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10 April 2025

#### **MHA PLC**

("MHA" or the "Company")

#### **Retail Offer**

MHA PLC ("MHA"), a leading professional services provider of audit and assurance, tax, accountancy and advisory services, announced yesterday that it is raising up to £101.8 million (before expenses) in conjunction with its AIM IPO, through a placing of £95.8 million as well as a retail offer for up to £6.0 million. The Company is pleased to announce details of the retail offer via BookBuild (the "Retail Offer") of new ordinary shares ("Ordinary Shares") of £0.01 each in the capital of the Company (the "Retail Offer Shares") at an issue price of 100 pence per New Ordinary Share (as defined below) (the "Issue Price").

In addition to the Retail Offer, the Company is conducting a placing of new ordinary shares (the "Placing Shares" and together with the Retail Offer Shares, the "New Ordinary Shares") at the Issue Price (the "Placing" and together with the Retail Offer, the "Fundraise"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Retail Offer is not part of the Placing.

The Retail Offer is conditional on the Retail Offer Shares to be issued pursuant to the Retail Offer being admitted to trading on the AIM market operated by the London Stock Exchange ("Admission"). Admission of the New Ordinary Shares pursuant to the Fundraise is expected to take place on 15 April 2025. Completion of the Retail Offer is conditional, inter alia, upon the completion of the Placing.

## **Expected Timetable in relation to the Retail Offer**

Retail Offer opens	7.00 a.m. on 10 April 2025
Latest time and date for commitments under the Retail Offer	2.00 p.m. on 14 April 2025
Results of the Retail Offer announced	7.00 a.m. on 15 April 2025
Admission and dealings in Retail Offer Shares issued pursuant to the Retail Offer commence	8.00 a.m. on 15 April 2025

Any changes to the expected timetable set out above will be notified by the Company through a Regulatory Information Service. References to times are to London times unless otherwise stated.

## **Dealing Codes**

Ticker	MHA
ISIN for the Ordinary Shares	GB00BV0VHK88
SEDOL for the Ordinary Shares	BV0VHK8

## Retail Offer

The Company believes that it is appropriate to provide retail shareholders in the United Kingdom the opportunity to participate in the Retail Offer. The Company is therefore making the Retail Offer available in the United Kingdom through the financial intermediaries which will be listed, subject to certain access restrictions, on the following website: <a href="https://www.bookbuild.live/deals/61JEDQ/authorised-intermediaries">https://www.bookbuild.live/deals/61JEDQ/authorised-intermediaries</a>

Cavendish Capital Markets Limited will be acting as retail offer coordinator in relation to this Retail Offer (the "Retail Offer Coordinator").

Retail shareholders can contact their broker or wealth manager ("Intermediary") to participate in the Retail Offer. In order to participate in the Retail Offer, each Intermediary must be on-boarded onto the BookBuild platform and agree to the final terms and the retail offer terms and conditions, which regulate, *inter alia*, the conduct of the Retail Offer on market standard terms and provide for the payment of commission to any Intermediary that elects to receive a commission and/or fee (to the extent permitted by the FCA Handbook Rules) from the Retail Offer Coordinator (on behalf of the Company).

Any expenses incurred by any Intermediary are for its own account. Investors should confirm separately with any Intermediary whether there are any commissions, fees or expenses that will be applied by such Intermediary in connection with any application made through that Intermediary pursuant to the Retail Offer.

The Retail Offer will be open to eligible investors in the United Kingdom at **7. 00 a.m. on 10 April 2025**. The Retail Offer is expected to close at **2.00 p.m. on 14 April 2025**. Investors should note that financial Intermediaries may have earlier closing times. The Retail Offer may close early if it is oversubscribed.

If any Intermediary has any questions about how to participate in the Retail Offer on behalf of existing retail shareholders, please contact BookBuild at email: support@bookbuild.live.

To be eligible to participate in the Retail Offer, applicants must be a customer of one of the participating Intermediaries listed on the above website, resident in the United Kingdom and aged 18 years or over.

The Company reserves the right to scale back any order at its discretion. The Company reserves the right to reject any application for subscription under the Retail Offer without giving any reason for such rejection.

It is vital to note that once an application for Retail Offer Shares has been made and accepted via an Intermediary, it cannot be withdrawn.

The New Ordinary Shares will, when issued, be credited as fully paid and will rank *pari passu* in all respects with existing Ordinary Shares including the right to receive all dividends and other distributions declared, made or paid after their date of issue.

