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**3 August 2022**

**RECOMMENDED MERGER  
of  
AVAST PLC  
with  
NORTONLIFELOCK INC.**

**CMA Condition and Merger Timing Update**

On 10 August 2021, the boards of Avast plc (“**Avast**” or the “**Company**”) and NortonLifeLock Inc. (“**NortonLifeLock**”) announced that they had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended merger of Avast with NortonLifeLock, in the form of a recommended offer by Nitro Bidco Limited (“**Bidco**”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of NortonLifeLock, for the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of the Company (the “**Merger**”). The Merger is proposed to be effected by means of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act (the “**Scheme**”), and is subject to the terms and conditions set out in the scheme document that was published on 28 October 2021 (the “**Scheme Document**”). Save as otherwise defined, capitalised terms in this announcement have the same meanings as set out in the Scheme Document.

**CMA Condition**

On 25 March 2022, the United Kingdom’s Competition and Markets Authority (the “**CMA**”) referred the Merger to a Phase 2 investigation.

The CMA has today published the provisional findings from its Phase 2 investigation into the Merger (the “**Provisional Findings**”). As set out therein, the CMA has provisionally concluded that the Merger is not expected to give rise to a substantial lessening of competition in the UK.

NortonLifeLock welcomes the Provisional Findings, and intends to continue to work with the CMA and with Avast to enable the CMA’s final report to be issued as soon as practicable. The statutory deadline for publication of the CMA’s final report is 8 September 2022.

**Updated Merger Timetable**

Provided that the conclusions of the CMA’s final report are consistent with the Provisional Findings, Condition 3.6.2 (being the last remaining Regulatory Condition) to the Merger will be satisfied on or before 8 September 2022. On that basis, and in light of the parties’ intention to proceed to complete the Merger as soon as reasonably practicable, an updated expected timetable of principal events with respect to the remaining stages of the Merger is set out below (the “**Closing Timetable**”).

The anticipated Effective Date of 12 September 2022 is the first possible date for closing under the CMA’s current timeline.

The dates and times in the Closing Timetable are indicative only, are based on the parties’ current expectations, and may be subject to change. These dates and times will depend, among other things, on the date(s) upon which: (i) the Conditions are satisfied or (if capable of waiver) waived; (ii) the Court sanctions the Scheme (which is subject to the availability of the Court); and (iii) the Court Order is delivered to the Registrar of Companies, as well as upon any changes which may be agreed by the parties (and, to the extent necessary, the Panel). If any of the expected times and/or dates in this announcement change, the revised times and/or dates will be announced through a Regulatory Information Service.

## Re-opening of the Election Window

As described in the Scheme Document, Avast Shareholders are entitled, under the Scheme, to make elections to receive (i) the Majority Stock Option instead of the Majority Cash Option and/or (ii) the cash proportion of their consideration in GBP rather than USD (each an “**Election**”). Such Elections may be made at any time until the Election Return Time, which may not be set earlier than 1.00 p.m. on the date that is seven calendar days before the Court Hearing and is currently expected to be 1.00 p.m. on the date of the Court Hearing (the “**Election Window**”).

On 28 March 2022, NortonLifeLock announced that it was temporarily closing the Election Window, to be re-opened by way of further announcement published through a Regulatory Information Service in due course. As agreed with the Panel, in light of the Closing Timetable, the Election Window will be re-opened with effect from (and including) the date of this announcement. The effect of the re-opening of the Election Window is that:

- **For holders of certificated Scheme Shares:** New Elections may be made by returning a GREEN Form of Election to Equiniti before the Election Return Time. Any Avast Shareholder who attempted to submit a GREEN Form of Election whilst the Election Window was closed should now re-submit a new GREEN Form of Election to Equiniti before the Election Return Time. However, any Election that was submitted using the GREEN Form of Election prior to the Election Window closing on 28 March 2022 will continue to be valid (unless it is now withdrawn or amended by notice to Equiniti before the Election Withdrawal Deadline).
- **For holders of uncertificated Scheme Shares (in CREST):** New Electronic Elections may be submitted within CREST before the Election Return Time. Any Electronic Election made prior to the Election Window closing will not be valid and will now need to be re-submitted as a new Electronic Election before the Election Return Time.

