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27 March 2025

Final* Possible Cash Offer

On 25 March 2025, the Board of Warehouse REIT PLC ("Warehouse REIT", or the "Company") (the "Board") announced that it had received a final* indicative, non-binding proposal from Blackstone Europe LLP, on behalf of certain of its affiliated investment funds or vehicles ("Blackstone"), regarding a possible all cash offer for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Warehouse REIT at 115 pence per share (the "Final Indicative Proposal").

Having carefully considered the Final Indicative Proposal with its advisers and consulted with the Company's major shareholders extensively following the announcement of a possible offer on 3 March 2025, the Warehouse REIT Board has indicated to Blackstone that, should a firm offer be made on the financial terms set out above, it would be minded to recommend such an offer to Warehouse REIT shareholders, subject to the agreement of the other terms of the offer. Accordingly, the Board has decided to engage in discussions with Blackstone in relation to these terms and to allow Blackstone to complete a limited period of confirmatory due diligence.

Pursuant to the Final Indicative Proposal, the Offer Price will be adjusted for the interim dividend of 1.6 pence, which was declared by the Company on 19 February 2025 in respect of the third quarter of the financial year ending 31 March 2025. The Offer Price of the Final Indicative Proposal will therefore be reduced to 113.4 pence per ordinary Warehouse REIT share following the dividend payment date on 11 April 2025.

Based on an Offer Price of 115 pence, the Final Indicative Proposal values the issued, and to be issued, ordinary share capital of Warehouse REIT at approximately £489 million, and represents:

- a premium of 39.6 per cent to the closing price of 82.4 pence on 28 February 2025 (being the trading day prior to the commencement of the offer period);
- a premium of 40.2 per cent to the 1-month volume weighted average share price of 82.0 pence on 28
 February 2025 (being the trading day prior to the commencement of the offer period);
- a premium of 42.5 per cent to the 3-month volume weighted average share price of 80.7 pence on 28
 February 2025 (being the trading day prior to the commencement of the offer period);
- a premium of 4.9 per cent to the two-year high closing share price of 109.6 pence on 17 April 2023;
- a discount of 9.8 per cent to the Company's EPRA NTA of 127.5 pence per share as at 30 September 2024;
 and
- an increase of 4.1 per cent to the possible offer of 110.5 pence per share announced on 3 March 2025.

*The financial terms of the Final Indicative Proposal are final and will not be increased, save that Blackstone reserves the right to revise and increase the financial terms of the Final Indicative Proposal where: (i) there is an announcement of a possible offer or a firm intention to make an offer for Warehouse REIT by any third party; or (ii) the Panel otherwise provides its consent (which will only be provided in wholly exceptional circumstances).

There can be no certainty that any firm offer will be made by Blackstone or any other party.

Blackstone reserves the right to make an offer for Warehouse REIT on less favourable terms than those set out in this announcement: (i) with the agreement or recommendation of the Warehouse REIT Board; (ii) if a third party announces a possible offer or a firm intention to make an offer for Warehouse REIT which, at that date, is of a value less than the value implied by the Final Indicative Proposal; or (iii) following the announcement by Warehouse REIT of a Rule 9 waiver transaction pursuant to the Code. Blackstone reserves the right to introduce other forms of consideration and/or vary the mix or composition of consideration of any offer. Blackstone will reduce the terms of the Final Indicative Proposal to take account of the value of any dividend or other distribution (including the Interim Dividend to be retained by Warehouse REIT shareholders) which is announced, declared, made or paid by Warehouse REIT after the date of this announcement.

This announcement is made with the consent of Blackstone.

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Sources and bases

The financial information relating to Warehouse REIT reflects the Company's unaudited interim results for the 6 months to 30 September 2024, including the summary balance sheet below.

| As at 30 September 2024 | £'000 |
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| Total properties | 811,300 |
| Net borrowings | -276,302 |
| Other net liabilities | 12,102 |
| IFRS NAV | 547,100 |
| Exclude: fair value of interest rate derivatives | -5,550 |
| NAV used in per share calculations | 541,550 |
| Number of shares in issue (thousands) | 424,862 |
| EPRA NTA per share (pence) | 127.5 |

In the event of a firm offer being announced for the Company, property valuation reports in accordance with Rule 29 of the Code will be published in due course and by no later than publication of the scheme document or offer

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