 5.2(C)(iv)) for the purposes of determining the Rate of Interest applicable to the Notes for all future Interest Periods (subject to the subsequent operation of this Condition 5.2(C)). In making such determination, the Issuer shall act in good faith. In the absence of bad faith or fraud, the Issuer shall have no liability whatsoever to the Trustee, the Paying Agents, the Noteholders or the Couponholders for any determination made by it, pursuant to this Condition 5.2(C).

If (i) the Issuer is unable to appoint an Independent Adviser, (ii) the Issuer fails to determine a Successor Rate or, failing which, an Alternative Rate, in each case together with an Adjustment Spread, in accordance with this Condition 5.2(C)(i) or Condition 5.2(C)(ii) prior to the relevant Interest Determination Date or (iii) the Issuer determines that there is neither a Successor Rate nor an Alternative Rate, in each case the Rate of Interest applicable to the next succeeding Interest Period shall be determined in accordance with Condition 5.2(B) (though substituting, where a different Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest is to be applied to the relevant Interest Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Period, the Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest relating to the relevant Interest Period in place of the Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest relating to that last preceding Interest Period). For the avoidance of doubt, this paragraph shall apply to the relevant next succeeding Interest Period only and any subsequent Interest Periods are subject to the subsequent operation of, and to adjustment as provided in, the first paragraph of this Condition 5.2(C)(i).

(ii) Successor Rate or Alternative Rate

If the Issuer, following consultation with the Independent Adviser, determines that:

- (a) there is a Successor Rate, then such Successor Rate and the applicable Adjustment Spread shall subsequently be used in place of the Original Reference Rate to determine the Rate of Interest (or the relevant component part thereof) for all future payments of interest on the Notes (subject to the subsequent operation of this Condition 5.2(C)); or
- (b) there is no Successor Rate but that there is an Alternative Rate, then such Alternative Rate and the applicable Adjustment Spread shall subsequently be used in place of the Original Reference Rate to determine the Rate of Interest (or the relevant component part thereof) for all future payments of interest on the Notes (subject to the subsequent operation of this Condition 5.2(C)).

(iii) Adjustment Spread

The applicable Adjustment Spread (or the formula or methodology for determining the Adjustment Spread) shall be applied to the Successor Rate or the Alternative Rate (as the case may be).

(iv) **Benchmark Amendments**

If any Successor Rate or Alternative Rate and, in either case, the applicable Adjustment Spread is determined in accordance with this Condition 5.2(C) and the Issuer, following consultation with the Independent Adviser, determines (i) that amendments to the Conditions, the Agency Agreement and/or the Trust Deed are necessary to ensure the proper operation of such Successor Rate or Alternative Rate and/or (in either case) the applicable Adjustment Spread or to follow established market practice in respect of such Successor Rate, Alternative Rate and/or Adjustment Spread (any such amendments, the **Benchmark Amendments**) and (ii) the terms of the Benchmark Amendments, then the Issuer shall use all reasonable endeavours, subject to giving notice thereof in accordance with Condition 5.2(C)(v), without any requirement for the consent or approval of Noteholders or Couponholders, to vary the Conditions, the Agency Agreement and/or the Trust Deed to give effect to such Benchmark Amendments with effect from the date specified in such notice.

At the request of the Issuer, but subject to receipt by the Trustee and the relevant Agents of a certificate signed by two directors of the Issuer pursuant to Condition 5.2(C)(v), the Trustee and the relevant Agents shall (at the expense and direction of the Issuer (failing whom, the Guarantor)), without any requirement for the consent or approval of the Noteholders or Couponholders, be obliged to use reasonable endeavours to effect any Benchmark Amendments (including, inter alia, by the execution of a deed supplemental to or amending the Trust Deed and/or the Agency Agreement) and neither the Trustee nor a relevant Agent (as applicable) shall be liable for any consequence thereof. Notwithstanding the above, neither the Trustee nor a relevant Agent (as applicable) shall be obliged to agree to any amendments which, in the sole opinion of the Trustee or the relevant Agent (as applicable), would have the effect of imposing more onerous obligations upon it or exposing it to any additional duties, responsibilities or liabilities against which it has not been indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction or reducing or amending the rights and/or the protective provisions afforded to the Trustee or the relevant Agent in the Conditions, the Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any supplemental trust deed or supplemental agency agreement) in any way.

In connection with any such variation in accordance with this Condition 5.2(C)(iv), the Issuer shall comply with the rules of any stock exchange on which the Notes are for the time being listed or admitted to trading.

(v) **Notices, etc.**

Any Successor Rate, Alternative Rate, Adjustment Spread and the specific terms of any Benchmark Amendments determined under this Condition 5.2(C) will be notified promptly by the Issuer to the Trustee, the relevant Agents and, in accordance with Condition 14, the Noteholders. Such notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the effective date of the Benchmark Amendments, if any.

No later than notifying the Trustee and the relevant Agents of the same, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee and the relevant Agents a certificate signed by two Authorised Signatories of the Issuer:

- (a) confirming (a) that a Benchmark Event has occurred, (b) the Successor Rate or, as the case may be, the Alternative Rate, (c) the applicable Adjustment Spread and (d) the specific terms of the Benchmark Amendments (if any), in each case as determined in accordance with the provisions of this Condition 5.2(C); and
- (b) certifying that the Benchmark Amendments (if any) are necessary to ensure the proper operation of such Successor Rate or Alternative Rate and (in either case) the applicable Adjustment Spread or to follow established market practice in respect of such Successor Rate, Alternative Rate and/or Adjustment Spread.

The Trustee and the relevant Agents shall be entitled to rely on such certificate (without liability to any person and without any obligation to verify or investigate the accuracy thereof) as sufficient evidence thereof. The Successor Rate or Alternative Rate and the Adjustment Spread and the Benchmark Amendments (if any) specified in such certificate will (in the absence of manifest error in the determination of the Successor Rate or Alternative Rate and the Adjustment Spread and the Benchmark Amendments (if any)) be binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee, the Agents, the Noteholders and the Couponholders.

(vi) Principal Paying Agent and/or Calculation Agent Instruction Request

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Condition 5.2(C), if following the determination of any Successor Rate, Alternative Rate, Adjustment Spread or any specific terms of any Benchmark Amendments, in the Principal Paying Agent's or the Calculation Agent's (as applicable) opinion, there is any uncertainty between two or more alternative courses of action in making any determination or calculation under this Condition 5.2(C), the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, shall promptly notify the Issuer thereof and the Issuer shall direct the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, in writing as to which alternative course of action to adopt and the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, may rely on such direction (without enquiry or liability). If the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, is not promptly provided with such direction, or is otherwise unable to make such calculation or determination for any reason, it shall notify the Issuer thereof and the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, shall be under no obligation to make such calculation or determination and shall not incur any liability for not doing so.

In this Condition 5.2(C):

Adjustment Spread means either (a) a spread (which may be positive, negative or zero) or (b) a formula or methodology for calculating a spread, in each case to be applied to the Successor Rate or the Alternative Rate (as the case may be) and is the spread, formula or methodology which:

- (i) in the case of a Successor Rate, is formally recommended in relation to the replacement of the Original Reference Rate with the Successor Rate

by any Relevant Nominating Body or (if no such recommendation has been made, or in the case of an Alternative Rate);

- (ii) the Issuer, following consultation with the Independent Adviser, determines is customarily applied to the relevant Successor Rate or the Alternative Rate (as the case may be) in debt capital markets transactions to produce an industry-accepted replacement rate for the Original Reference Rate or (if the Issuer determines that no such spread is customarily applied);
- (iii) the Issuer, following consultation with the Independent Adviser, determines is recognised or acknowledged as being the industry standard for over-the-counter derivative transactions which reference the Original Reference Rate, where such rate has been replaced by the Successor Rate or the Alternative Rate (as the case may be) or (if the Issuer determines that no such industry standard is recognised or acknowledged); or
- (iv) the Issuer, in its discretion, following consultation with the Independent Adviser and acting in good faith, determines to be appropriate;

Alternative Rate means an alternative benchmark or screen rate which the Issuer following consultation with the Independent Adviser determines in accordance with Condition 5.2(C)(ii) is customarily applied in debt capital markets transactions for the purposes of determining rates of interest (or the relevant component part thereof) in the same Specified Currency as the Notes or, if the Issuer determines that there is no such rate, such other rate as the Issuer determines following consultation with the Independent Adviser in its discretion is most comparable to the Original Reference Rate;

Benchmark Amendments has the meaning given to it in Condition 5.2(C)(iv);

Benchmark Event means:

- (i) the Original Reference Rate ceasing to be published for a period of at least five consecutive Business Days or ceasing to exist or be administered; or
- (ii) the later of (a) the making of a public statement by the administrator of the Original Reference Rate that it has ceased or that it will (on or before a specified date) cease publishing the Original Reference Rate permanently or indefinitely (in circumstances where no successor administrator has been appointed that will continue publication of the Original Reference Rate) and (b) the date falling six months prior to the date specified in (a); or
- (iii) the later of (a) the making of a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the Original Reference Rate, that the Original Reference Rate has been or will be (on or before a specified date) permanently or indefinitely discontinued and (b) the date falling six months prior to the date specified in (a); or
- (iv) the later of (a) the making of a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the Original Reference Rate as a consequence of which the Original Reference Rate will be (on or before a specified date)

prohibited from being used either generally or in respect of the Notes and (b) the date falling six months prior to the date specified in (a); or

- (v) the making of a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the Original Reference Rate that the Original Reference Rate is no longer representative of an underlying market; or
- (vi) it has become unlawful, or will become unlawful prior to the next Interest Determination Date for any Paying Agent, the Calculation Agent or the Issuer to calculate any payments due to be made to any Noteholder using the Original Reference Rate;

Independent Adviser means an independent financial institution of international repute or an independent financial adviser with appropriate expertise appointed by the Issuer at its own expense under Condition 5.2(C)(i), provided that the Issuer shall not appoint the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent (in each case, in its capacity as such) for this purpose;

Original Reference Rate means the originally-specified benchmark or screen rate (as applicable) used to determine the Rate of Interest (or any component part thereof) on the Notes or any Successor Rate or Alternative Rate (or component part thereof) determined pursuant to this Condition 5.2(C);

Relevant Nominating Body means, in respect of a benchmark or screen rate (as applicable):

- (i) the central bank for the currency to which the benchmark or screen rate (as applicable) relates, or any central bank or other supervisory authority which is responsible for supervising the administrator of the benchmark or screen rate (as applicable); or
- (ii) any working group or committee sponsored by, chaired or co-chaired by or constituted at the request of (a) the central bank for the currency to which the benchmark or screen rate (as applicable) relates, (b) any central bank or other supervisory authority which is responsible for supervising the administrator of the benchmark or screen rate (as applicable), (c) a group of the aforementioned central banks or other supervisory authorities or (d) the Financial Stability Board or any part thereof; and

Successor Rate means a successor to or replacement of the Original Reference Rate which is formally published, endorsed, approved, recognised or recommended by any Relevant Nominating Body.

(D) **Minimum Rate of Interest and/or Maximum Rate of Interest**

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Minimum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (B) above is less than such Minimum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Minimum Rate of Interest.

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Maximum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (B) above is greater than such Maximum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Maximum Rate of Interest.

(E) **Determination of Rate of Interest and calculation of Interest Amounts**

The Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, will at or as soon as practicable after each time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, determine the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period.

The Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, will calculate the amount of interest (the **Interest Amount**) payable on the Floating Rate Notes for the relevant Interest Period by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (i) in the case of Floating Rate Notes which are (i) represented by a Global Note or (ii) Registered Notes in definitive form, the aggregate outstanding principal amount of (A) the Notes represented by such Global Note or (B) such Registered Notes; or
- (ii) in the case of Floating Rate Notes which are Bearer Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount,

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention.

Where the Specified Denomination of a Floating Rate Note which is a Bearer Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the Interest Amount payable in respect of such Note shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denomination without any further rounding.

