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GLENSTONE RESPONSES TO AIRE BOARD STATEMENTS

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GLENSTONE REIT PLC ("Glenstone")

Glenstone's response to statements made by Alternative Income REIT plc ("AIRE")

Glenstone notes AIRE's portfolio update to 30 June 2026 and the AIRE Board's announcements regarding acceptance levels for Glenstone's final* cash Offer. AIRE Shareholders are being urged by the AIRE Board to turn down the certainty and liquidity of Glenstone's Offer, being 70.0 pence in cash for each AIRE Share, in favour of an uncertain future for their investment in AIRE with no assurance from the AIRE Board on the potential dividend income for the current financial year or beyond.

Glenstone is now providing clear and unambiguous guidance to all AIRE Shareholders:

- **AIRE's future as an income-focused REIT is not certain** - Glenstone currently owns 25.38 per cent. of issued AIRE Shares. Prior to making its Offer, Glenstone requested the AIRE Board to commence a managed wind down in light of the Board's failure to conclude a sale of AIRE. In the event that its Offer lapses, Glenstone intends to renew its support for a managed wind down of AIRE in order to return capital to AIRE Shareholders over the medium term.
- **The AIRE Board has not published a dividend target for the current year** - AIRE Shareholders should question why the AIRE Board has chosen not to publish a target dividend for the current financial year ending 30 June 2027, given its assertion that AIRE is well positioned to continue to generate secure and predictable income returns. Shareholders should not assume that dividend income for the current year will be 5.6 pence per Share, as it was for the financial year ended 30 June 2026 (2025: 6.2 pence per Share).
- **The possible vacancies created by Meridian Steel's closure are concerning** - the AIRE Board remains confident in AIRE's prospects as a standalone company. Glenstone disagrees and believes that AIRE is subscale and that its portfolio of assets requires increasingly resource-intensive asset management to preserve both income and capital. The possible vacancies which may be created by Meridian Steel's closure are indicative of Glenstone's wider concerns around issues which may arise within the portfolio.
- **AIRE Shareholders must act quickly to accept Glenstone's Offer once AEW UK REIT plc ("AEWU") has confirmed its position** - AEWU has until 5.00 p.m. on Friday 28 August either to announce an offer for AIRE or to withdraw its interest. AIRE Shareholders who have been waiting for an announcement of AEWU's intentions before accepting Glenstone's cash Offer now have a matter of days to act. Glenstone's Offer is currently open to acceptances until 1.00 p.m. on Friday 4 September 2026.

- **Retail investors should note that share dealing platforms have internal deadlines which are earlier than Glenstone's 4 September 2026 acceptance deadline** - any AIRE Shareholder who holds their Shares in a share dealing platform such as Hargreaves Lansdown, AJ Bell or Interactive Investor should ensure that they have checked with their platform what their internal deadlines and procedures are for accepting Glenstone's Offer and that they act accordingly.

The AIRE Board has not published a target for the current year dividend. AIRE Shareholders should make their own decision on the merits of Glenstone's final* cash Offer and should be wary of heeding the advice of the AIRE Board to reject the certain outcome of 70.0 pence in cash for each AIRE Share available under Glenstone's Offer. Glenstone's Offer is currently open to acceptances until 1.00 p.m. on Friday 4 September 2026 and AIRE Shareholders now have very little time to act in order to register their acceptances for the Offer.

Capitalised terms used in this announcement shall, unless the context requires otherwise, have the same meanings given to them in Part VII of the offer document published by Glenstone on 6 July 2026.

* The financial terms of the Offer are final and will not be increased except that Glenstone reserves the right to revise the financial terms of the Offer if a third party announces a firm intention to make an offer for AIRE under Rule 2.7 of the Code.

No statement in this announcement is a "post-offer undertaking" for the purposes of Rule 19.5 of the Code.

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The statements contained in this announcement and/or the Offer Document are made as at the date of this announcement and/or the Offer Document, unless some other time is specified in relation to them, and the release of this announcement shall not give rise to any implication that there has been no change in the facts set out in this announcement since such date. This announcement and/or the Offer Document do not constitute a prospectus or a prospectus equivalent document.

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Unless otherwise determined by Glenstone 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 or any other jurisdiction where to do so would violate the laws or regulations in that jurisdiction and no person may accept the Offer (or, in the event that the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Scheme, vote in respect of the Scheme) by use of the mails or any other means or instrumentality (including, without limitation, facsimile, e-mail or other electronic transmission, telex or telephone) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or any facility of a national, state or other securities exchange of, any Restricted Jurisdiction or from within a Restricted Jurisdiction or any other jurisdiction if to do so would constitute a violation of the laws of that jurisdiction.

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If the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Scheme (unless otherwise permitted by applicable law or regulation), the Scheme Document may not be sent, supplied or made available, directly or indirectly, in or into, or by use of the mails or any other means or instrumentality (including, without limitation, facsimile, e-mail or other electronic transmission, telex or telephone) of interstate or foreign commerce of, or any facility of a national, state or other securities exchange of, any Restricted Jurisdiction and the Scheme may be voted on by any such use, means, instrumentality or facility or from within any Restricted Jurisdiction.