## Closing Timetable

<b><i>Event</i></b>	<b><i>Time and/or date</i></b> <sup>(1)(2)</sup>
Election Window re-opens	3 August 2022
Election Return Time and Election Withdrawal Deadline	1.00 p.m. on 9 September 2022 <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>Court Hearing to sanction the Scheme</b>	<b>9 September 2022</b>
Last day of dealings in, and registrations of transfers of, and disablement in CREST of, Avast Shares	9 September 2022
Scheme Record Time	6.00 p.m. on 9 September 2022
Suspension of listing of, and dealings in, Avast Shares	7.30 a.m. on 12 September 2022
<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>12 September 2022</b>
De-listing of Avast Shares	By 8.00 a.m. on 13 September 2022
New NortonLifeLock Shares listed and commencement of dealings in the New NortonLifeLock Shares on NASDAQ	By 9.30 a.m. (New York time) on 13 September 2022
New NortonLifeLock Shares registered through DRS (in respect of NortonLifeLock Shares held by former certificated Avast Shareholders)	13 September 2022
NortonLifeLock DIs credited to CREST accounts (in respect of Scheme Shares held in uncertificated form only)	On or soon after 13 September 2022
Announcement by NortonLifeLock of the aggregate consideration to be settled in cash (USD and GBP) and in New NortonLifeLock Shares under the Merger <sup>(4)</sup>	On or prior to 16 September 2022
Latest date for despatch of statements of entitlement relating to New NortonLifeLock Shares held through DRS (in respect of Scheme Shares held in certificated form only)	By 26 September 2022 <sup>(5)</sup>
Latest date for despatch of cheques in respect of cash consideration and for settlement of cash consideration through CREST or other form of payment	By 26 September 2022 <sup>(5)</sup>
Long Stop Date	31 December 2022 <sup>(6)</sup>

### Notes:

- (1) All references in this announcement to times are to London time unless otherwise stated.
- (2) The dates and times shown in the table above are indicative only, are based on Avast's and NortonLifeLock's current expectations, and may be subject to changes. These dates and times will depend, among other things, on the date(s) upon which: (i) the Conditions are satisfied or (if capable of waiver) waived; (ii) the Court sanctions the Scheme (which is subject to the availability of the Court); and (iii) the Court Order is delivered to the Registrar of Companies, as well as upon any changes which may be agreed by the parties (and, to the extent necessary, the Panel). If any of the expected times and/or dates above change, the revised times and/or dates will be announced through a Regulatory Information Service.
- (3) Each of the Election Return Time and Election Withdrawal Time is 1.00 p.m. on the day of the Court Hearing, being later than the date specified in paragraphs 9(a) and (b) of Appendix 7 to the Code.
- (4) This announcement will include details of the Majority Stock Option Elections and Currency Conversion Elections made by Avast Shareholders, the relevant exchange rate for Currency Conversion Elections, together with the aggregate consideration to be settled in cash (USD and GBP) and in New NortonLifeLock Shares under the Merger (including fractional entitlements).
- (5) Within 14 calendar days of the Effective Date.
- (6) This is the latest date by which the Scheme may become Effective unless NortonLifeLock and Avast agree (and the Panel and, if required, the Court permit) a later date.

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The Merger will be implemented solely in accordance with the Scheme Document (or, in the event that the Merger is to be implemented by means of a Takeover Offer, the offer document), which contains the full terms and conditions of the Merger, including details of how to vote in respect of the Scheme. Any voting decision or response in relation to the Merger should be made solely on the basis of the information contained in the Scheme Document, the Forms of Proxy, the Form of Election and the NortonLifeLock Prospectus. This announcement does not constitute a prospectus or a prospectus exempted document.