Day Count Fraction means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest in accordance with this Condition 5.2:

- (i) if “Actual/Actual (ISDA)” or “Actual/Actual” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Interest Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (I) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (II) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (ii) if “Actual/365 (Fixed)” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365;
- (iii) if “Actual/365 (Sterling)” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 or, in the case of an Interest Payment Date falling in a leap year, 366;
- (iv) if “Actual/360” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360;
- (v) if “30/360”, “360/360” or “Bond Basis” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

Y₁ is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

Y₂ is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

M₁ is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

M₂ is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

D₁ is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number is 31, in which case D₁ will be 30; and

D₂ is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31 and D₁ is greater than 29, in which case D₂ will be 30;

- (vi) if “30E/360” or “Eurobond Basis” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{\lfloor 360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1) \rfloor + \lfloor 30 \times (M_2 - M_1) \rfloor + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

Y₁ is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

Y₂ is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

M₁ is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

M₂ is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

D₁ is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D₁ will be 30; and

D₂ is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D₂ will be 30;

- (vii) if “30E/360 (ISDA)” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{\lfloor 360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1) \rfloor + \lfloor 30 \times (M_2 - M_1) \rfloor + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

Y₁ is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

Y₂ is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

M₁ is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

M₂ is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

D₁ is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D₁ will be 30; and

D₂ is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Maturity Date or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D₂ will be 30.

(F) **Linear Interpolation**

Where “*Linear Interpolation*” is specified as “Applicable” in respect of an Interest Period in the applicable Final Terms, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be calculated by the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, by straight line linear interpolation by reference to two rates based on the relevant Reference Rate, one of which shall be determined as if the Designated Maturity were the period of time for which rates are available next shorter than the length of the relevant Interest Period and the other of which shall be determined as if the Designated Maturity were the period of time for which rates are available next longer than the length of the relevant Interest Period provided however that if there is no rate available for a period of time next shorter or, as the case may be, next longer, then the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, shall determine such rate at such time and by reference to such sources as the Issuer determines appropriate.

Designated Maturity means the period of time designated in the Reference Rate.

(G) **Notification of Rate of Interest and Interest Amounts**

Except where the applicable Final Terms specifies “*Overnight Rate*” to be “Applicable”, the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, will cause the Rate of Interest and each Interest Amount for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date to be notified to the Issuer and the Trustee and the Issuer shall (if the relevant Notes are to be listed on a stock exchange and the rules of such stock exchange so require) notify any stock exchange on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes are for the time being listed and cause notice thereof to be published in accordance with Condition 14 as soon as possible after the Principal Paying Agent’s or the Calculation Agent’s, as applicable, determination but in no event later than the fourth London Business Day thereafter. Each Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date so notified may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without prior notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. Any such amendment will promptly be notified to each stock exchange on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes are for the time being listed and to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14.

Where the applicable Final Terms specifies “*Overnight Rate*” to be “Applicable”, the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, will cause the Rate of Interest and each Interest Amount for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date to be notified to the Issuer and the Trustee and the Issuer shall (if the relevant Notes are to be listed on a stock exchange and the rules of such stock exchange so require) notify any stock exchange on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes are for the time being listed and cause notice thereof to be published in accordance with Condition 14 as soon as possible after the Principal Paying Agent’s or the Calculation Agent’s, as applicable, determination but in no event later than the second London Business Day thereafter. Each Rate of Interest, Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date so notified may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without prior notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the relevant Interest Period. Any such amendment or alternative arrangements will promptly be notified to each stock exchange on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes are for the time being listed and to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14.

For the purposes of this Condition 5.2(G), the expression **London Business Day** means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for general business in London.

(H) **Certificates to be final**

All certificates, communications, opinions, determinations, calculations and decisions given, expressed, made for the purposes of the provisions of this Condition 5.2 by the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, shall (in the absence of manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent, the other Agents and all Noteholders and Couponholders and (in the absence of wilful default) no liability shall attach to the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable, in connection with the exercise or non exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

(I) **Trustee and Agents**

Notwithstanding any other provision herein, in no event shall the Trustee or any Agent be responsible for exercising discretion in determining any substitute for EURIBOR, SOFR, SONIA or €STR or other benchmark or for making any adjustments to any alternative benchmark or spread thereon, the business day convention, interest determination dates or any other relevant methodology for calculating any such substitute or successor benchmark. In connection with the foregoing, the Trustee and any Agent will be entitled to conclusively rely on any determinations made by the Issuer and will have no liability for such actions taken at the direction of the Issuer.

Any determination, decision or election that may be made by the Issuer in connection with a Benchmark Event or Benchmark Transition Event or a EURIBOR, SOFR, SONIA or €STR or other benchmark replacement, including any determination with respect to a rate or adjustment or of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event, circumstance or date and any decision to take or refrain from taking any action or any selection, will be conclusive and binding absent manifest error, may be made in the Issuer’s sole discretion, and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement or the Conditions, will become effective without consent from any other party. Neither the Trustee nor any Agent will have any liability for any determination made by or on behalf of the Issuer in connection with a Benchmark Event or Benchmark

Transition Event or a EURIBOR, SOFR, SONIA or €STR or other benchmark replacement.

Notwithstanding any other provision herein, none of the Trustee, any Paying Agent, Calculation Agent, Registrar or Transfer Agent shall be required to determine what conforming changes will need to be made to the Conditions or documentation related thereto which reference EURIBOR, SOFR, SONIA or €STR, or SOFR. Such changes shall be determined by the Issuer.

5.3 Exempt Notes

In the case of Exempt Notes which are also Floating Rate Notes, if the Reference Rate from time to time is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as being other than EURIBOR, SONIA, SOFR or €STR, the Rate of Interest in respect of such Exempt Notes will be determined as provided in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

The rate or amount of interest payable in respect of Exempt Notes which are not also Fixed Rate Notes or Floating Rate Notes shall be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

5.4 Accrual of interest

Each Note (or in the case of the redemption of part only of a Note, that part only of such Note) will cease to bear interest (if any) from the date for its redemption unless payment of principal is improperly withheld or refused. In such event, interest will continue to accrue until whichever is the earlier of:

- (A) the date on which all amounts due in respect of such Note have been paid; and
- (B) as provided in the Trust Deed.

6 PAYMENTS

6.1 Method of payment

Subject as provided below:

- (A) payments in a Specified Currency other than euro will be made by credit or transfer to an account in the relevant Specified Currency maintained by the payee with a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively); and
- (B) payments will be made in euro by credit or transfer to a euro account (or any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee.

Payments will be subject in all cases to (i) any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment or other laws and regulations to which the Issuer, the Guarantor or their Agents are subject, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 8 and (ii) any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the **Code**) or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, any official interpretations thereof, or (without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 8) any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto.

6.2 Presentation of definitive Bearer Notes and Coupons

Payments of principal in respect of definitive Bearer Notes will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in Condition 6.1 above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of definitive Bearer Notes, and payments of interest in respect of definitive Bearer Notes will (subject as provided below) be made as aforesaid only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of Coupons, in each case at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States (which expression, as used herein, means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia and its possessions)).

Fixed Rate Notes in definitive bearer form (other than Long Maturity Notes (as defined below)) should be presented for payment together with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto (which expression shall for this purpose include Coupons falling to be issued on exchange of matured Talons), failing which the amount of any missing unmatured Coupon (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, the same proportion of the amount of such missing unmatured Coupon as the sum so paid bears to the sum due) will be deducted from the sum due for payment. Each amount of principal so deducted will be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of the relative missing Coupon at any time before the expiry of 10 years after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 8) in respect of such principal (whether or not such Coupon would otherwise have become void under Condition 9) or, if later, five years from the date on which such Coupon would otherwise have become due, but in no event thereafter.

Upon any Fixed Rate Note in definitive bearer form becoming due and repayable prior to its Maturity Date, all unmatured Talons (if any) appertaining thereto will become void and no further Coupons will be issued in respect thereof.

Upon the date on which any Floating Rate Note or Long Maturity Note in definitive bearer form becomes due and repayable, unmatured Coupons and Talons (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment or, as the case may be, exchange for further Coupons shall be made in respect thereof. A **Long Maturity Note** is a Fixed Rate Note (other than a Fixed Rate Note which on issue had a Talon attached) whose principal amount on issue is less than the aggregate interest payable thereon provided that such Note shall cease to be a Long Maturity Note on the Interest Payment Date on which the aggregate amount of interest remaining to be paid after that date is less than the principal amount of such Note.

If the due date for redemption of any definitive Bearer Note is not an Interest Payment Date, interest (if any) accrued in respect of such Note from (and including) the preceding Interest Payment Date or, as the case may be, the Interest Commencement Date shall be payable only against surrender of the relevant definitive Bearer Note.

6.3 Payments in respect of Bearer Global Notes

Payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of Notes represented by any Global Note in bearer form will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner specified above in relation to definitive Bearer Notes or otherwise in the manner specified in the relevant Global Note, where applicable against presentation or surrender, as the case may be, of such Global Note at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States. A record of each payment made, distinguishing between any payment of principal and any payment of interest, will be made either on such Global Note by the Paying Agent to which it was presented or in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable.

6.4 Payments in respect of Registered Notes

Payments of principal in respect of each Registered Note (whether or not in global form) will be made against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the Registered Note at the specified office of the Registrar or any of the Paying Agents. Such payments will be made by transfer to the Designated Account (as defined below) of the holder (or the first named of joint holders) of the Registered Note appearing in the register of holders of the Registered Notes maintained by the Registrar (the **Register**) (i) where in global form, at the close of the business day (being for this purpose a day on which Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg are open for business) before the relevant due date, and (ii) where in definitive form, at the close of business on the third business day (being for this purpose a day on which banks are open for business in the city where the specified office of the Registrar is located) before the relevant due date. For these purposes, **Designated Account** means the account (which, in the case of a payment in Japanese yen to a non resident of Japan, shall be a non resident account) maintained by a holder with a Designated Bank and identified as such in the Register and **Designated Bank** means (in the case of payment in a Specified Currency other than euro) a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively) and (in the case of a payment in euro) any bank which processes payments in euro.

Payments of interest in respect of each Registered Note (whether or not in global form) will be made by transfer on the due date to the Designated Account of the holder (or the first named of joint holders) of the Registered Note appearing in the Register (i) where in global form, at the close of the business day (being for this purpose a day on which Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg are open for business) before the relevant due date, and (ii) where in definitive form, at the close of business on the fifteenth day (whether or not such fifteenth day is a business day) before the relevant due date (the **Record Date**). Payment of the interest due in respect of each Registered Note on redemption will be made in the same manner as payment of the principal amount of such Registered Note.

No commissions or expenses shall be charged to the holders by the Registrar in respect of any payments of principal or interest in respect of Registered Notes.

None of the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee or the Agents will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial ownership interests in the Registered Global Notes or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

6.5 General provisions applicable to payments

The holder of a Global Note shall be the only person entitled to receive payments in respect of Notes represented by such Global Note and the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Note in respect of each amount so paid. Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the beneficial holder of a particular principal amount of Notes represented by such Global Note must look solely to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, for their share of each payment so made by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Note.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Condition, if any amount of principal and/or interest in respect of Bearer Notes is payable in U.S. dollars, such U.S. dollar payments of principal and/or interest in respect of such Notes will be made at the specified office of a Paying Agent in the United States if:

- (A) the Issuer has appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment in U.S. dollars at such specified offices outside the United States of the full amount of principal and interest on the Bearer Notes in the manner provided above when due;
- (B) payment of the full amount of such principal and interest at all such specified offices outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions on the full payment or receipt of principal and interest in U.S. dollars; and
- (C) such payment is then permitted under United States law without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer and the Guarantor, adverse tax consequences to the Issuer or the Guarantor.

6.6 Payment Day

If the date for payment of any amount in respect of any Note or Coupon is not a Payment Day, the holder thereof shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day in the relevant place and shall not be entitled to further interest or other payment in respect of such delay. For these purposes, **Payment Day** means any day which (subject to Condition 9) is:

- (A) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits):
 - (i) in the case of Notes in definitive form only, in the relevant place of presentation; and
 - (ii) in each Additional Financial Centre (other than T2) specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- (B) if T2 is specified as an Additional Financial Centre in the applicable Final Terms, a day on which T2 is open; and
- (C) either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively) or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which T2 is open.

6.7 Interpretation of principal and interest

Any reference in the Conditions to principal in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable:

- (A) any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to principal under Condition 8 or under any undertaking or covenant given in addition thereto, or in substitution therefor, pursuant to the Trust Deed;
- (B) the Final Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (C) the Early Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (D) the Optional Redemption Amount(s) (if any) of the Notes;

- (E) the Change of Control Put Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (F) the Clean-up Call Redemption Amount (if any) of the Notes; and
- (G) any premium and any other amounts (other than interest) which may be payable by the Issuer under or in respect of the Notes.

Any reference in the Conditions to interest in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable, any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to interest under Condition 8 or under any undertaking or covenant given in addition thereto, or in substitution therefor, pursuant to the Trust Deed.