The availability of the Acquisition to AIRE Shareholders who are not resident in the United Kingdom may be affected by the laws of the jurisdiction in which they are resident. Persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom should inform themselves of, and observe, any applicable requirements.

Further details in relation to AIRE Shareholders in overseas jurisdictions are contained in Part V of the Offer Document.

The Acquisition is subject to the applicable requirements of the Companies Act, the Code, the Panel, the FCA, the London Stock Exchange and the Registrar of Companies (and, in the event that the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Scheme, the Court).

Notice to US shareholders in AIRE

The Acquisition relates to the shares of an English company and is expected to be implemented by means of a takeover offer provided for under the Companies Act. A transaction implemented by means of a takeover offer is not subject to the tender offer rules or the proxy solicitation rules under the US Exchange Act. The Acquisition is subject to the disclosure requirements and practices applicable to a takeover offer involving a target company in England whose shares are traded on the main market of the London Stock Exchange, which differ from the US disclosure requirements in certain respects.

The financial information included in the Offer Document (or, if the Acquisition is implemented by way of a Scheme, the Scheme Document) has been or will have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards applicable in the United Kingdom and may not therefore be comparable to the financial information of United States companies or companies whose financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. Generally accepted accounting principles in the United States differ in certain significant respects from accounting standards applicable in the United Kingdom.

The receipt of cash pursuant to the Acquisition by US AIRE Shareholders may be a taxable transaction for US federal income tax purposes and under applicable US state and local, as well as foreign and other, tax laws. Each AIRE Shareholder (including each US AIRE Shareholder) is urged to consult their own independent professional adviser immediately regarding the legal and tax consequences of the Acquisition applicable to them.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any US state securities commission has approved or disapproved or passed judgment upon the fairness or the merits of the Acquisition or determined if this announcement and/or the Offer Document is adequate, accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the US.

Each of AIRE and Glenstone is incorporated under the laws of England and Wales. In addition, most of their respective officers and directors reside outside the US, and some or all of their respective assets are or may be located in jurisdictions outside the US. Therefore, investors may have difficulty effecting service of process within the US upon those persons or recovering against AIRE or Glenstone or their respective officers or directors on judgments of US courts, including judgments based upon the civil liability provisions of US federal securities laws. Further, it may be difficult to compel a non-US company and its affiliates to subject themselves to a US court's judgment. It may not be possible to sue AIRE or Glenstone or their respective officers or directors in a non-US court for violations of US securities laws.

In accordance with normal United Kingdom practice and pursuant to Rule 14e-5 of the US Exchange Act, to the extent applicable, Glenstone or its nominees or brokers (acting as agents) may from time to time make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, AIRE Shares, other than pursuant to the Acquisition, while the Offer remains open to acceptance, in compliance with applicable law, including the US Exchange Act. Any information about such purchases will be disclosed as required in the United Kingdom, will be reported via a Regulatory Information Service and will be available on the London Stock Exchange website at: <http://www.londonstockexchange.com>.

Forward-looking statements

This announcement and the Offer Document contain certain statements which are, or may be deemed to be, "forward-looking statements". These statements are prospective in nature and are not based on historical facts, but rather on the current expectations and projections of the management of Glenstone and/or AIRE (as the case may be) about future events, and are, therefore, naturally subject to risks, uncertainties and changes in circumstances that could cause actual results to differ materially from the future results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements often use words such as, without limitation, "anticipate", "target", "expect", "estimate", "intend", "plan", "forecast", "project", "goal", "believe", "aim", "will", "may", "hope", "continue", "would", "could" or "should" or other words of similar meaning or the negative thereof. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements relating to the following: (i) future capital expenditures, expenses, revenues, economic performance, financial conditions, dividend policy, losses and future prospects; (ii) business and management strategies and the expansion and growth of the operations of AIRE and/or Glenstone; and (iii) the effects of government regulation on the business of AIRE and/or Glenstone. There are many factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in forward-looking statements. Among such factors are changes in global, political, economic, business, competitive, market and regulatory forces, circumstances or conditions, future exchange and interest rates, changes in tax rates and future business combinations or disposals. Such statements are qualified in their entirety by the inherent risks and uncertainties surrounding future expectations.

These forward-looking statements are based on numerous assumptions regarding the present and future business strategies of such persons and the environment in which each will operate in the future. Except as expressly provided in this announcement and/or the Offer Document, neither they nor any other statements have been reviewed by the auditors of AIRE and/or Glenstone. By their nature, these forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will or may occur in the future. The factors described in the context of such forward-looking statements in this announcement and/or the Offer Document may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of any such person, or industry results and developments, to be materially different from any results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Although it is believed that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, none of AIRE and/or Glenstone can give any assurance that such expectations will prove to have been correct and persons reading this announcement and/or the Offer Document are therefore cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements which speak only as at the date of this announcement and/or the Offer Document. None of AIRE and/or Glenstone or their respective members, directors, officers, employees, advisers or any person acting on behalf of one or more of them, provides any representation, assurance or guarantee that the occurrence of the events expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements in this announcement and/or the Offer Document will actually occur.

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