## **Overseas shareholders**

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*Copies of this announcement and any formal documentation relating to the Merger are not being, and must not be, directly or indirectly, mailed or otherwise forwarded, distributed or sent in or into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction, including any jurisdiction where to do so would constitute a violation of the laws of such jurisdiction, and persons receiving such documents (including custodians, nominees and trustees) must not mail or otherwise forward, distribute or send them in or into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction. Doing so may render invalid any related purported vote in respect of acceptance of the Merger.*

*If the Merger is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer (unless otherwise permitted by applicable law and regulation), the Takeover Offer may not be made, directly or indirectly, in or into or by use of the mails or any other means or instrumentality (including facsimile, e-mail or other electronic transmission, telex or telephone) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or any facility of a national, state or other securities exchange of, any Restricted Jurisdiction and the Merger will not be capable of acceptance by any such use, means, instrumentality or facilities or from within any Restricted Jurisdiction.*

*Further details in relation to Avast Shareholders in overseas jurisdictions are contained in the Scheme Document.*

## **Notice to U.S. investors in Avast**

*The Merger relates to the shares of an English company and is being made by means of a scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act. A scheme of arrangement is not subject to the tender offer rules or the proxy solicitation rules under the U.S. Exchange Act and other requirements of U.S. law. Accordingly, the Merger is subject to the disclosure requirements and practices applicable to a scheme of arrangement involving a target company in England listed on the London Stock Exchange, which differ from the disclosure requirements of U.S. tender offer and proxy solicitation rules. If, in the future, Bidco exercises its right to implement the Merger by way of a Takeover Offer and determines to extend the Takeover Offer into the U.S., the Merger will be made in compliance with applicable U.S. laws and regulations.*

*The New NortonLifeLock Shares to be issued pursuant to the Merger have not been registered under the U.S. Securities Act, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act. The New NortonLifeLock Shares to be issued pursuant to the Merger will be issued pursuant to the exemption from registration provided by Section 3(a)(10) under the U.S. Securities Act. If, in the future, Bidco exercises its right to implement the Merger by way of a Takeover Offer or otherwise in a manner that is not exempt from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act, it will file a registration statement with the SEC that will contain a prospectus with respect to the issuance of New NortonLifeLock Shares. In this event, Avast Shareholders are urged to read these documents and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC, as well as any amendments or supplements to those documents, because they will contain important information, and such documents will be available free of charge at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or by directing a request to NortonLifeLock's Investor Relations team identified above.*

*New NortonLifeLock Shares issued to persons other than "affiliates" of NortonLifeLock (defined as certain control persons, within the meaning of Rule 144 under the U.S. Securities Act) will be freely transferable under US law after the Merger. Persons (whether or not US persons) who are or will be "affiliates" of NortonLifeLock within 90 days prior to, or of the Combined Company after, the Effective*

*Date will be subject to certain transfer restrictions relating to the New NortonLifeLock Shares under US law.*

*Neither the SEC nor any U.S. state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the New NortonLifeLock Shares to be issued in connection with the Merger, or determined if this announcement is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the United States.*

*Financial information relating to Avast included in the Scheme Document has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards applicable in the United Kingdom and may not be comparable to financial information of U.S. companies or companies whose financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. U.S. GAAP differs in certain significant respects from accounting standards applicable in the United Kingdom.*

*Avast is incorporated under the laws of England and Wales. In addition, some of its officers and directors reside outside the United States, and some or all of its assets are or may be located in jurisdictions outside the United States. Therefore, investors may have difficulty effecting service of process within the United States upon those persons or recovering against Avast or its officers or directors on judgments of United States federal, state or district courts, including judgments based upon the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws. It may not be possible to sue Avast or its officers or directors in a non-U.S. court for violations of the U.S. securities laws.*

