

## THE ORDER

### DEROGATION LETTER IN RESPECT OF INTERIM ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 81 ENTERPRISE ACT 2002 COMPLETED ACQUISITION

**Consent under section 81 of the Enterprise Act 2002 to certain actions for the purposes of the Interim Order made by the Competition and Markets Authority ('CMA') on 26 November 2019**

**Completed acquisition by JD Sports Fashion plc of Footasylum plc (the Merger)**

We refer to your email of 4 June 2020 requesting that the CMA consents to derogations from the Interim Order of 26 November 2019 (which replaces the Initial Enforcement Order of 17 May 2019). The terms defined in the Interim Order have the same meaning in this letter.

Under the Interim Order, save for written consent by the CMA, Pentland Group Limited (Jersey) and Pentland Group Limited (together **Pentland**) and JD Sports Fashion plc (**JD Sports**) are required to hold separate the Footasylum Limited (**Footasylum**) business from the Pentland and JD Sports businesses and refrain from taking any action which might prejudice a reference under section 22 of the Act or impede the taking of any remedial action following such a reference.

After due consideration of your requests for derogations from the Interim Order, based on the information received from you and in the particular circumstances of this case, JD Sports may carry out the following actions, in respect of the specified paragraphs.

#### **Paragraphs 4 and 5(e) of the Interim Order**

In light of recent developments arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, the CMA understands that it may be necessary for JD Sports to take certain actions in relation to its stores [REDACTED] (the **Proposed Actions**). The CMA also understands that as a result of the Proposed Actions, [REDACTED].

The CMA consents this derogation on the basis that [REDACTED] affected by the Proposed Actions are (unless as otherwise amended with the prior written consent of the CMA) [REDACTED] provided to the CMA on 4 June 2020, in particular:

- [REDACTED]; and
- [REDACTED].