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**Anticipated acquisition by Standard Life plc of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC**

**Notice under section 96(2A) of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act) published pursuant to section 107(1)(i) of the Act**

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) hereby gives notice pursuant to section 96(2A) of the Act that the merger notice provided by Standard Life plc (**Standard Life**) and Aberdeen Asset Management PLC (**Aberdeen**) in relation to Standard Life's anticipated acquisition of Aberdeen (the **Merger**) meets the requirements of section 96(2) of the Act.

The initial period defined in section 34ZA(3) of the Act in relation to the Merger will therefore commence on the first working day after the date of this notice, ie on 23 May 2017. The deadline for the CMA to announce its decision whether to refer the Merger for a Phase 2 investigation is therefore 18 July 2017.