7 REDEMPTION AND PURCHASE

7.1 Redemption at maturity

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as specified below, each Note will be redeemed by the Issuer at its Final Redemption Amount specified in the applicable Final Terms in the relevant Specified Currency on the Maturity Date specified in the applicable Final Terms.

7.2 Redemption for tax reasons

The Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, at any time (if this Note is not a Floating Rate Note) or on any Interest Payment Date (if this Note is a Floating Rate Note), on giving not less than the minimum period nor more than the maximum period of notice specified in the applicable Final Terms to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14 (which notice shall be irrevocable), the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent and (in the case of Registered Notes) the Registrar, if the Issuer satisfies the Trustee immediately before the giving of such notice that:

- (A) as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of a Relevant Jurisdiction (as defined in Condition 8) or any change in the application or official interpretation of the laws or regulations of a Relevant Jurisdiction, which change or amendment becomes effective on or after the date on which agreement is reached to issue the first Tranche of the Notes, on the next Interest Payment Date: (i) the Issuer would be required to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 8 or (ii) the Guarantor would be unable for reasons outside its control to procure payment by the Issuer and in making payment itself would be required to pay such additional amounts; and
- (B) the requirement cannot be avoided by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor taking reasonable measures available to it,

provided that no such notice of redemption shall be given earlier than 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor would be required to pay such additional amounts were a payment in respect of the Notes then due.

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee (i) a certificate signed by two Authorised Signatories (as defined in the Trust Deed) of the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor stating that the requirement referred to in (A) above will apply on the next Interest Payment Date and cannot be avoided by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor taking reasonable measures available to it and (ii) an opinion of independent legal advisers of recognised standing to the effect that the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor has or will become obliged to pay such additional amounts as a result of such change or amendment and the Trustee shall be entitled to accept

the certificate as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set out above, in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on the Noteholders and the Couponholders.

Notes redeemed pursuant to this Condition 7.2 will be redeemed at the Early Redemption Amount specified in the applicable Final Terms together with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

7.3 Redemption at the option of the Issuer (Issuer Call)

This Condition 7.3 applies to Notes which are subject to redemption prior to the Maturity Date at the option of the Issuer (other than for taxation reasons), such option being referred to as an Issuer Call. The applicable Final Terms contains provisions applicable to any Issuer Call and must be read in conjunction with this Condition 7.3 for full information on any Issuer Call. In particular, the applicable Final Terms will identify the Optional Redemption Date(s), the Optional Redemption Amount, any minimum or maximum amount of Notes which can be redeemed and the applicable notice periods.

If "*Issuer Call*" is specified as being "Applicable" in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may, having given not less than the minimum period nor more than the maximum period of notice specified in applicable Final Terms to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14, the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent and (in the case of Registered Notes) the Registrar (which notice shall, subject as follows, be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption but may (at the option of the Issuer) be conditional on one or more conditions precedent being satisfied, or waived, by the Issuer), redeem all or some only (if "*Partial Redemption*" is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being "Applicable") of the Notes then outstanding on any Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms together with interest accrued to (but excluding) the relevant Optional Redemption Date. If "*Partial Redemption*" is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being "Applicable", any such redemption must be of a principal amount not less than the Minimum Redemption Amount and not more than the Maximum Redemption Amount, in each case as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Optional Redemption Amount will either be the specified percentage of the principal amount of the Notes stated in the applicable Final Terms or, if either Sterling Make Whole Redemption Amount or Make Whole Redemption Amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, will be:

- (A) if "*Sterling Make Whole Redemption Amount*" is specified as the Optional Redemption Amount in the applicable Final Terms, the higher of (i) 100 per cent. of the principal amount outstanding of the Notes to be redeemed and (ii) the principal amount outstanding of the Notes to be redeemed multiplied by the price, as reported to the Issuer, the Principal Paying Agent and the Trustee by the Determination Agent, at which the Gross Redemption Yield to the Maturity Date (or, if a Par Call Period is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Gross Redemption Yield to the Par Call Period Commencement Date) on such Notes on the Reference Date is equal to the Gross Redemption Yield (determined by reference to the middle market price) at the Quotation Time on the Reference Date of the Reference Bond plus the Redemption Margin; or
- (B) if "*Make Whole Redemption Amount*" is specified as the Optional Redemption Amount in the applicable Final Terms, the higher of (i) 100 per cent. of the principal amount outstanding of the Notes to be redeemed and (ii) the sum of the present values of the principal amount outstanding of the Notes to be redeemed (assuming if a Par Call Period is specified in the applicable Final Terms, that the Notes are redeemed on the Par Call Period Commencement Date) and the Remaining Term Interest on such Notes

(exclusive of interest accrued to the date of redemption) and such present values shall be calculated by discounting such amounts to the date of redemption on an annual, a semi-annual or such other basis as is equivalent to the frequency of interest payments on the Notes (as determined by the Determination Agent) at the Reference Bond Rate plus the Redemption Margin, as reported to the Issuer, the Principal Paying Agent and the Trustee by the Determination Agent,

all as determined by the Determination Agent.

In the case of a partial redemption of Notes, the Notes to be redeemed (**Redeemed Notes**) will (i) in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, be selected individually by lot, not more than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption and (ii) in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by a Global Note, be selected in accordance with the rules of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, (to be reflected in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg as either a pool factor or a reduction in principal amount, at their discretion). In the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, a list of the serial numbers of such Redeemed Notes will be published in accordance with Condition 14 not less than 10 days prior to the date fixed for redemption.

In this Condition 7.3:

DA Selected Bond means a government security or securities selected by the Determination Agent as having an actual or interpolated maturity comparable with the remaining term of the Notes to the Maturity Date (or, if a Par Call Period is specified in the applicable Final Terms, to the Par Call Period Commencement Date) that would be utilised, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities denominated in the Specified Currency and of a comparable maturity to the remaining term of the Notes to the Maturity Date (or, if a Par Call Period is specified in the applicable Final Terms, to the Par Call Period Commencement Date);

Determination Agent means an investment bank or financial institution of international standing selected by the Issuer and notified to the Trustee;

Gross Redemption Yield means, with respect to a security, the gross redemption yield on such security, expressed as a percentage and calculated by the Determination Agent on the basis set out by the UK Debt Management Office in the paper "Formulae for Calculating Gilt Prices from Yields", page 4, Section One: Price/Yield Formulae "Conventional Gilts" (published on 8 June 1998, as amended, supplemented or updated from time to time) on a semi-annual compounding basis converted (in the case of Notes with annual Interest Payment Dates) to an annualised yield or (in the case of Notes which do not have annual or semi-annual Interest Payment Dates) to a yield on such basis as shall be equivalent to the frequency of interest payments on the Notes (as determined by the Determination Agent) and rounded up (if necessary) to four decimal places or, if such formula does not reflect generally accepted market practice at the time of redemption, a gross redemption yield calculated in accordance with generally accepted market practice at such time as determined by the Determination Agent;

Par Call Period shall be as specified in the applicable Final Terms;

Quotation Time shall be as specified in the applicable Final Terms;

Redemption Margin shall be as specified in the applicable Final Terms;

Reference Bond shall be as specified in the applicable Final Terms or the DA Selected Bond;

Reference Bond Price means, with respect to any date of redemption, (a) the arithmetic average of the Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations for such date of redemption, after excluding the highest and lowest such Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations, or (b) if the Determination Agent obtains fewer than four such Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations, the arithmetic average of all such quotations;

Reference Bond Rate means, with respect to any date of redemption, the rate per annum equal to the annual or semi-annual yield (as the case may be) to maturity or interpolated yield to maturity (on the relevant day count basis) of the Reference Bond, assuming a price for the Reference Bond (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Reference Bond Price for such date of redemption;

Reference Date will be set out in the relevant notice of redemption;

Reference Government Bond Dealer means each of the five banks selected by the Issuer, or their affiliates, which are (A) primary government securities dealers, and their respective successors, or (B) market makers in pricing corporate bond issues;

Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations means, with respect to each Reference Government Bond Dealer and any date of redemption, the arithmetic average, as determined by the Determination Agent, of the bid and offered prices for the Reference Bond (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount) at the Quotation Time on the Reference Date quoted in writing to the Determination Agent by such Reference Government Bond Dealer; and

Remaining Term Interest means, with respect to any Note, the aggregate amount of scheduled payment(s) of interest on such Note for the remaining term of such Note to the Maturity Date (or, if a Par Call Period is specified in the applicable Final Terms, to the Par Call Period Commencement Date) determined on the basis of the rate of interest applicable to such Note from (and including) the date on which such Note is to be redeemed by the Issuer pursuant to this Condition 7.3.

7.4 Redemption at the option of the Noteholders following a Change of Control

(A) A **Put Event** will be deemed to occur if:

- (i) any person or any persons acting in concert (as defined in the City Code on Takeovers and Mergers), other than a holding company (as defined in section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006) whose shareholders are or are to be substantially similar to the pre-existing shareholders of the Guarantor, shall become interested (within the meaning of Part 22 of the Companies Act 2006) in (a) more than 50 per cent. of the issued or allotted ordinary share capital of the Guarantor or (b) shares in the capital of the Guarantor carrying more than 50 per cent. of the voting rights normally exercisable at a general meeting of the Guarantor (each, a **Change of Control**); and
- (ii) on the date (the **Relevant Announcement Date**) that is the earlier of (x) the date of the first public announcement of the relevant Change of Control; and (y) the date of the earliest Relevant Potential Change of Control Announcement (if any), the Notes carry from any of Moody's Investors Service Limited (**Moody's**) or S&P Global Ratings (UK) Limited (**S&P**) or any of their respective successors, or any Substitute Rating Agency as defined in the Trust Deed or any other rating agency (for the purposes of this Condition 7.4, each, a **Substitute Rating Agency**) of equivalent international standing specified by the Issuer from time to time and agreed in writing by the Trustee (and the Trustee may (and shall if so required

by the Issuer), in each case at the Issuer's (or, failing whom, the Guarantor's) expense and/or subject to it being indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction consult and may rely absolutely on advice from a reputable financial adviser in this regard and shall not be liable for such reliance) or any such Substitute Rating Agency's successor (each, a **Rating Agency**):

- (a) on a solicited basis, an Investment Grade credit rating, and such rating from any Rating Agency is within the Change of Control Period either downgraded to below Investment Grade or withdrawn and is not within the Change of Control Period subsequently (I) (in the case of a downgrade) upgraded or (in the case of a withdrawal) reinstated to an Investment Grade credit rating by such Rating Agency or (II) replaced by an Investment Grade credit rating by a Substitute Rating Agency; or
- (b) on a solicited basis, a credit rating below Investment Grade, and such rating from any Rating Agency is within the Change of Control Period downgraded by one or more notches (for illustration, Ba1/BB+ to Ba2/BB being one notch) or withdrawn and is not within the Change of Control Period subsequently (I) (in the case of a downgrade) upgraded or (in the case of a withdrawal) reinstated to its earlier credit rating or better by such Rating Agency or (II) replaced by a credit rating from a Substitute Rating Agency that is equivalent to or better than such Rating Agency's earlier credit rating; or
- (c) no credit rating on a solicited basis and a Negative Rating Event also occurs within the Change of Control Period,

provided that (x) if on the Relevant Announcement Date the Notes carry a credit rating from more than one Rating Agency on a solicited basis, at least one of which is Investment Grade, then sub-paragraph (a) will apply and (y) any such credit rating which is provided on an unsolicited basis will be disregarded for the purposes of sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c); and

- (iii) in making the relevant decision(s) referred to above, the relevant Rating Agency announces publicly or confirms in writing to the Guarantor or the Trustee that such decision(s) resulted, in whole or in part, from the occurrence of the Change of Control or the Relevant Potential Change of Control Announcement. Upon receipt by the Guarantor or the Trustee of any such written confirmation, the Issuer shall forthwith give notice of such written confirmation to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14.

If the rating designations employed by any of S&P or Moody's are changed from those which are described in paragraph (ii) of the definition of "Put Event" above, or if a rating is procured from a Substitute Rating Agency, the Issuer shall determine, with the agreement of the Trustee (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), the rating designations of S&P or Moody's or such Substitute Rating Agency (as appropriate) as are most equivalent to the prior rating designations of S&P or Moody's and this Condition 7.4 shall be read accordingly.

Neither the Trustee nor any Agent shall be responsible for monitoring the rating of any Notes issued by the Issuer and the Trustee and Agents shall not be liable to any person in relation thereto.

