

DATED

1ST AUGUST 2023

LEASE

RELATING TO

1 PARK LANE

RACHAEL JOAN ALMOND, OLWYN SHIRLEY

AND DAVID SPENCER SHIRLEY AS TRUSTEES OF THE STRATAGEM FP SSAS

and

STRATAGEM FINANCIAL PLANNING LIMITED

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THIS LEASE is dated

PARTIES

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- (2) **STRATAGEM FINANCIAL PLANNING LIMITED**, a company incorporated and registered in England and Wales with company number 11456453, whose registered office is at 1 Park Lane, Poynton, Cheshire, SK12 1RD (**Tenant**).

AGREED TERMS

1. INTERPRETATION

The following definitions and rules of interpretation apply in this lease.

1.1 Definitions:

Act of Insolvency:

- (a) the taking of any step in connection with any voluntary arrangement or any other compromise or arrangement for the benefit of any creditors of the Tenant or any guarantor;
- (b) the making of an application for an administration order or the making of an administration order in relation to the Tenant or any guarantor;
- (c) the giving of any notice of intention to appoint an administrator, or the filing at court of the prescribed documents in connection with the appointment of an administrator, or the appointment of an administrator, in any case in relation to the Tenant or any guarantor;
- (d) the appointment of a receiver or manager or an administrative receiver in relation to any property or income of the Tenant or any guarantor;
- (e) the commencement of a voluntary winding-up in respect of the Tenant or any guarantor, except a winding-up for the purpose of amalgamation or reconstruction of a solvent company in respect of which a statutory declaration of solvency has been filed with the Registrar of Companies;
- (f) the making of a petition for a winding-up order or a winding-up order in respect of the Tenant or any guarantor;
- (g) the striking-off of the Tenant or any guarantor from the Register of Companies or the making of an application for the Tenant or any guarantor to be struck-off;
- (h) the Tenant or any guarantor otherwise ceasing to exist (but excluding where the Tenant or any guarantor dies); or

- (i) the making of an application for a bankruptcy order, the presentation of a petition for a bankruptcy order or the making of a bankruptcy order against the Tenant or any guarantor.

The paragraphs above shall apply in relation to a partnership or limited partnership (as defined in the Partnership Act 1890 and the Limited Partnerships Act 1907 respectively) subject to the modifications referred to in the Insolvent Partnerships Order 1994 (SI 1994/2421) (as amended), and a limited liability partnership (as defined in the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000) subject to the modifications referred to in the Limited Liability Partnerships Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1090) (as amended).

Act of Insolvency includes any analogous proceedings or events that may be taken pursuant to the legislation of another jurisdiction in relation to a tenant or guarantor incorporated or domiciled in such relevant jurisdiction.

Annual Rent: rent at an initial rate of £30,000 per annum.

CDM Regulations: the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/51).

Contractual Term: a term of 5 years beginning on, and including the date of this lease and ending on, and including [31ST JULY] 2028

Default Interest Rate: 4.00% per annum above the Interest Rate.

Insurance Rent: the aggregate in each year of the gross cost of the premium before any discount or commission for the insurance of:

- (a) the Property, other than any plate glass, for its full reinstatement cost (taking inflation of building costs into account) against loss or damage by or in consequence of the Insured Risks, including costs of demolition, site clearance, site protection and shoring-up, professionals' and statutory fees and incidental expenses, the cost of any work which may be required under any law and VAT in respect of all those costs, fees and expenses,
- (b) loss of Annual Rent of the Property for three years, and
- (c) any insurance premium tax payable on the above.

Insured Risks: means fire, explosion, lightning, earthquake, storm, flood, bursting and overflowing of water tanks, apparatus or pipes, impact by aircraft and articles dropped from them, impact by vehicles, subsidence, ground slip, heave, riot, civil commotion and any other risks against which the Landlord decides to insure against from time to time and Insured Risk means any one of the Insured Risks.

Interest Rate: the base rate from time to time of the Bank of England, or if that base rate stops being used or published then a comparable commercial rate reasonably determined by the Landlord.

Landlord's Neighbouring Property: each and every part of the adjoining and neighbouring property in which the Landlord has an interest

LTA 1954: Landlord and Tenant Act 1954.

Permitted Use: offices within Use Class A2 of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 as at the date this lease is granted.

Property: the land and building at 1 Park Lane, Poynton, Stockport, Cheshire, SK12 1RD and registered under title number CH187881 shown edged red on the attached plan.

Rent Payment Dates: the 1st day of each month.

Reservations: all of the rights excepted, reserved and granted to the Landlord by this lease.

Service Media: all media for the supply or removal of heat, electricity, gas, water, sewage, air conditioning, energy, telecommunications, data and all other services and utilities and all structures, machinery and equipment ancillary to those media.

Third Party Rights: all rights, covenants and restrictions affecting the Property including the matters referred to at the date of this lease in the property register and the charges register of title number CH187881.

VAT: value added tax chargeable under the VATA 1994 and any similar replacement tax and any similar additional tax.

VATA 1994: Value Added Tax Act 1994.

