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**For immediate release**

**2 September 2024**

**REA Group Ltd ("REA")**

### **Statement Regarding Rightmove plc**

Further to press speculation in relation to a possible offer by REA for London Stock Exchange listed Rightmove plc ("**Rightmove**"), REA confirms that it is considering a possible cash and share offer for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Rightmove. REA has not approached, nor had any discussions with, Rightmove regarding any potential offer, and makes this announcement in accordance with the requirements of the Code.

The REA Board believes that there are clear similarities between REA and Rightmove in terms of their leading market positions in the core residential business, continued expansion and innovation of offerings across adjacent segments, leading audience share and strong brand awareness, as well as highly aligned cultural values.

REA sees a transformational opportunity to apply its globally leading capabilities and expertise to enhance customer and consumer value across the combined portfolio and to create a global and diversified digital property company, with number 1 positions in Australia and the UK.

The REA Board believes the enlarged group would represent a highly attractive investment opportunity for both REA and Rightmove shareholders, combining robust growth with strong margins and significant cash generation, enabling continued capital appreciation and shareholder returns. REA therefore considers that a combination of the two businesses would provide a significant opportunity to unlock shareholder value.

REA has a long history of growth and has demonstrated a track record of building businesses over decades to create globally leading platforms that have transformed the way people experience property. With an acquisition of Rightmove, REA would look to enhance the UK property experience for buyers, sellers and renters, supporting Rightmove's vision "to give everyone the belief they can make their move" while positively contributing to the property market ecosystem with investment and innovation.

There can be no certainty that an offer will be made, nor as to the terms on which any offer may be made. REA shareholders do not need to take any action at this time.

Rule 2.6(a) of the Code requires that REA must, by no later than 5.00 p.m. (London time) on 30 September 2024, being the 28th day following the date of this announcement, either announce a firm intention to make an offer for Rightmove in accordance with Rule 2.7 of the Code or announce that it does not intend to make an offer for Rightmove, in which case the announcement will be treated as a statement to which Rule 2.8 of the Code applies. This deadline will only be extended with the consent of the Takeover Panel, in accordance with Rule 2.6(c) of the Code.

In accordance with Rule 2.5(a) of the Code, REA reserves the right to introduce other forms of consideration and / or vary the mix or composition of consideration of any offer.

In the interests of secrecy prior to this announcement, REA has not made any enquiries of certain parties who may be deemed by the Takeover Panel to be acting in concert with REA in order to determine whether REA would be obliged to offer any minimum level, or particular form, of consideration under Rule 6 or Rule 11 of the Code. Enquiries of such parties will be made as soon as practicable following the date of this announcement and any disclosure in respect of such parties will be made in a further announcement.





A further announcement will be made in due course.

The release of this announcement was authorised by the Disclosure Committee.

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In accordance with normal UK practice and pursuant to Rule 14e-5(b) of the US Exchange Act, REA or its nominees, or its brokers (acting as agents), may from time to time make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, Rightmove shares outside the United States, other than pursuant to an offer, before or during the period in which an offer, if made, remains open for acceptance. Also, in accordance with Rule 14e-5(b) of the US Exchange Act, Deutsche Bank will continue to act as an exempt principal trader in Rightmove shares on the London Stock Exchange. These purchases may occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices. Any information about such purchases will be disclosed as required in the United Kingdom, will be reported to a Regulatory Information Service and will be available on the London Stock Exchange website, [www.londonstockexchange.com](http://www.londonstockexchange.com).

***Rule 2.9 of the Code***

For the purposes of Rule 2.9 of the Code, REA confirms that it has in issue 132,117,217 ordinary shares of no par value. The ISIN for the shares is AU0000000REA9.

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Opening Position Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company and by any offeror and Dealing Disclosures must also be made by the offeree company, by any offeror and by any persons acting in concert with any of them (see Rules 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4).

Details of the offeree and offeror companies in respect of whose relevant securities Opening Position Disclosures and Dealing Disclosures must be made can be found in the Disclosure Table on the Panel's website at [www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk](http://www.thetakeoverpanel.org.uk), including details of the number of relevant securities in issue, when the offer period commenced and when any offeror was first identified. You should contact the Panel's Market Surveillance Unit on +44 (0)20 7638 0129 if you are in any doubt as to whether you are required to make an Opening Position Disclosure or a Dealing Disclosure.



### **Publication on website**

In accordance with Rule 26.1 of the Code, a copy of this announcement will be available, subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in restricted jurisdictions, on REA's website at [www.rea-group.com](http://www.rea-group.com) by no later than 12 noon (London time) on the business day following the date of this announcement. The content of the website referred to in this announcement is not incorporated into, and does not form part of, this announcement.

### **About REA Group Ltd ([www.rea-group.com](http://www.rea-group.com))**

REA Group Ltd ACN 068 349 066 (ASX:REA) ("REA Group"), which is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange, is a multinational digital advertising business specialising in property. REA Group operates Australia's leading residential and commercial property websites – realestate.com.au and realcommercial.com.au – as well as the leading website dedicated to share property, Flatmates.com.au and property research website, property.com.au. REA Group owns Mortgage Choice Pty Ltd, an Australian mortgage broking franchise group, PropTrack Pty Ltd, a leading provider of property data services, Campaign Agent Pty Ltd, Australia's leading provider in vendor paid advertising and home preparation finance solutions for the Australian real estate market and Realtair Pty Ltd, a digital platform providing end-to-end technology solutions for the real estate transaction process. In Australia, REA Group holds strategic investments in Simpology Pty Ltd, a leading provider of mortgage application and e-lodgement solutions for the broking and lending industries and Arealytics, a provider of commercial real estate information and technology in Australia. Internationally, REA Group holds a controlling interest in REA India Pte. Ltd. operator of established brands Housing.com and PropTiger.com. REA Group also holds a significant minority shareholding in Move, Inc., operator of realtor.com in the US, the PropertyGuru Group, operator of leading property sites in Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam and Easiloan, a technology platform for end-to-end digital processing of home loans in India.