- (B) If a Put Event occurs and is then continuing, the holder of any Note will have the option to require the Issuer to redeem or, at the Issuer's option, purchase (or procure the purchase of) such Note on the Put Date (as defined below) at an amount equal to its principal amount (the **Change of Control Put Redemption Amount**), together with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or purchase.
- (C) Promptly upon the Issuer becoming aware that a Put Event has occurred and in any event within 14 days of the occurrence of the relevant Put Event, the Issuer shall, and at any time upon the Trustee becoming similarly so aware the Trustee may, and if so requested in writing by the holders of at least one-fifth of the principal amount of the Notes then outstanding or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders shall (subject in each case to being indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction), give notice (a **Put Event Notice**) to the Noteholders (and, in the case of the Issuer, to the Trustee) in accordance with Condition 14 specifying the nature of the Put Event and the procedure for exercising the option contained in this Condition 7.4.
- (D) To exercise the right to require redemption of this Note under this Condition 7.4 the holder of this Note must, if this Note is in definitive form and held outside Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, deliver, at the specified office of any Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Notes) or the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes) at any time during normal business hours of such Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar falling within the period (the **Put Period**) of 60 days after a Put Event Notice is given, a duly completed and signed notice of exercise in the form (for the time being current) obtainable from the specified office of any Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar (a **Change of Control Put Notice**) and in which the holder must specify a bank account to which payment is to be made under this Condition and, in the case of Registered Notes, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed and, if less than the full principal amount of the Registered Notes so surrendered is to be redeemed, an address to which a new Registered Note in respect of the balance of such Registered Notes is to be sent subject to and in accordance with the provisions of Condition 2.2. If this Note is in definitive bearer form, the Change of Control Put Notice must be accompanied by this Note or evidence satisfactory to the Paying Agent concerned that this Note will, following delivery of the Change of Control Put Notice, be held to its order or under its control.

If this Note is represented by a Global Note or is in definitive form and held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, to exercise the right to require redemption of this Note the holder of this Note must, within the Put Period, give notice to the Principal Paying Agent of such exercise in accordance with the standard procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (which may include notice being given on their instruction by Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any common depositary or common safekeeper, as the case may be for them to the Principal Paying Agent by electronic means) in a form acceptable to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg from time to time.

Any Change of Control Put Notice or other notice given in accordance with the standard procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg by a holder of any Note pursuant to this Condition 7.4 shall be irrevocable except where, prior to the due date of redemption, an Event of Default has occurred and the Trustee has declared the Notes to be due and payable pursuant to Condition 10, in which event such holder, at its

option, may elect by notice to the Issuer to withdraw the notice given pursuant to this Condition 7.4.

- (E) Without prejudice to Condition 7.5, if applicable, if the Change of Control Put Clean-up Threshold or more of the principal amount of the Notes then outstanding have been redeemed or purchased pursuant to this Condition 7.4, the Issuer may, on not less than 30 or more than 60 days' notice to the Noteholders given within 30 days after the Put Date, redeem or, at its option, purchase (or procure the purchase of) the remaining Notes as a whole at an amount equal to their principal amount, together with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or purchase.

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition 7.4(E), the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee a certificate signed by two Authorised Signatories of the Issuer stating that, as at the date of the certificate, the Change of Control Put Clean-up Threshold or more of the principal amount of the Notes then outstanding have been redeemed or purchased pursuant to Condition 7.4 and the Trustee shall be entitled to accept the certificate (without enquiry or liability) as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the condition set out above, in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on the Noteholders and the Couponholders.

- (F) In this Condition 7.4:

Change of Control Period means the period commencing on the Relevant Announcement Date and ending 120 days after the Change of Control (or such longer period for which the Notes are under consideration (such consideration having been announced publicly within the period ending 120 days after the Change of Control) for rating review or, as the case may be, rating by a Rating Agency, such period not to exceed 60 days after the public announcement of such consideration);

Investment Grade means Baa3/BBB- or equivalent, or better;

a **Negative Rating Event** shall be deemed to have occurred, at any time, if at such time there is no rating assigned to the Notes by a Rating Agency on a solicited basis (i) the Guarantor does not, either prior to, or not later than 21 days after, the occurrence of the relevant Change of Control seek, and thereafter throughout the Change of Control Period use all reasonable endeavours to obtain, a rating of the Notes from a Rating Agency on a solicited basis; or (ii) if the Guarantor does so seek and use such endeavours, it is unable to obtain such rating of at least Investment Grade by the end of the Change of Control Period;

Put Date means the date which is fifteen days after the expiration of the Put Period; and

Relevant Potential Change of Control Announcement means any public announcement or statement by the Issuer, any actual or potential bidder or any advisor thereto relating to any potential Change of Control where within 180 days following the date of such announcement or statement, a Change of Control occurs.

7.5 Clean-up Call

This Condition 7.5 applies to Notes where "*Clean-up Call*" is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being "Applicable", such option being referred to as a **Clean-up Call**.

The applicable Final Terms contains provisions applicable to any Clean-up Call and must be read in conjunction with this Condition 7.5 for full information on any Clean-up Call. In

particular, the applicable Final Terms will identify the Clean-up Call Redemption Amount, the Clean-up Call Threshold and the applicable notice periods.

If Clean-up Call is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms and at any time after the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes, the Clean-up Call Threshold or more of the aggregate principal amount of any Series of Notes originally issued (and, for these purposes, any further securities issued pursuant to Condition 18 so as to be consolidated and form a single series with the Notes will be deemed to have been originally issued) has been purchased by the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the Guarantor's other Subsidiaries and cancelled pursuant to the Conditions, then the Issuer may, having given not less than the minimum period nor more than the maximum period of notice in accordance with the notice specified in the applicable Final Terms to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14, the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent and (in the case of Registered Notes) the Registrar (which notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption), redeem all (but not some only) of the Notes outstanding at the Clean-up Call Redemption Amount specified in the applicable Final Terms, together with interest accrued to (but excluding) the relevant date of redemption.

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition 7.5, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee a certificate signed by two Authorised Signatories of the Issuer stating that, as at the date of the certificate, the Clean-up Call Threshold or more of the aggregate principal amount of the Series of Notes originally issued has been purchased by the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the Guarantor's other Subsidiaries and cancelled and the Trustee shall be entitled to accept the certificate (without enquiry or liability) as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the conditions set out above, in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on the Noteholders and the Couponholders.

7.6 Purchases

The Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the Guarantor's other Subsidiaries may at any time purchase Notes (provided that, in the case of definitive Bearer Notes, all unmatured Coupons and Talons appertaining thereto are purchased therewith) in any manner and at any price. All Notes which are purchased by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the Guarantor's other Subsidiaries pursuant to this Condition 7.6 may, at the Issuer's option, be cancelled (together with all unmatured Coupons and Talons attached thereto or surrendered therewith), held, resold or reissued.

7.7 Cancellation

All Notes which are redeemed, or which are purchased and surrendered for cancellation pursuant to Condition 7.4, will be cancelled (together with all unmatured Coupons and Talons attached thereto or surrendered therewith at the time of redemption or purchase).

8 TAXATION

All payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes and Coupons (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any purchase price payable pursuant to Condition 7.4), by or on behalf of the Issuer or the Guarantor shall be made without withholding or deduction for, or on account of, any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature (**Taxes**) imposed or levied by or on behalf of the Relevant Jurisdiction unless the withholding or deduction for, or on account of, the Taxes is required by law. In that event, the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor will pay such additional amounts as may be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the holders of the Notes or Coupons after the withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts of principal and interest which would have been receivable in respect of the Notes

or Coupons, as the case may be, in the absence of the withholding or deduction; except that no additional amounts shall be payable in relation to any payment in respect of any Note or Coupon:

- (A) presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who is liable to the Taxes in respect of such Note or Coupon by reason of the holder having some connection with any Relevant Jurisdiction other than the mere holding of such Note or Coupon; or
- (B) presented for payment more than 30 days after the Relevant Date (as defined below) except to the extent that the holder thereof would have been entitled to additional amounts on presenting the same for payment on the last day of the period of 30 days assuming, whether or not such is in fact the case, that day to have been a Payment Day (as defined in Condition 6.6).

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Conditions, in no event will the Issuer or the Guarantor be required to pay any additional amounts in respect of the Notes and Coupons for, or on account of, any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the Code or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, or any official interpretations thereof, or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto.

As used herein:

- (i) the **Relevant Date** means the date on which such payment first becomes due, except that, if the full amount of the moneys payable has not been duly received by the Trustee or the Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar, as the case may be, on or prior to such due date, it means the date on which, the full amount of such moneys having been so received, notice to that effect is duly given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 14; and
- (ii) **Relevant Jurisdiction** means the United Kingdom or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax or any other jurisdiction or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax to which the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor becomes subject in respect of payments made by it in respect of the Notes and Coupons.

9 PRESCRIPTION

The Notes (whether in bearer or registered form) and Coupons will become void unless claims in respect of principal and/or interest are made within a period of 10 years (in the case of principal) and five years (in the case of interest) after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 8) therefor.

There shall not be included in any Coupon sheet issued on exchange of a Talon any Coupon the claim for payment in respect of which would be void pursuant to this Condition or Condition 6.2 or any Talon which would be void pursuant to Condition 6.2.

10 EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND ENFORCEMENT

10.1 Events of Default

The Trustee at its discretion may, and if so requested in writing by the holders of at least one-quarter of the principal amount of the Notes then outstanding or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution shall (subject in each case to being indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction), (but, except in the case of sub-paragraphs (A) and (in the case of a winding up or dissolution of the Issuer or the Guarantor) (D) below, only if the Trustee shall have certified in writing to the Issuer and the Guarantor that such event is, in its opinion, materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders), give notice in writing to the Issuer that each Note is, and each Note shall thereupon immediately become, due and

repayable at its Early Redemption Amount together with accrued interest as provided in the Trust Deed if any of the following events (each, together with, where applicable, the certification by the Trustee as referred to above, an **Event of Default**) shall occur:

- (A) if default is made in the payment of any principal or purchase price upon due redemption or purchase pursuant to Condition 7.2, 7.3, 7.4 or 7.5 or of any interest due in respect of the Notes or any of them and the default continues for a period of 5 days in the case of principal or purchase price or 10 days in the case of interest; or
- (B) if the Issuer or the Guarantor fails to perform or observe any of its other obligations under the Conditions or the Trust Deed and (except in any case where the Trustee considers the failure to be incapable of remedy, when no continuation or notice as is hereinafter mentioned will be required) the failure continues for the period of 30 days (or such longer period as the Trustee may permit) following the service by the Trustee on the Issuer or the Guarantor (as the case may be) of notice requiring the same to be remedied; or
- (C) if (i) any Indebtedness for Borrowed Money (as defined below) of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the Principal Subsidiaries becomes due and repayable prematurely by reason of an event of default (however described); or (ii) the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the Principal Subsidiaries fails to make any payment in respect of any Indebtedness for Borrowed Money on the due date for payment (as extended by any originally applicable grace period); or (iii) default is made by the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the Guarantor's other Subsidiaries in making any payment due under any guarantee and/or indemnity given by it in relation to any Indebtedness for Borrowed Money of any other person provided that no event described in this Condition 10.1(C) shall constitute an Event of Default unless the relevant amount of Indebtedness for Borrowed Money or other relevant liability due and unpaid, either alone or when aggregated (without duplication) with other amounts of Indebtedness for Borrowed Money and/or other liabilities due and unpaid relative to all (if any) other events specified in (i) to (iii) above, amounts to at least £15,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency); or
- (D) if any order is made by any competent court or resolution is passed for the winding up or dissolution of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the Principal Subsidiaries, save for the purposes of (i) reorganisation on terms previously approved in writing by the Trustee or by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders; or (ii) in the case of a Principal Subsidiary of the Guarantor a voluntary solvent winding up or dissolution in connection with the transfer of all or a major part of the business, undertaking and assets of such Principal Subsidiary to the Issuer, the Guarantor, another Principal Subsidiary or any Subsidiary of the Guarantor which becomes a Principal Subsidiary as a result of such transfer; or
- (E) if the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the Principal Subsidiaries ceases or threatens to cease to carry on the whole or substantially the whole of its business, save for the purposes of (i) reorganisation on terms previously approved in writing by the Trustee or by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders; or (ii) in the case of a Principal Subsidiary a voluntary solvent winding up or dissolution in connection with the transfer of all or a major part of the business, undertaking and assets of such Principal Subsidiary to the Issuer, the Guarantor, another Principal Subsidiary or any Subsidiary of the Guarantor which becomes a Principal Subsidiary as a result of such transfer, or the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the Principal Subsidiaries stops or threatens to stop payment of, or is unable to, or admits inability to, pay, its debts (or any class of its debts)

as they fall due or is deemed unable to pay its debts pursuant to or for the purposes of any applicable law, or is adjudicated or found bankrupt or insolvent; or

