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### **Publication of the Prospectus and Circular**

Further to the announcement by Metro Bank Holdings PLC ("**Metro Bank**" or the "**Company**") on 8 October 2023 in relation to securing a £325m capital raise and £600m debt refinancing package, the Company has today published the combined prospectus and circular dated 9 November 2023 in relation to the proposed firm placing of 500,000,000 ordinary shares to the premium listing segment of the Official List and to trading on the main market for listed securities of the London Stock Exchange (the "**Prospectus**").

The Prospectus contains a Notice of General Meeting, which will be held at One Southampton Row, London WC1B 5HA on 27 November at 11.30am.

The Prospectus has been approved by the FCA and, together with a form of proxy relating to voting at the General Meeting, is available on the Company's website at:<u>www.metrobankonline.co.uk/investor-relations</u>.

A copy of the Prospectus will also be submitted to the National Storage Mechanism and will shortly be available for inspection at <a href="https://data.fca.org.uk/#/nsm/nationalstoragemechanism">https://data.fca.org.uk/#/nsm/nationalstoragemechanism</a>.

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