

# Retail Offer

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Ocado Group plc ("**Ocado**" or the "**Company**"), today announces a retail offer via PrimaryBid of new ordinary shares (the "**Retail Shares**") of 2 pence each in the capital of the Company (the "**Retail Offer**").

As separately announced today, the Company is conducting both a non-pre-emptive placing of new ordinary shares (the "**Placing Shares**") in the capital of the Company (the "**Placing**") through an accelerated bookbuilding process (the "**Bookbuilding Process**") and an issue of guaranteed senior unsecured convertible bonds due in 2027 (the "**Bonds**"). The price at which the Placing Shares are to be placed (the "**Placing Price**") will be determined at the close of the Bookbuilding Process. The final terms of the Bonds are expected to be announced later today.

The issue price for the Retail Shares will be equal to the Placing Price.

## Reasons for the Retail Offer

While the Placing has been structured as a non-pre-emptive offer within the Company's existing authorities from shareholders for non-pre-emptive offers so as to minimise cost, time to completion and use of management time Ocado values its retail investor base and wants to give those shareholders an opportunity to participate in the Placing, alongside other investors.

After consideration of the various options available to it, the Company believes that the separate Retail Offer, which will give retail investors the opportunity to participate in the Company's equity fundraising alongside the Placing and the issue of the Bonds is in the best interest of shareholders, as well as wider stakeholders in Ocado.

The net proceeds of the Retail Offer will provide Ocado with the financial flexibility to move quickly and to capitalise on the full opportunity set over the medium term.

### **Details of the Retail Offer**

Members of the public in the UK may participate in the Retail Offer by applying exclusively through the [www.PrimaryBid.com](http://www.PrimaryBid.com) platform and the PrimaryBid mobile app available on the Apple App Store and Google Play. PrimaryBid does not charge investors any commission for this service.

The Retail Offer is now open to retail investors. The Retail Offer will close at the same time as the Bookbuilding Process is completed. The Retail Offer may close early if it is oversubscribed.

Subscriptions under the Retail Offer will be considered by the Company on a "first come, first served" basis (with preference to be given to the Company's existing retail investors), subject to conditions which are available to view on [PrimaryBid.com](http://PrimaryBid.com). The Company, in consultation with PrimaryBid, reserves the right to scale back any order at its discretion.

No commission will be charged to investors on applications to participate in the Retail Offer made through PrimaryBid. It is important to note that once an application for the Retail Shares has been made and accepted via PrimaryBid, that application is irrevocable and cannot be withdrawn.

It is a term of the Retail Offer that the total value of the Retail Shares available for subscription at the Placing Price does not exceed €8 million, as is legally required (equivalent to approximately £7.1m at the exchange rate of 9 June 2020). Accordingly, the Company is not required to publish, and has not published, a prospectus in connection with the Retail Offer as it falls within the exemption set out in section 86(1)(e) and 86(4) of FSMA. The Retail Offer is not being made into any jurisdiction where it would be unlawful to do so. In particular, the Retail Offer is being made only to persons who are, and at the time the Retail Shares are subscribed for, will be outside the United States and subscribing for the Placing Shares in an "offshore transaction" as defined in, and in accordance with, Regulation S ("**Regulation S**") under the U.S Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**"). Persons who are resident or otherwise located in the United States will not be eligible to register for participation in the offer through PrimaryBid or subscribe for Retail Shares.

The Retail Shares, when issued, will be fully paid and will rank *pari passu* in all respects with each other and with the existing ordinary shares of the Company.

Applications will be made (i) to the Financial Conduct Authority for the admission of the Retail Shares to the premium listing segment of the Official List; and (ii) to London Stock Exchange plc for admission of the Retail Shares to trading on its main market for listed securities (together, "**Admission**").

Settlement for the Retail Shares and Admission are expected to take place on or before 8.00 a.m. on 15 June 2020. The Retail Offer is conditional upon Admission becoming effective and on the placing agreement (for the purpose of the Placing) and subscription agreement (for the purpose of the issue of the Bonds) entered into by the Company not being terminated in accordance with their terms prior to Admission.

For further details, please refer to [www.PrimaryBid.com](http://www.PrimaryBid.com). The terms and conditions on which the Retail Offer is made, including the procedure for application and payment for the Retail Shares, is available to all persons who register with [PrimaryBid.com](http://PrimaryBid.com).

**It should be noted that a subscription for the Retail Shares and any investment in the Company carry a number of risks. 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**

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