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# InterContinental Hotels Group PLC (the "Company")

#### Purchase of own shares

The Company announces that it will commence a share buyback programme to purchase ordinary shares of  $20^{340/399}$  pence each in the Company ("Shares") with aggregate value of up to USD 900 million (the "Programme") in line with its strategy to return surplus capital to shareholders.

In connection with the Programme, the Company has entered into an agreement with Merrill Lynch International ("MLI") in relation to the purchase by MLI, acting as principal and in accordance with certain pre-set parameters, of Shares. Under this agreement, the Company has instructed MLI to purchase Shares with an aggregate value of up to USD 900 million. Purchases of the Company's Shares pursuant to the Programme will commence immediately and will end no later than 29 December 2025. MLI will make trading decisions in relation to the Programme independently of, and uninfluenced by, the Company with regard to the timing of the purchases. Any purchase of Shares by MLI contemplated by this announcement will be carried out on the London Stock Exchange, Cooe Europe Limited through the BXE and CXE order books and/or on Turquoise and/or Aquis. Shares purchased by MLI will be on-sold by MLI to the Company, and any purchases of Shares by the Company from MLI under the Programme will be carried out on the London Stock Exchange.

The purpose of the Programme is to reduce the issued share capital of the Company and the Shares purchased will be cancelled.

Any purchases under the Programme shall take place in accordance with (and subject to the limits prescribed by) the Company's general authority to repurchase Shares granted by its shareholders at the Annual General Meeting on 3 May 2024 (the "2024 Authority") and any further authority to repurchase Shares as may be granted by its shareholders from time to time and Chapter 12 of the Financial Conduct Authority's Listing Rules. The maximum number of Shares that the Company is authorised to purchase under the 2024 Authority is 11,209,672 (taking into account Shares purchased by the Company prior to 18 February 2025). Purchases of Shares by MLI under the Programme shall also take place in accordance with the Market Abuse Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 (as incorporated into UK domestic law by the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and as amended by the Market Abuse (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019) and the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 2016/1052 (as incorporated into UK domestic law by the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and as amended by the FCA's Technical Standards (Market Abuse Regulation) (EU Exit) Instrument 2019).

The Company will make further regulatory announcements to shareholders in respect of purchases of Shares under the Programme as they occur.

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