The Retail Offer is an offer to subscribe for transferable securities, the terms of which ensure that the Company is exempt from the requirement to issue a prospectus under Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of UK law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018. It is a term of the Retail Offer that the aggregate total consideration payable for the Retail Offer Shares will not exceed £6,000,000. The exemption from the requirement to publish a prospectus, set out in section 86(1)(e) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended), will apply to the Retail Offer.

The Retail Offer is not being made into any jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom.

Investors' commitments will be made solely on the basis of the information contained in this announcement, the Admission Document published by the Company today and information that has been published by, or on behalf of, the Company prior to the date of this announcement by notification to a Regulatory Information Service in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules and the Market Abuse Regulation (EU Regulation No. 596/2014) ("MAR") as it forms part of United Kingdom law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (as amended).

There is a minimum subscription of £100.00 per investor under the terms of the Retail Offer which is open to investors in the United Kingdom subscribing via the Intermediaries which will be listed, subject to certain access restrictions, on the following website: <a href="https://www.bookbuild.live/deals/61JEDQ/authorised-intermediaries">https://www.bookbuild.live/deals/61JEDQ/authorised-intermediaries</a>

There is no maximum application amount to apply in the Retail Offer. The terms and conditions on which investors subscribe will be provided by the relevant financial Intermediaries including relevant commission or fee charges.

Investors should make their own investigations into the merits of an investment in the Company. Nothing in this announcement amounts to a recommendation to invest in the Company or amounts to investment, taxation or legal advice.

It should be noted that a subscription for Retail Offer Shares and investment in the Company carries a number of risks. Investors should take independent advice from a person experienced in advising on investment in securities such as the Retail Offer Shares if they are in any doubt.

#### **Key Investment Risks**

The Retail Offer may involve a significant degree of risk including loss of capital, rarity of dividends, lack of liquidity and potential for dilution and should only be done as part of a diversified portfolio. The value of an investment and the income from it could go down as well as up. The return of your investment is not guaranteed and you may get back less than you originally invested. Past performance is not an indicator of future performance. Suffering a loss on your investment is always a possibility. Capital is at risk.

The potential gains and losses that may arise from your investments will depend on your appetite for risk and how you manage your approach to risk. Investing all your money into one type of investment can be a high risk strategy and concentrate risks to which you and that type of investment may be exposed. A managed approach to risk may be to diversify your investments you make across different companies' securities and different asset classes.

Investors should also refer to Part III of the Admission Document published today by the Company for details of further risks related to an investment in the Ordinary Shares.

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This announcement should be read in its entirety. In particular, the information in the "Key Investment Risks" and "Important Notices" sections of the announcement should be read and understood.

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The value of Ordinary Shares and the income from them is not guaranteed and can fall as well as rise due to stock market and currency movements. When you sell your investment, you may get back less than you originally invested. Figures refer to past performance and past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

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## **UK Product Governance Requirements**

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For the avoidance of doubt, the Target Market Assessment does not constitute: (a) an assessment of suitability or appropriateness for the purposes of Chapters 9A or 10A respectively of COBS; or (b) a recommendation to any investor or group of investors to invest in, or purchase, or take any other action whatsoever with respect to the Retail Offer Shares. Each distributor is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Retail Offer Shares and determining appropriate distribution channels.

# **EU Product Governance Requirements**

Solely for the purposes of the product governance requirements contained within: (a) EU Directive 2014/65/EU on markets in financial instruments, as amended ("MiFID II"); (b) Articles 9 and 10 of Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2017/593 supplementing MiFID II; and (c) local implementing measures (together, the "MiFID II Product Governance Requirements"), and disclaiming all and any liability, whether arising in tort, contract or otherwise, which any "manufacturer" (for the purposes of the MiFID II Product Governance Requirements) may otherwise have with respect thereto, the Retail Offer Shares have been subject to a product approval process, which has determined that the Retail Offer Shares are: (i) compatible with an end target market of retail investors and investors who meet the criteria of professional clients and eligible counterparties, each as defined in MiFID II; and (ii) eligible for distribution through all distribution channels as are permitted by MiFID II (the "EU Target Market Assessment"). Notwithstanding the EU Target Market Assessment, distributors should note that: the price of the Retail Offer Shares may decline and investors could lose all or part of their investment; the Retail Offer Shares offer no quaranteed income and no capital protection; and an investment in the Retail Offer Shares is compatible only with investors who do not need a guaranteed income or capital protection, who (either alone or in conjunction with an appropriate financial or other adviser) are capable of evaluating the merits and risks of such an investment and who have sufficient resources to be able to bear any losses that may result therefrom. The EU Target Market Assessment is without prejudice to the requirements of any contractual, legal or regulatory selling restrictions in relation to the Retail Offer.

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