

NS Statement re Possible Offer

## STATEMENT REGARDING HARGREAVES LANSDOWN

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### Statement regarding Hargreaves Lansdown plc ("HL")

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The Consortium confirms that it is considering a possible offer for HL, most recently having approached the Board of HL at 985 pence per HL share on 26 April 2024. The Board of HL rejected this proposal.

There can be no certainty that any firm offer will be made.

A further announcement will be made as and when appropriate.

In accordance with Rule 2.6(a) of the Code, the Consortium must, by not later than 5.00 p.m. (London time) on 19 June 2024, either announce a firm intention to make an offer for HL in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code or announce that it does not intend to make an offer, in which case the announcement will be treated as a statement to which Rule 2.8 of the Code applies. This deadline will only be extended with the consent of the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Takeover Panel") in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code.

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Prior to this announcement it has not been practicable for the Consortium to make enquiries of all persons acting in concert with it to determine whether any dealings in HL shares by such persons give rise to a requirement under Rule 6 or Rule 11 of the Code for the Consortium, if it were to make an offer, to offer any minimum level, or particular form, of consideration. In accordance with note 4 on Rule 2.4, any such details shall be announced as soon as practicable and in any event by no later than 5 June 2024.

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