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**RECOMMENDED CASH ACQUISITION**

**of**

**MICRO FOCUS INTERNATIONAL PLC (“MICRO FOCUS”)**

**by**

**OPEN TEXT CORPORATION (“OPENTEXT”)**

**through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Open Text UK Holding Limited (“Bidco”)**

**to be effected by means of a Scheme of Arrangement  
under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006**

**Update on Recommended Offer: Share Plan Letters**

On 25 August 2022, the boards of Micro Focus and OpenText announced that they had reached agreement on the terms and conditions of a recommended all cash acquisition of the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Micro Focus (the “**Acquisition**”), to be effected by means of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act (the “**Scheme**”).

The circular in relation to the Scheme was published and posted to Micro Focus Shareholders on 20 September 2022 (the “**Scheme Document**”). Capitalised terms used in this announcement (the “**Announcement**”) shall, unless otherwise defined, have the same meanings as set out in the Scheme Document.

Micro Focus and OpenText are pleased to announce that, in accordance with Rule 15 of the Takeover Code, participants in the Micro Focus Share Plans were contacted yesterday by way of joint letter (the “**Share Plan Letters**”). The Share Plan Letters contain details regarding the effect of the Scheme on participants’ rights under the relevant Micro Focus Share Plans and the arrangements applicable to those participants, including details of any appropriate proposals being made, any competent independent advice in relation to such proposals, and any relevant dates and times.

Copies of the Share Plan Letters are now available on Micro Focus’s website at <https://www.microfocus.com/en-us/investors>.

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## **Further information**

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*The Acquisition will be implemented solely by means of the Scheme Document (or, if the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, the Takeover Offer document), which will contain the full terms and conditions of the Acquisition including details of how to vote in respect of the Acquisition. Any vote in respect of the Scheme or other response in relation to the Acquisition should be made only on the basis of the information contained in the Scheme Document (or, if the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, the Takeover Offer document).*

*This Announcement does not constitute a prospectus, prospectus equivalent document or an exempted document.*

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*Unless otherwise determined by OpenText or required by the Code, and permitted by applicable law and regulation, the Acquisition shall not be made available, directly or indirectly, in, into or from a Restricted Jurisdiction where to do so would violate the laws in that jurisdiction and no person may vote in favour of the Acquisition by any such use, means, instrumentality or form within a Restricted Jurisdiction or any other jurisdiction if to do so would constitute a violation of the laws of that jurisdiction.*

*The Acquisition will be subject to the applicable requirements of English law, the Code, the Panel, the London Stock Exchange and the FCA.*

*Copies of this Announcement and any formal documentation relating to the Acquisition are not being, and must not be, directly or indirectly, mailed or otherwise forwarded, distributed or sent in, into or from any Restricted Jurisdiction or any jurisdiction where to do so would constitute a violation of the laws or regulations 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 Acquisition.*

### **Additional information for U.S. investors**

*U.S. shareholders (and Micro Focus ADS Holders) should note that the Acquisition relates to an offer for the shares of a UK company that is a “foreign private issuer” as defined under Rule 3b-4 of the U.S. Exchange Act and is being made by means of a scheme of arrangement provided for under English company law. The Acquisition, implemented by way of a scheme of arrangement, is not subject to the tender offer rules or the proxy solicitation rules under the U.S. Exchange Act, as amended. Accordingly, the Acquisition is subject to the procedural and disclosure requirements, rules and practices applicable to a scheme of arrangement involving a target*

*company in the UK listed on the London Stock Exchange, which differ from the requirements of the U.S. tender offer and proxy solicitation rules. If, in the future, OpenText exercises its right to implement the Acquisition by way of a Takeover Offer and determines to extend the Takeover Offer into the United States, the Acquisition will be made in compliance with applicable U.S. securities laws and regulations, including Sections 14(d) and 14(e) of the U.S. Exchange Act and Regulation 14D and 14E thereunder. Such a Takeover Offer would be made in the United States by OpenText and/or Bidco (a wholly-owned subsidiary of OpenText) and no one else.*

*The financial information with respect to Micro Focus included in this Announcement and the Scheme Document has been or will have been prepared in accordance with IFRS and thus may not be comparable to financial information of U.S. companies or companies whose financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP.*

