RNS Number: 4526N Barclays PLC 02 January 2026

> PUBLIC OPENING POSITION DISCLOSURE/DEALING DISCLOSURE BY A PERSON WITH INTERESTS IN RELEVANT SECURITIES REPRESENTING 1% OR **MORE**

Rule 8.3 of the Takeover Code (the "Code")

| 1. | KEY INFORMATION | | |
|-----|---|--------------------------------|--|
| (a) | Full name of discloser: | Barclays PLC. | |
| (b) | Owner or controller of interest and short positions disclosed, if different from 1(a): | | |
| (c) | Name of offeror/offeree in relation to whose relevant securities this form relates: | EMPIRIC STUDENT PROPERTY PLC | |
| (d) | If an exempt fund manager connected with an offeror/offeree, state this and specify identity of offeror/offeree: | | |
| (e) | Date position held/dealing undertaken: | 31 Dec 2025 | |
| (f) | In addition to the company in 1(c) above, is the discloser making disclosures in respect of any other party to the offer? | YES: UNITE GROUP PLC/THE | |
| 2. | POSITIO | NS OF THE PERSON MAKING THE | |

POSITIONS OF THE PERSON MAKING THE DISCLOSURE

(a) Interests and short positions in the relevant securities of the offeror or offeree to which the disclosure relates following the dealing(if any)

| Class of relevant security: | | 1p ordinary | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|-------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| | | Interests | | Short Positions | |
| | | Number | (%) | Number | (%) |
| (1) | Relevant securities owned | | | | |
| | and/or controlled: | 29,884,620 | 4.50% | 4,270,997 | 0.64% |
| (2) | Cash-settled derivatives: | | | | |
| | | 3,153,535 | 0.47% | 29,803,754 | 4.49% |
| (3) | Stock-settled derivatives (including options) | | | | |
| | and agreements to purchase/sell: | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| | TOTAL: | 33,038,155 | 4.97% | 34,074,751 | 5.13% |

(b) Rights to subscribe for new securities (including directors and other executive options)

| Class of relevant security in relation to | |
|---|--|
| which subscription right exists | |
| Details, including nature of the rights | |
| concerned and relevant percentages: | |
| 3. | DEALINGS (IF ANY) BY THE PERSON MAKING |

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(a) Purchases and sales

| Class of relevant security | Purchase/sale | Number of securities | Price per unit |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 1p ordinary | Purchase | 150,914 | 0.7777 GBP |
| 1p ordinary | Purchase | 7,406 | 0.7790 GBP |
| 1p ordinary | Purchase | 1,765 | 0.7696 GBP |
| 1p ordinary | Purchase | 3 | 0.7770 GBP |
| 1p ordinary | Sale | 3,175,364 | 0.7790 GBP |
| 1p ordinary | Sale | 120,524 | 0.7769 GBP |
| 1p ordinary | Sale | 2,209 | 0.7779 GBP |
| 1p ordinary | Sale | 2,195 | 0.7600 GBP |

(b) Cash-settled derivative transactions

| Ī | Class of | Product | Nature of dealing | Number of | Price per |
|---|----------|---------|-------------------|--------------|-----------|
| | | | | _ | • • • |

| relevant | relevant description | | reference | unit |
|-------------|----------------------|------------------|------------|---------------|
| security | | | securities | |
| 1p ordinary | SWAP | Decreasing Short | 2,195 | 0.7600 GBP |
| 1p ordinary | SWAP | Decreasing Short | 120,524 | 0.7769 GBP |
| 1p ordinary | SWAP | Decreasing Short | 2,209 | 0.7780 GBP |
| 1p ordinary | SWAP | Decreasing Short | 3,113,748 | 0.7790 GBP |
| 1p ordinary | SWAP | Increasing Short | 46 | 0.7600 GBP |
| 1p ordinary | SWAP | Increasing Short | 3 | 0.7770 GBP |
| 1p ordinary | SWAP | Increasing Short | 150,914 | 0.7777 GBP |
| 1p ordinary | SWAP | Increasing Short | 4 | 0.7790 GBP |
| 1p ordinary | CFD | Decreasing Short | 53,476 | 0.7790 GBP |
| 1p ordinary | CFD | Increasing Short | 1,064 | 0.7760 GBP |

Stock-settled derivative transactions (including options) (c)

(i) Writing, selling, purchasing or varying

| Class of | Product description | Writing, purchasing, | Number of | Exercise price | Туре | Expiry date | Option money |
|-------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------|------|-------------|--------------|
| relevant | | selling, | securities | per unit | | | paid/ |
| security | | varying etc | to which | | | | received |
| | | | option | | | | per unit |
| | | | relates | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

(ii) Exercise

| Class of relevant security | Product description | Exercising/ exercised against | Number of securities | Exercise price per unit |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | | |

(d) Other dealings (including subscribing for new securities)

| Class of relevant security | Nature of Dealings | Details | Price per unit (if applicable) |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| | | | |

4. OTHER INFORMATION

(a) Indemnity and other dealings arrangements

Details of any indemnity or option arrangement, or any agreement or understanding, formal or informal, relating to relevant securities which may be an inducement

or refrain from dealing entered into by the exempt principal trader making the disclosure

and any party
to the offer or any person acting in concert with a party to the offer:

NONE

Agreements, arrangements or understandings relating to options or derivatives (b)

Details of any agreement, arrangement or understanding, formal or informal,

the person making the disclosure and any other person relating to:

- (i) the voting rights of any relevant securities under any option; or
- (ii) the voting rights of future acquisition or disposal of any relevant securities to

any derivative is referenced:

NONE

Attachments (c)

| Is a Supplemental Form 8 (Open Positions) attached? | NO | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| Date of disclosure: | 02 Jan 2026 | |
| Contact name: | Large Holdings Regulatory Operations | |
| Telephone number: | 020 3134 7213 | |

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