- (F) if (i) proceedings are initiated against the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the Principal Subsidiaries under any applicable liquidation, insolvency, composition, reorganisation or other similar laws or an application is made (or documents filed with a court) for the appointment of an administrative or other receiver, manager, administrator or other similar official, or an administrative or other receiver, manager, administrator or other similar official is appointed, in relation to the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the Principal Subsidiaries or, as the case may be, in relation to the whole or a substantial part of the undertaking or assets of any of them or an encumbrancer takes possession of the whole or a substantial part of the undertaking or assets of any of them, or a distress, execution, attachment, sequestration or other process is levied, enforced upon, sued out or put in force against the whole or a substantial part of the undertaking or assets of any of them, and (ii) in any such case (other than the appointment of an administrator or an administrative receiver appointed following presentation of a petition for an administration order) unless initiated by the relevant company, is not discharged within 30 days, and (iii) is not for the purposes of (a) a reorganisation on terms previously approved in writing by the Trustee or by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders, or (b) in the case of a Principal Subsidiary of the Guarantor, a voluntary solvent winding up or dissolution in connection with the transfer of all or a major part of the business, undertaking and assets of such Principal Subsidiary to the Issuer, the Guarantor, another Principal Subsidiary or any Subsidiary of the Guarantor which becomes a Principal Subsidiary as a result of such transfer; or
- (G) if the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the Principal Subsidiaries (or their respective directors or shareholders) initiates or consents to judicial proceedings relating to itself under any applicable liquidation, insolvency, composition, reorganisation or other similar laws (including the obtaining of a moratorium) or makes a conveyance or assignment for the benefit of, or enters into any composition or other arrangement with, its creditors generally (or any class of its creditors) or any meeting is convened to consider a proposal for an arrangement or composition with its creditors generally (or any class of its creditors) save for the purposes of (a) a reorganisation on terms previously approved in writing by the Trustee or by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders, or (b) in the case of a Principal Subsidiary, a voluntary solvent winding up or dissolution in connection with the transfer of all or a major part of the business, undertaking and assets of such Principal Subsidiary to the Issuer, the Guarantor, another Principal Subsidiary or any Subsidiary of the Guarantor which becomes a Principal Subsidiary as a result of such transfer; or
- (H) if the Guarantee ceases to be, or is claimed by the Issuer or the Guarantor not to be, in full force and effect; or
- (I) if any event occurs which, under the laws of any relevant jurisdiction, has an analogous effect to any of the events referred to in paragraphs (D) to (G) above.

10.2 Enforcement

- (A) Enforcement by the Trustee

The Trustee may at any time, at its discretion and without notice, take such proceedings and/or other steps or action (including lodging an appeal in any proceedings) against or in relation to the Issuer and/or the Guarantor as it may think fit to enforce the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Notes and any Coupons or otherwise, but it shall not be bound to take any

such proceedings or any other steps or action or to take any other steps or action under or pursuant to the Trust Deed unless (a) it shall have been so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution or so requested in writing by the holders of at least one-quarter of the principal amount of the Notes then outstanding and (b) it shall have been indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction.

(B) Limitation on Trustee actions

The Trustee may refrain from taking any action in any jurisdiction if the taking of such action in that jurisdiction would, in its opinion based upon legal advice in the relevant jurisdiction, be contrary to any law of that jurisdiction. Furthermore, the Trustee may also refrain from taking such action if it would otherwise render it liable to any person in that jurisdiction or if, in its opinion based upon such legal advice, it would not have the power to do the relevant thing in that jurisdiction by virtue of any applicable law in that jurisdiction or if it is determined by any court or other competent authority in that jurisdiction that it does not have such power.

(C) Enforcement by the Noteholders

No Noteholder or Couponholder shall be entitled to (i) take any steps or action against the Issuer or the Guarantor to enforce the performance of any of the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Notes or any Coupons or (ii) take any other proceedings (including lodging an appeal in any proceedings) in respect of or concerning the Issuer or the Guarantor, in each case unless the Trustee, having become bound so to take any such action, steps or proceedings, fails or is unable so to do within 60 days and the failure or inability is continuing.

10.3 Definitions

For the purposes of the Conditions:

Group means the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Guarantor's other Subsidiaries;

Indebtedness for Borrowed Money means any indebtedness (whether being principal, premium, interest or other amounts) for or in respect of any notes, bonds, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock or other securities or any borrowed money or any liability under or in respect of any acceptance or acceptance credit or any other transaction (including any forward sale or purchase agreement) which has the commercial effect of a borrowing;

Principal Subsidiary means, at any time, a Subsidiary of the Guarantor

- (A) whose turnover attributable to the Guarantor (unconsolidated in the case of a Subsidiary which itself has Subsidiaries) or whose total assets (unconsolidated in the case of a Subsidiary which itself has Subsidiaries) represent not less than 10 per cent. of the consolidated turnover or, as the case may be, consolidated total assets, of the Guarantor and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, all as calculated respectively by reference to the then latest audited accounts of such Subsidiary and the then latest audited consolidated accounts of the Guarantor and its Subsidiaries, provided that in the case of a Subsidiary of the Guarantor acquired after the end of the financial period to which the then latest audited consolidated accounts of the Guarantor and its Subsidiaries relate, the reference to the then latest audited consolidated accounts of the Guarantor and its Subsidiaries for the purposes of the calculation above shall, until consolidated accounts for the financial period in which the acquisition is made have been prepared and audited as aforesaid, be deemed to be a reference to such first-mentioned accounts as if such Subsidiary had been shown in such accounts by reference to its then latest relevant audited accounts, adjusted as deemed appropriate by the auditors; or

- (B) to which is transferred the whole or substantially the whole of the undertaking and assets of a Subsidiary of the Guarantor which immediately prior to such transfer is a Principal Subsidiary, provided that the transferor Subsidiary shall upon such transfer forthwith cease to be a Principal Subsidiary and the transferee Subsidiary shall cease to be a Principal Subsidiary pursuant to this sub-paragraph (B) on the date on which the consolidated accounts of the Guarantor and its Subsidiaries for the financial period current at the date of such transfer have been prepared and audited as aforesaid but so that such transferor Subsidiary or such transferee Subsidiary may be a Principal Subsidiary on or at any time after the date on which such consolidated accounts have been prepared and audited as aforesaid by virtue of the provisions of sub-paragraph (A) above or before, on or at any time after such date by virtue of the provisions of this sub-paragraph (B) For the purposes of this definition if there shall at any time not be any relevant audited consolidated accounts of the Guarantor and its Subsidiaries, references thereto herein shall be deemed to be references to a consolidation by the auditors of the relevant audited accounts of the Guarantor and its Subsidiaries.

A certificate signed by any two Authorised Signatories (as defined in the Trust Deed) of the Guarantor that in their opinion a Subsidiary of the Guarantor is or is not or was or was not at any particular time or throughout any specified period a Principal Subsidiary may be relied upon by the Trustee without further enquiry or evidence and, if relied upon by the Trustee, shall, in the absence of manifest or proven error, be conclusive and binding on all parties.

11 REPLACEMENT OF NOTES, COUPONS AND TALONS

Should any Note, Coupon or Talon be lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Notes or Coupons) or the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes) upon payment by the claimant of such costs and expenses as may be incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the Issuer may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Notes, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

12 AGENTS

The initial Agents are set out above. If any additional Paying Agents are appointed in connection with any Series, the names of such Paying Agents will be specified in Part B of the applicable Final Terms.

The Issuer is entitled, with the prior written approval of the Trustee, to vary or terminate the appointment of any Agent and/or appoint additional or other Agents and/or approve any change in the specified office through which any Agent acts, provided that:

- (A) there will at all times be a Principal Paying Agent and a Registrar; and
- (B) so long as the Notes are listed on any stock exchange or admitted to listing by any other relevant authority, there will at all times be a Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Notes) and a Transfer Agent (in the case of Registered Notes) with a specified office in such place as may be required by the rules and regulations of the relevant stock exchange or other relevant authority.

In addition, the Issuer shall forthwith appoint a Paying Agent having a specified office in New York City in the circumstances described in Condition 6.5. Notice of any variation, termination, appointment or change in Paying Agents will be given to the Noteholders promptly by the Issuer in accordance with Condition 14.

In acting under the Agency Agreement, the Agents act solely as agents of the Issuer and, in certain circumstances specified therein, of the Trustee and do not assume any obligation to, or relationship of agency or trust with, any Noteholder or Couponholder. The Agency Agreement contains provisions

permitting any entity into which any Agent is merged or converted or with which it is consolidated or to which it transfers all or substantially all of its assets to become the successor agent.

13 EXCHANGE OF TALONS

On and after the Interest Payment Date on which the final Coupon comprised in any Coupon sheet matures, the Talon (if any) forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of any Paying Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet including (if such further Coupon sheet does not include Coupons to (and including) the final date for the payment of interest due in respect of the Note to which it appertains) a further Talon, subject to the provisions of Condition 9.

14 NOTICES

All notices regarding the Bearer Notes will be deemed to be validly given if published in a leading English language daily newspaper of general circulation in London. It is expected that any such publication in a newspaper will be made in the Financial Times in London. The Issuer shall also publish notices in a manner which complies with the rules of any stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the Bearer Notes are for the time being listed or by which they have been admitted to trading including publication on the website of the relevant stock exchange or relevant authority if required by those rules. Any such notice will be deemed to have been given on the date of the first publication or, where required to be published in more than one newspaper, on the date of the first publication in all required newspapers. If publication as provided above is not practicable, a notice will be given in such other manner, and will be deemed to have been given on such date, as the Trustee shall approve. Couponholders will be deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notice given to the Noteholders in accordance with this paragraph.

All notices regarding the Registered Notes will be deemed to be validly given if sent by first class mail or (if posted to an address overseas) by airmail to the holders (or the first named of joint holders) at their respective addresses recorded in the Register and will be deemed to have been given on the fourth day after mailing and, in addition, for so long as any Registered Notes are listed on a stock exchange or are admitted to trading by another relevant authority and the rules of that stock exchange or relevant authority so require, such notice will be published by the Issuer on the website of the relevant stock exchange or relevant authority and/or in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the place or places required by those rules.

Until such time as any definitive Notes are issued, there may, so long as any Global Notes representing the Notes are held in their entirety on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, be substituted for such publication in such newspaper(s) or such websites or such mailing the delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg for communication by them to the custodian and/or the sub-custodian banks of the holders of the Notes and, in addition, for so long as any Notes are listed on a stock exchange or are admitted to trading by another relevant authority and the rules of that stock exchange or relevant authority so require, such notice will be published by the Issuer on the website of the relevant stock exchange or relevant authority and/or in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the place or places required by those rules. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given to the holders of the Notes on the day on which the said notice was given to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Notices to be given by any Noteholder shall be in writing and given by lodging the same, together (in the case of any Note in definitive form) with the relative Note or Notes, with the Principal Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Notes) or the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes). Whilst any of the Notes are represented by a Global Note, such notice may be given by any holder of a Note to the Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, in such manner as the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, may approve for this purpose.

15 MEETINGS OF NOTEHOLDERS, MODIFICATION, WAIVER, AUTHORISATION AND DETERMINATION

15.1 Meetings of Noteholders

The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening meetings (including by way of conference call or by use of a videoconference platform) of the Noteholders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the sanctioning by Extraordinary Resolution of a modification of the Notes, the Coupons or any of the provisions of the Trust Deed. Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Trustee and shall be convened by the Issuer if required in writing by Noteholders holding not less than ten per cent. of the principal amount of the Notes for the time being remaining outstanding. The quorum at any such meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution is one or more persons holding or representing more than 50 per cent. of the principal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned meeting one or more persons being or representing Noteholders whatever the principal amount of the Notes so held or represented, except that at any meeting the business of which includes the modification of certain provisions of the Notes or the Coupons or the Trust Deed (including modifying the date of maturity of the Notes or any date for payment of interest thereon, reducing or cancelling the amount of principal or the rate of interest payable in respect of the Notes or altering the currency of payment of the Notes or the Coupons), the quorum shall be one or more persons holding or representing not less than two-thirds of the principal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned such meeting one or more persons holding or representing not less than one-third of the principal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding. The Trust Deed provides that (i) a resolution passed at a meeting duly convened and held in accordance with the Trust Deed by a majority consisting of not less than three-fourths of the votes cast on such resolution, (ii) a resolution in writing signed by or on behalf of the holders of not less than three-fourths of the principal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding or (iii) consent given by way of electronic consents through the relevant clearing system(s) (in a form satisfactory to the Trustee) by or on behalf of the holders of not less than three-fourths of the principal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, shall, in each case, be effective as an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders. An Extraordinary Resolution passed by the Noteholders will be binding on all the Noteholders, whether or not they are present at any meeting, and whether or not they voted on the resolution, and on all Couponholders.

