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## **RECKITT COMPLETES DIVESTMENT OF ESSENTIAL HOME**

(London, UK, 31 December 2025): Following the announcement on 18 July 2025, Reckitt Benckiser Group plc ("Reckitt") is pleased to announce that it completed the divestment of its Essential Home business to Advent International, L.P. ("Advent") on 31 December 2025. Reckitt retains an interest in Essential Home through a 30% equity stake in Advent's acquisition vehicle.

As previously communicated and subject to shareholder approval, Reckitt expects to return excess capital from the divestment to shareholders. A circular and notice of general meeting setting out details of the proposed c.US 2.2 billion special dividend and associated share consolidation is expected to be issued on or around 7 January 2026. This return is in addition to Reckitt's ongoing share buyback programme and ordinary dividend policy.

### **Commenting on the divestment, Kris Licht, Reckitt Chief Executive Officer said:**

*"The completion of the divestment of Essential Home is a major step forward in our strategy, moving Reckitt towards becoming a simpler, more effective world-class consumer health and hygiene company focused on a core portfolio of high-growth, high-margin Powerbrands. I want to thank all our Essential Home colleagues for their contributions to Reckitt and wish them well for the future."*

### **Notes:**

Essential Home will be excluded from Reckitt's Like-for-Like Net Revenue growth percentages for FY 2025 financial reporting, in line with the Group's published Alternative Performance Measure (APM) policies for disposals completed during the year.

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### **About Reckitt:**

We make the products people trust to care for the ones they love. We are home to some of the world's best-loved consumer health and hygiene brands, including Dettol, Durex, Finish, Gaviscon, Harpic, Lysol, Mucinex, Nurofen, Strepsils, Vanish and Veet. Consumers are at the heart of everything we do. By creating innovative, science-backed solutions, we support people every day to live healthier lives.

Reckitt exists to protect, heal and nurture in the pursuit of a cleaner, healthier world. This commitment goes beyond the products we make. Through our actions, we expand access to healthcare, education and economic opportunities. We support the planet by reducing waste, conserving resources and driving sustainable innovation.

We believe good health starts at home. With every action we take, we strive to make our consumers' lives easier, cleaner and healthier, to strengthen communities and to create a more sustainable future.

\*Reckitt is the trading name of the Reckitt group of companies

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