*It may be difficult for U.S. shareholders and Micro Focus ADS Holders to enforce their rights and any claims they may have arising under the U.S. federal securities laws in connection with the Acquisition, since Micro Focus, OpenText and Bidco are each located in a country other than the United States, and some or all of their respective officers and directors may be residents of countries other than the United States. U.S. shareholders and Micro Focus ADS Holders may not be able to sue Micro Focus, OpenText, Bidco or their respective officers or directors in a non-U.S. court for violations of the U.S. securities laws. Further, it may be difficult to compel Micro Focus, OpenText or Bidco and their respective affiliates to subject themselves to the jurisdiction or judgment of a U.S. court.*

*The receipt of cash pursuant to the Scheme by U.S. shareholders (and Micro Focus ADS Holders) as consideration for the cancellation of its Micro Focus shares pursuant to the Scheme may be a taxable transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes and under applicable U.S. state and local, as well as foreign and other, tax laws. Each Micro Focus Shareholder (including U.S. shareholders) and Micro Focus ADS Holder is urged to consult their independent professional adviser immediately regarding the tax consequences of the Acquisition applicable to them, including under applicable U.S. federal, state and local, as well as foreign and other, tax laws.*

*Micro Focus is currently subject to the informational requirements of the U.S. Exchange Act and, in accordance therewith, files reports and other documents with the SEC. Reports and other information filed by Micro Focus with the SEC may be obtained free or charge from the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).*

*Neither the SEC nor any U.S. state securities commission has approved, disapproved or passed judgment upon the fairness or the merits of the Acquisition or determined if this Announcement is adequate, accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the U.S.*

*In accordance with normal United Kingdom practice and pursuant to Rule 14e-5(b) of the U.S. Exchange Act (if applicable), OpenText, Bidco, certain affiliated companies and their nominees or brokers (acting as agents), may from time to time make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, shares or other securities of Micro Focus outside of the United States, other than pursuant to the Acquisition, until the date on which the Acquisition and/or Scheme becomes effective, lapses or is otherwise withdrawn. If such purchases or arrangements to purchase were to be made, they would occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices and would comply with applicable law, including the U.S. Exchange Act. Any information about such purchases or arrangements to purchase will be disclosed as required in the UK, will be reported to a Regulatory Information Service and will be available on the London Stock Exchange website at [www.londonstockexchange.com](http://www.londonstockexchange.com).*

## **Forward-looking statements**

*This Announcement (including information incorporated by reference in this Announcement), oral statements made regarding the Acquisition, and other information published by OpenText, Bidco and Micro Focus contain statements which are, or may be deemed to be, “forward-looking statements”. All statements, other than statements of historical fact are, or may be deemed to be, forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are prospective in nature and are not based on historical facts, but rather on assumptions, expectations, valuations, targets, estimates, forecasts and projections of OpenText, Bidco and Micro Focus about future events, and are therefore subject to risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results, performance or events to differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements contained in this Announcement include statements relating to the expected effects of the Acquisition on the OpenText Group, the Micro Focus Group and the Enlarged Group, the expected timing and scope of the Acquisition and other statements other than historical facts. Often, but not always, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as “plans”, “expects”, “budget”, “targets”, “aims”, “scheduled”, “estimates”, “forecast”, “intends”, “anticipates”, “seeks”, “prospects”, “potential”, “possible”, “assume” or “believes”, or variations of such words and phrases or statements that certain actions, events or results “may”, “could”, “should”, “would”, “might” or “will” be taken, occur or be achieved. OpenText, Bidco and Micro Focus give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risks (known and unknown) and uncertainties (and other factors that are in many cases beyond the control of OpenText, Bidco and/or Micro Focus) because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that may or may not occur in the future.*

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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. on the tenth business day following the commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 p.m. on the tenth business day 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 before the deadline for making an Opening Position Disclosure must instead make a Dealing Disclosure.

Under Rule 8.3(b) of the Code, any person who is, or becomes, interested in one per cent. or more of any class of relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror must make a Dealing Disclosure if the person deals in any relevant securities of the offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror. A Dealing Disclosure must contain details of the dealing concerned and 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), 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. on the business day 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 [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.*

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