### **Forward-looking statements**

*This announcement contains certain forward-looking statements with respect to the NortonLifeLock Group and the Avast Group. These forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate only to historical or current facts. Forward-looking statements often use words such as “anticipate”, “target”, “expect”, “estimate”, “intend”, “plan”, “goal”, “believe”, “aim”, “will”, “may”, “would”, “could” or “should” or other words of similar meaning or the negative thereof. Forward-looking statements include statements relating to the following: (i) future capital expenditures, expenses, revenues, economic performance, financial conditions, dividend policy, losses and future prospects, (ii) business and management strategies and the expansion and growth of the operations of the NortonLifeLock Group or the Avast Group, (iii) the effects of government regulation on the business of the NortonLifeLock Group or the Avast Group, (iv) expectation as to timing of future events and (v) satisfaction or waiver of Regulatory Conditions. There are many factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in forward-looking statements. Such factors include the possibility that the Merger will not be completed on a timely basis (including the timelines set forth in this announcement) or at all, whether due to the failure to satisfy or waive the conditions of the Merger (including approvals or clearances from regulatory and other agencies and bodies) or otherwise, general business and economic conditions globally, industry trends, competition, changes in government and other regulation, changes in political and economic stability, disruptions in business operations due to reorganisation activities, interest rate and currency fluctuations, the inability of the Combined Company to realise successfully any anticipated synergy benefits when (and if) the Merger is implemented, the inability of the Combined Company to integrate successfully (or at all, or on a timely basis) the operations of the NortonLifeLock Group and the Avast Group when (and if) the Merger is implemented and the Combined Company incurring and/or experiencing unanticipated costs and/or delays or difficulties relating to the Merger and/or integration when (and if) it is implemented. Additional information concerning these and other risk factors is contained in the Risk Factors sections of NortonLifeLock’s most recent reports on Form 10-K and Form 10-Q, the NortonLifeLock Proxy Statement and the NortonLifeLock Prospectus, the contents of which are not incorporated by reference into, nor do they form part of, this announcement.*

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A copy of this announcement will be made available (subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in Restricted Jurisdictions) on Avast's website (at <https://investors.avast.com/>) and on NortonLifeLock's website (at <https://investor.nortonlifelock.com/>) by no later than 12 noon London time on the business day following the date of this announcement. Neither the contents of these websites nor the content of any other website accessible from hyperlinks on such websites is incorporated into, or forms part of, this announcement.

### **Information relating to Avast Shareholders**

Please be aware that addresses, electronic addresses and certain other information provided by Avast Shareholders, persons with information rights and other relevant persons for the receipt of communications from Avast may be provided to Bidco during the Offer Period as required under Section 4 of Appendix 4 of the Code to comply with Rule 2.11(c) of the Code.

### **Important Information**

If you are in any doubt about the contents of this announcement or the action you should take, you are recommended to seek your own independent financial advice immediately from your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or independent financial advisor duly authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended) if you are a resident in the United Kingdom or, if not, from another appropriately authorised independent financial advisor.

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Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Code, any person who is interested in one per cent or more of any class of relevant securities of an offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror (being any offeror other than an offeror in respect of which it has been announced that its offer is, or is likely to be, solely in cash) must make an Opening Position Disclosure following the commencement of the Offer Period and, if later, following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. An Opening Position Disclosure must contain details of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(s). An Opening Position Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(a) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 p.m. (London time) on the 10<sup>th</sup> Business Day (as defined in the Code) following the commencement of the Offer Period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 p.m. (London time) on the 10<sup>th</sup> Business Day (as defined in the Code) following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. Relevant persons who deal in the relevant securities of the offeree company or of a securities exchange offeror prior to the deadline for making an Opening Position Disclosure must instead make a Dealing Disclosure.

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of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(s), save to the extent that these details have previously been disclosed under Rule 8. A Dealing Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(b) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 p.m. (London time) on the Business Day (as defined in the Code) following the date of the relevant dealing.

If two or more persons act together pursuant to an agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal, to acquire or control an interest in relevant securities of an offeree company or a securities exchange offeror, they will be deemed to be a single person for the purpose of Rule 8.3.

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 <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.