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### RECOMMENDED CASH ACQUISITION

of

**Britvic PLC ("Britvic")** 

by

Carlsberg UK Holdings Limited ("Carlsberg")

(a wholly owned subsidiary of Carlsberg A/S)

to be effected by means of a scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006

### SCHEME SANCTIONED BY COURT

On 8 July 2024, the boards of Britvic and Carlsberg announced that they had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended cash offer to be made by Carlsberg to acquire the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Britvic (the "**Acquisition**") to be effected by means of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "**Scheme**").

Further to the announcement made on 27 August 2024 in relation to the results of the Court Meeting and General Meeting and the announcement made on 17 December 2024 in relation to the satisfaction of all regulatory conditions set out in Part A of Part III (*Conditions to the implementation of the Scheme and to the Acquisition*) of the Scheme Document, Britvic is pleased to announce that the Court has today issued the Court Order sanctioning the Scheme.

The Scheme will become effective upon the Court Order being delivered to the Registrar of Companies, which is expected to occur on 16 January 2025. There has been no change to the expected timetable of principal events for the Acquisition set out in the announcement made by Britvic and Carlsberg on 17 December 2024.

Applications have been made for the suspension of: (i) trading in Britvic Shares on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities (the "**Main Market**"); and (ii) the listing of Britvic Shares on the Official List, and such suspensions are expected to take effect from 7:30 a.m. on 17 January 2025.

Applications have also been made for the: (i) de-listing of Britvic Shares from the Official List; and (ii) cancellation of the admission to trading in Britvic Shares on the Main Market, and such de-listing and cancellation will, subject to the Scheme becoming Effective, take effect by 7:30 a.m. on 20 January 2025.

### Other

All references to times in this announcement are to London time, unless otherwise stated.

Defined terms used but not defined in this announcement have the meanings set out in the Scheme Document dated 22 July 2024.

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