15.2 Modification, Waiver, Authorisation and Determination

The Trustee may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders or Couponholders, to any modification of, or to the waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach of, any of the provisions of the Notes, the Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement, or determine, without any such consent as aforesaid, that any Event of Default or Potential Event of Default (as defined in the Trust Deed) shall not be treated as such, provided that in any such case, it is not, in the opinion of the Trustee, materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders or may agree, without any such consent as aforesaid, to any modification which, in its opinion, is of a formal, minor or technical nature or to correct a manifest error.

The Trustee shall be obliged to concur with the Issuer in effecting any Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes or Benchmark Amendments required in order to give effect to Condition 5.2(B)(iii) or Condition 5.2(C) (as applicable) without the consent of the Noteholders or Couponholders.

15.3 Trustee to have Regard to Interests of Noteholders as a Class

In connection with the exercise by it of any of its trusts, powers, authorities and discretions (including, without limitation, any modification, waiver, authorisation, determination or substitution),

the Trustee shall have regard to the general interests of the Noteholders as a class (but shall not have regard to any interests arising from circumstances particular to individual Noteholders or Couponholders whatever their number) and, in particular but without limitation, shall not have regard to the consequences of any such exercise for individual Noteholders or Couponholders (whatever their number) resulting from their being for any purpose domiciled or resident in, or otherwise connected with, or subject to the jurisdiction of, any particular territory or any political sub-division thereof and the Trustee shall not be entitled to require, nor shall any Noteholder or Couponholder be entitled to claim, from the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee or any other person any indemnification or payment in respect of any tax consequences of any such exercise upon individual Noteholders or Couponholders except to the extent already provided for in Condition 8 and/or any undertaking or covenant given in addition to, or in substitution for, Condition 8 pursuant to the Trust Deed.

15.4 Notification to the Noteholders

Any modification, abrogation, waiver, authorisation or determination shall be binding on the Noteholders and the Couponholders and, unless the Trustee agrees otherwise, shall be notified by the Issuer to the Noteholders as soon as practicable thereafter in accordance with Condition 14.

16 SUBSTITUTION

The Trustee may, without the consent of the Noteholders or Couponholders, agree with the Issuer and the Guarantor to the substitution in place of the Issuer (or of any previous substitute under this Condition) as the principal debtor under the Notes, the Coupons and the Trust Deed of any other Subsidiary of the Guarantor, subject to:

- (A) the Notes continuing to be unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the Guarantor;
- (B) the Trustee being satisfied that the interests of the Noteholders will not be materially prejudiced by the substitution; and
- (C) certain other conditions set out in the Trust Deed being complied with.

Any substitution shall be binding on the Noteholders and the Couponholders and shall be notified by the Issuer to the Noteholders as soon as practicable thereafter in accordance with Condition 14.

17 INDEMNIFICATION AND PROTECTION OF THE TRUSTEE AND ITS CONTRACTING WITH THE ISSUER AND/OR THE GUARANTOR

17.1 Indemnification and protection of the Trustee

The Trust Deed contains provisions for the indemnification of the Trustee and for its relief from responsibility and liability towards the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Noteholders and the Couponholders, including (i) provisions relieving it from taking action unless indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction and (ii) provisions limiting or excluding its liability in certain circumstances. The Trust Deed provides that, when determining whether an indemnity or any security or pre-funding is satisfactory to it, the Trustee shall be entitled (i) to evaluate its risk in any given circumstance by considering the worst-case scenario and (ii) to require that any indemnity or security given to it by the Noteholders or any of them be given on a joint and several basis and be supported by evidence satisfactory to it as to the financial standing and creditworthiness of each counterparty and/or as to the value of the security and an opinion as to the capacity, power and authority of each counterparty and/or the validity and effectiveness of the security.

17.2 Trustee Contracting with the Issuer and the Guarantor

The Trust Deed also contains provisions pursuant to which the Trustee is entitled, inter alia, (a) to enter into business transactions with the Issuer and/or the Guarantor and/or any of the Guarantor's

other Subsidiaries and to act as trustee for the holders of any other securities issued or guaranteed by, or relating to, the Issuer and/or the Guarantor and/or any of the Guarantor's other Subsidiaries, (b) to exercise and enforce its rights, comply with its obligations and perform its duties under or in relation to any such transactions or, as the case may be, any such trusteeship without regard to the interests of, or consequences for, the Noteholders or Couponholders and (c) to retain and not be liable to account for any profit made or any other amount or benefit received thereby or in connection therewith.

18 FURTHER ISSUES

The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time without the consent of the Noteholders or the Couponholders to create and issue further notes having terms and conditions the same as the Notes or the same in all respects save for the amount and date of the first payment of interest thereon and the date from which interest starts to accrue and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single Series with the outstanding Notes.

19 CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999

No person shall have any right to enforce any term or condition of this Note under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999, but this does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available apart from that Act.

20 GOVERNING LAW

20.1 Governing law

The Trust Deed (including the Guarantee), the Agency Agreement, the Notes and the Coupons and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement, the Notes and the Coupons are governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law.

20.2 Submission to jurisdiction

- (A) Subject to Condition 20.2(C) below, the English courts have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute arising out of or in connection with the Trust Deed, the Notes and/or the Coupons, including any dispute as to their existence, validity, interpretation, performance, breach or termination or the consequences of their nullity and any dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Trust Deed, the Notes and/or the Coupons (a **Dispute**) and accordingly each of the Issuer and the Trustee and any Noteholders or Couponholders in relation to any Dispute submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.
- (B) For the purposes of this Condition 20.2, each of the Issuer and the Guarantor waives any objection to the English courts on the grounds that they are an inconvenient or inappropriate forum to settle any Dispute.
- (C) To the extent allowed by law, the Trustee, the Noteholders and the Couponholders may, in respect of any Dispute or Disputes, take (i) proceedings in any other court with jurisdiction; and (ii) concurrent proceedings in any number of jurisdictions.

20.3 Other documents

Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor has in the Trust Deed and Agency Agreement submitted to the jurisdiction of the English courts.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds from each issue of Notes will be applied by the Issuer for its general corporate purposes, which may include, without limitation, making a profit and refinancing of existing indebtedness. If, in respect of an issue, there is a particular identified use of proceeds, this will be stated in the applicable Final Terms or the applicable Pricing Supplement, as the case may be.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUER

Introduction

NEXT Group plc (the **Issuer**) was incorporated under the laws of England and Wales on 19 December 2017 under the name NEXT Group Limited as a private limited company. On 28 December 2018, the Issuer re-registered under the name NEXT Group plc as a public limited company under the Companies Act. The Issuer acts as the intermediate holding company of the Group and substantially all of the Issuer's operations are carried out through its subsidiaries. The registered office of the Issuer is at Desford Road, Enderby, Leicester LE19 4AT in the United Kingdom and its telephone number is 0333 777 8888. The Issuer is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Guarantor and is under its direct control.

Principal activities

As at the date of this Prospectus, the Issuer acts as the intermediate holding company of the Group. Further details regarding the Group's principal activities, including those of the Issuer, are set out in the section headed "*Description of the Guarantor – Principal Activities*".

Board of Directors

The directors of the Issuer and their principal functions are as follows:

Title	Name	Significant Outside Interests
Executive Director	Lord Wolfson of Aspley Guise	-
Executive Director	Jonathan Blanchard	-

The Company Secretary of the Issuer is Seonna Anderson.

The usual business address of each of the directors and the company secretary is Desford Road, Enderby, Leicester LE19 4AT, United Kingdom.

As at the date of this Prospectus, all of the directors of the Issuer are closely involved with the Group and all of the directors of the Issuer are board members of other Group companies, including the Guarantor.

There are no potential conflicts of interest between the duties owed by the directors or the Company Secretary to the Issuer or other members of the Group and their private interests.

Share capital and shareholder

The issued share capital of the Issuer as at the date of this Prospectus comprised 50,000 ordinary shares of £1.00 each.

The entire issued share capital of the Issuer is owned by the Guarantor.

The issued share capital of the Issuer has not been admitted to trading on any recognised investment exchange.

Distributable Reserves

The distributable reserves figure in the Issuer as at 25 January 2025 was £6,460.8 million.

DESCRIPTION OF THE GUARANTOR

Introduction

NEXT plc (the **Guarantor**) was incorporated under the laws of England and Wales on 9 April 2002 and is the ultimate parent company of the Group and the direct parent company of the Issuer. Substantially all of the Guarantor's operations are carried out through the Issuer and its subsidiaries. The registered office of the Guarantor is at Desford Road, Enderby, Leicester LE19 4AT in the United Kingdom and its shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange. The Guarantor is a member of the FTSE100 and has a market capitalisation of around £14 billion as at the date of this Prospectus. NEXT Total Group sales and NEXT Group profit before tax for the financial year to January 2025 were £6,321 million and £1,011 million, respectively. The Guarantor's telephone number is 0333 777 4577.

Background

The Group was founded in 1864 when J Hepworth & Son (**Hepworths**) opened its first menswear store in Leeds, England. In 1981, Hepworths bought a chain of womenswear stores with the aim of developing a womenswear brand called NEXT. The first NEXT womenswear store opened in 1982 and over the following years menswear, childrenswear and homewear were added to the product ranges.

The Group is a UK based online and store retailer. It began as a small women's clothing business and has expanded its range to include clothing for women, men, children, and homewear. In 1987, it launched a direct to customer catalogue, which has since evolved into the UK's largest fashion online aggregation business. Evolution has been key to the Group's growth. Over time, the cumulative changes have produced a radically different business. From shops to online, from one brand to an aggregator of over 1,000 third-party brands, and from a UK-centric brand to one with increasing global reach.

Principal activities

The Group is a multi-channel retailer offering clothing, footwear, accessories and home products in the UK and, increasingly, internationally. The Group is primarily comprised of:

- *NEXT Online*: an online shopping business comprising Online UK with around 9.6 million customers in the year¹¹, and Online International with around 2.1 million customers in the year (excluding international third-party aggregator customers). Historically, the Group only sold NEXT-branded products. Today, the Online sales platform is no longer exclusively NEXT-branded, and non-NEXT brands now account for 42 per cent. of the Group's online sales in the UK.
- *NEXT Retail*: a chain of more than 450 stores in the UK and Ireland and around 190 franchised stores in 37 countries internationally. The Group's Retail stores play an important role in supporting the Group's Online customers; nearly half of UK Online orders are collected instore and the majority of returns are through the Group's Retail stores.
- *NEXT Finance*: a consumer credit business authorised and regulated by the FCA, supporting the Group's UK Online and Retail customers. Interest income for the year to January 2025 was £300 million.

¹¹ NEXT defines "customers in the year" as the total number of customers who placed an order in the year to January 2025.

- *Total Platform:* the Group leverages its infrastructure by offering a complete suite of online and retail services to third-party brands and makes investments in those third-party brands.
- *Wholly-owned brands and licenses:* the Group's in-house team designs and sells its own branded products outside the NEXT brand, such as Lipsy and Love & Roses. The Group also sells third-party brands, both through licencing arrangements and wholly-owned licences.
- *NEXT Sourcing:* the Group has a well-established supply chain that is supported by the Group's overseas sourcing operation, NEXT Sourcing Limited (**NSL**). NSL provides buying, sourcing and design skills, which support the Group's product teams in the UK.

Business strategies & objectives

The primary financial objective of the Group is the delivery of sustainable long term returns to shareholders through a combination of growth in earnings per share (**EPS**), the payment of cash dividends and share buybacks. The Group began using surplus cash to buy back shares in 2000 and this remains a key part of the Group's objective in providing shareholder value. The Group post-tax EPS increased by 9.9 per cent. in the year to January 2025 and over the six years to January 2025 has grown by over 35 per cent. This long term value has been created through the pursuit of the following strategies:

- **Add Value:** Use the Group's product skills, distribution networks, systems, services and sourcing to create goods and provide services that consumers cannot easily find elsewhere. Focus on customers' satisfaction levels by improving the customer experience in Retail stores and continuing to develop and enhance the website and app.
- **Play to our strengths:** Improve and develop the Group's product ranges by using the Group's design skills to create quality products at affordable prices. Increase the number of profitable Online customers and their spend, both in the UK and internationally. The Online business is complemented by the LABEL offering of branded products and, in the UK, the credit facilities (nextpay and pay in 3). The Group's objective is to be customers' first choice online retailer for clothing, beauty and home products.
- **Make a healthy margin:** Achieve healthy gross and net margins through efficient product sourcing, stock management and cost control.
- **Make good returns on capital invested:** Support the Group's access to low cost finance by maintaining a strong balance sheet and secure financing structure, make a return on capital commensurate with risk, using robust investment appraisal models, targeting financial hurdles, including cash payback and return on capital invested, and maximise the profitability of retail selling space.
- **Generate and return surplus cash to shareholders:** This is done by way of share buybacks and/or dividends.

Businesses

NEXT Online: is an internet shopping business comprising of the Group's UK business (**Online UK**) with around 9.6 million customers in the year, the Group's international online business (**Online International**) with around 4.1 million customers in the year. In the year to January 2025, Online UK operating profit amounted to £457 million (both Online UK and Online LABEL UK (as defined below)) on total sales of £2,540 million. In the UK, customers can spread the cost of their purchases using a NEXT credit account (see NEXT Finance below), which is financed and managed within the Group. A key objective for NEXT Online is to continue to improve customer convenience by seeking to minimise delivery times and

increasing customer options for deliveries and returns. NEXT Online continues to develop its Online International business, which had total sales of £930 million and operating profit of £131 million in the year to January 2025. As at the date of this Prospectus, deliveries are available to 83 countries with three international distribution hubs located in Northern Ireland, Germany and the Middle East which are fully integrated with the Group's cost-efficient distribution facilities. The objective for NEXT Online is to increase sales using the Group's digital marketing systems to target products and brands to customers. All marketing exercises are appraised through financial modelling to ensure they meet minimum return hurdles on capital and cash payback.

Within Online UK is the Group's LABEL business which sells over 1,000 third-party brands through the Group's website (**Online LABEL UK**). Online LABEL UK also includes in-house developed wholly-owned brands such as Love & Roses and Friends Like These. The Group also has licensing agreements under which third-party brands (as licensor) supplies NEXT (as licensee) with design inspiration and branding and the Group also acquires brand names and intellectual property, leveraging the Group's retail and delivery network to deliver these third-party branded products to customers in the UK and overseas. Third-party brands within the Group's licensing business include MADE and Cath Kidston, among many others. In the year to January 2025, the wholly-owned brands and licensing business made full price sales of £179 million.

NEXT Retail: currently trades from over 450 (predominantly leased) stores providing approximately 8.1 million square feet of retail space across the UK and Ireland and more than 175 franchised stores in 34 countries. In the year to January 2025, NEXT Retail operating profit amounted to £237 million on total sales of £1,849 million. As at January 2025, space occupied by concessions was 488,000 square feet, up from 471,000 square feet as at January 2024.

The store estate also continues to play an important part in fulfilling the Guarantor's objectives. In particular, nearly half of the Group's Online UK orders are collected instore and the majority of returns are through the Group's stores. The business maintains a disciplined approach to store investment where investment appraisals target hurdles for cash payback and return on capital and includes stress testing to measure downside sales scenarios. This approach is adopted for new store openings, refurbishments and for stores which are approaching their lease expiry. The objective for NEXT Retail is to ensure both existing and new store openings are profitable by adopting a disciplined approach to investment appraisals and the management of costs.

NEXT Finance: provides deferred payment and credit facilities to UK customers purchasing goods online and through Retail stores. The ability to sell products on credit has proven to be an attractive service to customers which benefits Online and Retail sales and the Group's profitability. The Group's customer receivables are a valuable asset, adding to the Group's financial strength. In the year to January 2025, NEXT Finance interest income from credit customers was £300 million and underlying profit, before cost of funding of £50 million and before the release of a one-off provision of £10 million, was £222 million. As at January 2025, customer receivables amounted to £1.3 billion with approximately 3.1 million credit customers in the year. Over the past six years customer receivables and interest income on customer accounts have grown by 6.5 per cent. and 11.6 per cent. respectively.

Total Platform (TP): essentially two related but separate businesses: an investment business and a services business that provides comprehensive outsourcing of warehousing, logistics, website infrastructure, and customer service operations required to run an online retail business. Profit from TP Investments (which includes brands such as Reiss, FatFace and Joules) in the year to January 2025 was £61.9 million and profit from TP services (which includes many brands within the Online LABEL UK business) in the year to January 2025 was £13 million. Given the increasing warehouse and logistics capacity within the business, the Group is increasingly orientating TP towards services.

NEXT Sourcing: is the Group's internal sourcing business which designs and sources NEXT-branded products for Retail and Online operations in competition with third party suppliers. The business operates from offices around the world including the UK, Hong Kong, China, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and India. In addition, NEXT Sourcing operates garment manufacturing facilities in Sri Lanka with circa 2,700 employees. NEXT Sourcing reported operating profits of £31.4 million in the year to January 2025.

The Group's operating businesses are supported by its central management functions, including a property division which operates the Group's freehold and leasehold assets. In total, the Group's other businesses and central activities, including NEXT Sourcing, reduced operating profits by £41.6 million in the year to January 2025.

During the year to January 2025, the Group incurred finance costs, including lease interest, of £97 million.

Share buybacks: An integral part of the Guarantor's strategy is to deliver sustainable long term returns to shareholders through a combination of growth in EPS and payment of cash dividends. The Guarantor adopts a disciplined approach to share buybacks and consistently applies the following rules and constraints on the price and quantum of share buybacks:

1. Share buybacks must be earnings enhancing and exceed the *Equivalent Rate of Return*¹² as defined below.
2. Investment in the business is prioritised over share buybacks.
3. The Guarantor is committed to ensuring that its share buyback activities do not threaten its investment grade credit rating and will not do so going forward.
4. For share buybacks to be an effective use of shareholder cash, the core business must have the prospect of long term growth.

Board of Directors

Title	Name	Significant Outside Interests
Chairman	Michael Roney	Non-executive director of US firm Brown-Forman Corporation.
Chief Executive	Lord Wolfson of Aspley Guise	-
Chief Finance Officer	Jonathan Blanchard	-
Group Merchandise and Operations Director	Richard Papp	-
Group Sales, Marketing and HR Director	Jane Shields	-
Group Investments, Acquisitions and Third Party Brands Director	Jeremy Stakol	-
Senior Independent director	Jonathan Bewes	Chair of MONY Group plc, a non-executive director and chair of the Audit and Risk Committee of The Sage Group plc, and a non-

¹² "Equivalent rate of return" (ERR) is the comparison between the earnings enhancement of a buyback compared to the return that would have to be achieved from investing the cash in an alternative investment; currently set at 8 per cent. When the share price exceeds the ERR, surplus cash flow generated in any year may be returned to shareholders by way of special dividend.

		executive director and chair of the Audit and Risk Committee of The Bank of England.
Independent non-executive director	Tom Hall	Supervisory board director of Wehkamp and non-executive director of Baltic Classifieds Group PLC.
Independent non-executive director	Dame Tristia Harrison	Trustee at national charities Ambitious about Autism and Crisis.
Independent non-executive director	Soumen Das	Chief Financial Officer of SEGRO plc.
Independent non-executive director	Amy Stirling	Chief Financial Officer of Hargreaves Lansdown.
Independent non-executive director	Venetia Butterfield	Managing Director of Cornerstone, part of the Penguin Group.

The Company Secretary is Seonna Anderson. All non-executive directors are members of the Audit, Remuneration and Nomination Committees. In addition, Michael Roney (Chairman) is a member of the Nomination and Remuneration Committees. The business address of each of the above persons is Desford Road, Enderby, Leicester LE19 4AT.

There are no contracts outside of the normal course of business which could result in any Group member being under an obligation which is material to the Guarantor's ability to meet its obligations under the issue of the Bonds.

There are no potential conflicts of interest between the duties owed by the directors or the Company Secretary to the Guarantor or other members of the Group and their private interests.

TAXATION

Tax legislation, including in the country where the investor is domiciled or tax resident and in the Issuer's country of incorporation, may have an impact on the income that an investor receives from the Notes.

UK TAXATION

The following comments are of a general nature and are based on the Issuer's understanding of current UK law and published HM Revenue and Customs' (HMRC) practice which may not be binding on HMRC and are subject to change (possibly with retrospective effect), in each case as at the date of this Prospectus. They are not intended to be exhaustive. They describe only the UK withholding tax treatment of payments of interest (as that term is understood for UK tax purposes) in respect of Notes. They do not deal with any other UK taxation implications of acquiring, holding or disposing of Notes. They relate only to the position of persons who are the absolute beneficial owners of the Notes and may not apply to certain classes of persons such as dealers, persons connected with the Issuer, professional investors and persons who have acquired their Notes by reason of their employment, to whom special rules apply. Prospective Noteholders who may be subject to tax in a jurisdiction other than the UK or who may be unsure as to their tax position should seek their own professional advice.

Payments of interest on the Notes may be made without deduction of or withholding for or on account of UK income tax provided that the Notes are and continue to be "quoted Eurobonds" within the meaning of section 987 of the Income Tax Act 2007. The Notes will constitute "quoted Eurobonds" while they carry a right to interest and are and continue to be listed on a "recognised stock exchange" within the meaning of section 1005 of the Income Tax Act 2007. The London Stock Exchange is a recognised stock exchange. Securities will be treated as listed on the London Stock Exchange if they are included in the Official List (within the meaning of and in accordance with the provisions of Part 6 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) and admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange. Provided, therefore, that the Notes carry a right to interest and are and remain so listed on a "recognised stock exchange", interest on the Notes will be payable without deduction or withholding for or on account of UK tax.

Payments of interest on Notes may be made without deduction or withholding for or on account of UK tax where the maturity of the Notes is less than 365 days and those Notes do not form part of a scheme or arrangement of borrowing intended to be, or capable of remaining, outstanding for more than 364 days.

In other cases, an amount must generally be withheld from payments of interest on the Notes that has a UK source on account of UK income tax at the basic rate (currently 20 per cent.), subject to any other available exemptions and reliefs. However, where an applicable double tax treaty provides for a lower rate of withholding tax (or for no tax to be withheld) in relation to a Noteholder, HMRC can issue a notice to the Issuer to pay interest to the Noteholder without withholding or deduction for or on account of tax (or for interest to be paid with tax deducted at the rate provided for in the relevant double tax treaty).

Where Notes are issued with a redemption premium, as opposed to being issued at a discount, then any such element of premium may constitute a payment of interest and, if so, may be subject to UK withholding tax as outlined in the preceding paragraphs.

Where Notes are issued at an issue price of less than 100 per cent. of their principal amount, any payments in respect of the accrued discount element on any such Notes may be made without deduction or withholding for or on account of UK income tax, as long as they do not constitute payments in respect of interest.

The United Kingdom withholding tax treatment of payments by the Guarantor under the terms of the Guarantee which have a United Kingdom source is uncertain. In particular, such payments by the

Guarantor may not be eligible for the exemptions described above in relation to payments of interest, including without limitation the “quoted Eurobond” exemption described above. Accordingly, if the Guarantor makes any such payments, these may be subject to United Kingdom withholding tax at the basic rate.

FATCA DISCLOSURE

Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act

Pursuant to certain provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, commonly known as FATCA, a **foreign financial institution** (including an intermediary through which Notes are held) may be required to withhold at a rate of 30 per cent. on certain payments it makes (**foreign passthru payments**) to persons that fail to meet certain certification, reporting or related requirements. A number of jurisdictions (including the UK) have entered into, or have agreed in substance to, intergovernmental agreements with the United States to implement FATCA (**IGAs**), which modify the way in which FATCA applies in their jurisdictions. Under the provisions of IGAs as currently in effect, a foreign financial institution in an IGA jurisdiction would generally not be required to withhold under FATCA or an IGA from payments that it makes. Certain aspects of the application of the FATCA provisions and IGAs to instruments such as Notes, including whether withholding would ever be required pursuant to FATCA or an IGA with respect to payments on instruments such as Notes, are uncertain and may be subject to change. Even if withholding would be required pursuant to FATCA or an IGA with respect to payments on instruments such as Notes, proposed regulations have been issued that provide that such withholding would not apply prior to the date that is two years after the date on which final regulations defining “foreign passthru payments” are published in the U.S. Federal Register. In the preamble to the proposed regulations, the U.S. Department of the Treasury indicated that taxpayers may rely on these proposed regulations until the issuance of final regulations. Additionally, Notes characterised as debt (or which are not otherwise characterised as equity and have a fixed term) for U.S. federal tax purposes that are issued on or prior to the date that is six months after the date on which final regulations defining foreign passthru payments are published generally would be grandfathered for purposes of FATCA withholding unless materially modified after such date (including by reason of a substitution of the issuer). However, if additional Notes (as described under Condition 18) that are not distinguishable from previously issued Notes are issued after the expiration of the grandfathering period and are subject to withholding under FATCA, then withholding agents may treat all Notes, including the Notes offered prior to the expiration of the grandfathering period, as subject to withholding under FATCA. Holders should consult their own tax advisers regarding how these rules may apply to their investment in Notes. In the event any withholding would be required pursuant to FATCA or an IGA with respect to payments on the Notes, no person will be required to pay additional amounts as a result of the withholding.

SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE

The Dealers have, in a Programme Agreement (such Programme Agreement as modified and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the **Programme Agreement**) dated 21 May 2025, agreed with the Issuer and the Guarantor a basis upon which they or any of them may from time to time agree to purchase Notes. Any such agreement will extend to those matters stated under “*Form of the Notes*” and “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*”. In the Programme Agreement, the Issuer (failing which, the Guarantor) has agreed to reimburse the Dealers for certain of their expenses in connection with the establishment and any future update of the Programme and the issue of Notes under the Programme and to indemnify the Dealers against certain liabilities incurred by them in connection therewith.

SELLING RESTRICTIONS

United States

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act or the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except in certain transactions exempt from or not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

The Notes in bearer form are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to a United States person, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. Treasury regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder. The applicable Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes) will identify whether TEFRA C rules or TEFRA D rules apply or whether TEFRA is not applicable.

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it will not offer, sell or deliver Notes (a) as part of their distribution at any time or (b) otherwise until 40 days after the completion of the distribution of all Notes of the Tranche of which such Notes are a part, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except in accordance with Regulation S of the Securities Act. Each Dealer has further agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree, that it will send to each dealer to which it sells any Notes during the distribution compliance period a confirmation or other notice setting forth the restrictions on offers and sales of the Notes within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

Until 40 days after the commencement of the offering of any Series of Notes, an offer or sale of such Notes within the United States by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act if such offer or sale is made otherwise than in accordance with an available exemption from registration under the Securities Act.

Prohibition of sales to EEA Retail Investors

Unless the Final Terms in respect of any Notes (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes) specifies “Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors” as “Not Applicable”, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered, sold or otherwise made available and will not offer, sell or otherwise make available any Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Prospectus as completed by the Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, as the case may be) in relation thereto to any retail investor in the EEA. For the purposes of this provision:

- (A) the expression **retail investor** means a person who is one (or more) of the following:
 - (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or
 - (ii) a customer within the meaning of the Insurance Distribution Directive, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or
 - (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Regulation; and
- (B) the expression an **offer** includes the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Notes.

If the Final Terms in respect of any Notes (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes) specifies “Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors” as “Not Applicable”, in relation to each Member State of the EEA, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not made and will not make an offer of Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Prospectus as completed by the Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes) in relation thereto to the public in that Member State except that it may make an offer of such Notes to the public in that Member State:

- (A) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Regulation;
- (B) at any time to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Regulation) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the Issuer for any such offer; or
- (C) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 1(4) of the Prospectus Regulation,

provided that no such offer of Notes referred to in (A) to (C) above shall require the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Regulation or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 23 of the Prospectus Regulation.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression **an offer of Notes to the public** in relation to any Notes in any Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Notes.

United Kingdom

Prohibition of sales to UK Retail Investors

Unless the Final Terms in respect of any Notes (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes) specifies “Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors” as “Not Applicable”, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered, sold or otherwise made available and will not offer, sell or otherwise make available any Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Prospectus as completed by the Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, as the case may be) in relation thereto to any retail investor in the UK. For the purposes of this provision:

- (A) the expression **retail investor** means a person who is one (or more) of the following:
 - (i) a retail client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or
 - (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the FSMA and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement Directive (EU) 2016/97, where that customer would not

qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or

(iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of the UK Prospectus Regulation; and

- (B) the expression an **offer** includes the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Notes.

If the Final Terms in respect of any Notes (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes) specifies “Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors” as “Not Applicable”, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not made and will not make an offer of Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Prospectus as completed by the Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes) in relation thereto to the public in the UK except that it may make an offer of such Notes to the public in the UK:

- (A) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of the UK Prospectus Regulation;
- (B) at any time to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in Article 2 of the UK Prospectus Regulation) in the UK subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the Issuer for any such offer; or
- (C) at any time in any other circumstances falling within section 86 of the FSMA,

provided that no such offer of Notes referred to in (A) to (C) above shall require the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to section 85 of the FSMA or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 23 of the UK Prospectus Regulation.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression **an offer of Notes to the public** in relation to any Notes means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Notes.

Other regulatory restrictions

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that:

- (A) in relation to any Notes which have a maturity of less than one year, (i) it is a person whose ordinary activities involve it in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business and (ii) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Notes other than to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or as agent) for the purposes of their businesses or who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses where the issue of the Notes would otherwise constitute a contravention of section 19 of the FSMA by the Issuer;
- (B) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Notes in circumstances in which section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the Issuer or the Guarantor; and
- (C) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Notes in, from or otherwise involving the UK.

Singapore

Unless the Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes) in respect of any Notes specifies “Singapore Sales to Institutional Investors and Accredited Investors only” as “Not Applicable”, each Dealer has acknowledged, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to acknowledge, that this Prospectus has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore (the **MAS**). Accordingly, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered or sold any Notes or caused the Notes to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase and will not offer or sell any Notes or cause the Notes to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, and has not circulated or distributed, nor will it circulate or distribute, this Prospectus or any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the Notes, whether directly or indirectly, to any person in Singapore other than (a) to an institutional investor (as defined in Section 4A of the Securities and Futures Act 2001 of Singapore, as modified or amended from time to time (the **SFA**)) pursuant to Section 274 of the SFA or (b) to an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA) pursuant to and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA.

If the Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes) in respect of any Notes specifies “Singapore Sales to Institutional Investors and Accredited Investors only” as “Not Applicable”, each Dealer has acknowledged, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to acknowledge, that this Prospectus has not been registered as a prospectus with the MAS. Accordingly, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered or sold any Notes or caused the Notes to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase and will not offer or sell any Notes or cause the Notes to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, and has not circulated or distributed, nor will it circulate or distribute, this Prospectus or any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the Notes, whether directly or indirectly, to any person in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA) pursuant to Section 274 of the SFA, (ii) to a relevant person (as defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA) pursuant to Section 275(1) of the SFA, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA, or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

General

Each Dealer has agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree that it will (to the best of its knowledge and belief) comply with all applicable securities laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Notes or possesses or distributes this Prospectus and will obtain any consent, approval or permission required by it for the purchase, offer, sale or delivery by it of Notes under the laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction to which it is subject or in which it makes such purchases, offers, sales or deliveries and neither the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee nor any of the other Dealers shall have any responsibility therefor.

None of the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Trustee and the Dealers represents that Notes may at any time lawfully be sold in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any jurisdiction, or pursuant to any exemption available thereunder, or assumes any responsibility for facilitating such sale.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Authorisation

The establishment of the Programme has been duly authorised by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Issuer dated 19 May 2025 and the giving of the Guarantee has been duly authorised by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Guarantor dated 13 March 2025.

Listing of Notes

It is expected that each Tranche of Notes which is to be admitted to the Official List and to trading on the Main Market will be admitted separately as and when issued, subject only to the issue of one or more Global Notes initially representing the Notes of such Tranche. Application has been made to the FCA for Notes issued under the Programme to be admitted to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for such Notes to be admitted to trading on the Main Market. The listing of the Programme in respect of Notes is expected to be granted on or before 27 May 2025.

Documents Available

For the period of 12 months following the date of this Prospectus, copies of the following documents will, when published, be available for inspection from Desford Road, Enderby, Leicester LE19 4AT:

- (A) the memorandum and articles of association of the Issuer and the Guarantor (as the same may be updated from time to time);
- (B) the Trust Deed (including the Guarantee) and the Agency Agreement;
- (C) the 2024 Annual Report and the 2025 Annual Report, respectively;
- (D) a copy of this Prospectus; and
- (E) any future offering circulars, prospectuses, information memoranda, supplements, Final Terms and Pricing Supplements (in the case of Exempt Notes) (save that Pricing Supplements will only be available for inspection by a holder of such Note and such holder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Issuer or the Paying Agent as to its holding of Notes and identity) to this Prospectus and any other information incorporated herein or therein by reference.

Clearing Systems

The Notes have been accepted for clearance through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (which are the entities in charge of keeping the records). The appropriate Common Code and ISIN for each Tranche of Notes allocated by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will be specified in the applicable Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes). If the Notes are to clear through an additional or alternative clearing system the appropriate information will be specified in the applicable Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes).

The address of Euroclear is Euroclear Bank SA/NV, 1 Boulevard du Roi Albert II, B-1210 Brussels. The address of Clearstream, Luxembourg is Clearstream Banking, 42 Avenue JF Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg.

Conditions for determining price

The price and amount of Notes to be issued under the Programme will be determined by the Issuer and each relevant Dealer at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions.

Yield

In relation to any Tranche of Fixed Rate Notes, an indication of the yield in respect of such Notes will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. The yield is calculated at the Issue Date of the Notes on the basis of the relevant Issue Price. The yield indicated will be calculated as the yield to maturity as at the Issue Date of the Notes and will not be an indication of future yield.

Significant or Material Change

There has been no significant change in the financial performance or financial position of the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Group since 25 January 2025 and there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Group since 25 January 2025.

Litigation

Save as disclosed in Note 36 entitled “Contingent liabilities” on page 241 of the Company’s 2025 Annual Report, neither the Issuer nor the Guarantor nor any other member of the Group is or has been involved in any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened, of which the Issuer or the Guarantor are aware) in the 12 months preceding the date of this Prospectus which may have or have in such period had a significant effect on the financial position or profitability of the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Group.

Auditors

The independent auditors of the Issuer are PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (**PwC**) who have audited the Issuer’s accounts, without qualification, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 101 “Reduced Disclosure Framework”), as of and for the 52-week periods ended on 25 January 2025 and 27 January 2024. PwC has no material interest in the Issuer.

The independent auditors of the Guarantor are PwC who have audited the Guarantor’s accounts, without qualification, in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK), as of and for the 52-week periods ended on 25 January 2025 and 27 January 2024. PwC has no material interest in the Guarantor.

PwC are registered to carry out audit work by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Post-issuance information

The Issuer does not intend to provide any post-issuance information in relation to any issues of Notes.

Dealers transacting with the Issuer and the Guarantor

Certain of the Dealers and their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform financial advisory and other services for the Issuer, the Guarantor or their affiliates in the ordinary course of business. Certain of the Dealers may from time to time also enter into swap and other derivative transactions with the Issuer, the Guarantor and/or their affiliates. In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the Dealers and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of the Issuer, the Guarantor or their affiliates. Certain of the Dealers or their affiliates that have a lending relationship with the Issuer or the Guarantor routinely hedge their credit

exposure to the Issuer or the Guarantor, as appropriate, consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, such Dealers and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in the securities of the Issuer or the Guarantor, including potentially the Notes issued under the Programme. Any such positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the Notes issued under the Programme. The Dealers and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

Trustee's action

The Conditions and the Trust Deed provide for the Trustee to take action on behalf of the Noteholders in certain circumstances, but only if the Trustee is indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction. It may not always be possible for the Trustee to take certain actions, notwithstanding the provision of an indemnity and/or security and/or pre-funding to it. Where the Trustee is unable to take any action, the Noteholders are permitted by the Conditions and the Trust Deed to take the relevant action directly.

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