- 1.2 A reference to this **lease**, except a reference to the date of the lease or to the grant of the lease, is a reference to this deed and any deed, licence, consent, approval or other instrument supplemental to it.
- 1.3 A reference to the **Landlord** includes a reference to the person entitled to the immediate reversion to this lease. A reference to the **Tenant** includes a reference to its successors in title and assigns. A reference to a **guarantor** is to any guarantor of the tenant covenants of this lease including a guarantor who has entered into an authorised guarantee agreement.
- 1.4 In relation to any payment, a reference to a **fair proportion** is to a fair proportion of the total amount payable, determined conclusively (except as to questions of law) by the Landlord.
- 1.5 The expressions **landlord covenant** and **tenant covenant** each has the meaning given to it by the Landlord and Tenant (Covenants) Act 1995.
- 1.6 Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to the **Property** is to the whole and any part of it.
- 1.7 A reference to the **term** is to the Contractual Term and statutory continuation of this lease.
- 1.8 A reference to the **end of the term** is to the end of the term however it ends.

- 1.9 References to the **consent** of the Landlord are to the consent of the Landlord given in accordance with clause 38.5 and references to the **approval** of the Landlord are to the approval of the Landlord given in accordance with clause 38.6.
- 1.10 A **working day** is any day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, a bank holiday or a public holiday in England.
- 1.11 A reference to laws in general is a reference to all local, national and directly applicable supra-national laws as amended, extended or re-enacted from time to time and shall include all subordinate laws made from time to time under them and all orders, notices, codes of practice and guidance made under them.
- 1.12 Unless otherwise specified, a reference to a statute or statutory provision is a reference to it as amended, extended or re-enacted from time to time and shall include all subordinate legislation made from time to time under that statute or statutory provision and all orders, notices, codes of practice and guidance made under it.
- 1.13 Any obligation on the Tenant not to do something includes an obligation not to allow that thing to be done and an obligation to use best endeavours to prevent that thing being done by another person.
- 1.14 Unless the context otherwise requires, any words following the terms **including, include, in particular, for example** or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words, description, definition, phrase or term preceding those terms.
- 1.15 A **person** includes a natural person, corporate or unincorporated body (whether or not having separate legal personality).
- 1.16 Subject to clause 37.3 a reference to **writing** or **written** includes fax but not email.
- 1.17 Unless the context otherwise requires, references to clauses and Schedules are to the clauses and Schedules of this lease and references to paragraphs are to paragraphs of the relevant Schedule.
- 1.18 Clause, Schedule and paragraph headings shall not affect the interpretation of this lease.
- 1.19 Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to one gender shall include a reference to the other genders.
- 1.20 Unless the context otherwise requires, words in the singular shall include the plural and in the plural shall include the singular.

2. GRANT

- 2.1 The Landlord lets with full title guarantee the Property to the Tenant for the Contractual Term.
- 2.2 The grant is made excepting and reserving to the Landlord the rights set out in clause 4, and subject to the Third Party Rights.
- 2.3 The grant is made with the Tenant paying the following as rent to the Landlord:
- (a) the Annual Rent and all VAT in respect of it;
 - (b) the Insurance Rent;
 - (c) all interest payable under this lease; and
 - (d) all other sums due under this lease.

3. ANCILLARY RIGHTS

Neither the grant of this lease nor anything in it confers any right over neighbouring property nor is to be taken to show that the Tenant may have any right over neighbouring property, and section 62 of the Law of Property Act 1925 does not apply to this lease.

4. RIGHTS EXCEPTED AND RESERVED

- 4.1 The following rights are excepted and reserved from this lease to the Landlord for the benefit of the Landlord's Neighbouring Property:
- (a) rights of light, air, support and protection to the extent those rights are capable of being enjoyed at any time during the term;
 - (b) the right to use and to connect into Service Media at the Property which are in existence at the date of this lease or which are installed or constructed during the period of 5 years from the commencement of the Contractual Term;
 - (c) at any time during the term, the full and free right to develop the Landlord's Neighbouring Property as the Landlord may think fit;
 - (d) the right to erect scaffolding at the Property and attach it to any building or structure on the Property in connection with any of the Reservations;
 - (e) the right to build on or into any boundary wall of the Property in connection with any of the Reservations; and
 - (f) the right to re-route any Service Media at or serving the Property or re-route any means of access to or egress from the Property,

notwithstanding that the exercise of any of the Reservations or the works carried out pursuant to them result in a reduction in the flow of light or air to the Property or loss

of amenity for the Property provided that they do not materially affect the use and enjoyment of the Property for the Permitted Use.

4.2 The Landlord reserves the right to enter the Property:

- (a) to repair, maintain or replace any Service Media or structure relating to any of the Reservations; and
- (b) for any other purpose mentioned in or connected with:
 - (i) this lease;
 - (ii) the Reservations; and
 - (iii) the Landlord's interest in the Property.

4.3 The Reservations may be exercised by the Landlord and by anyone else who is or becomes entitled to exercise them, and by anyone authorised by the Landlord.

4.4 The Tenant shall allow all those entitled to exercise any right to enter the Property, to do so with their workers, contractors, agents and professional advisors, and to enter the Property at any reasonable time (whether or not during usual business hours) and, except in the case of an emergency, after having given reasonable notice (which need not be in writing) to the Tenant.

4.5 No party exercising any of the Reservations, nor its workers, contractors, agents and professional advisors, shall be liable to the Tenant or to any undertenant or other occupier of or person at the Property for any loss, damage, injury, nuisance or inconvenience arising by reason of its exercising any of those Reservations except for:

- (a) physical damage to the Property; or
- (b) any loss, damage, injury, nuisance or inconvenience in relation to which the law prevents the Landlord from excluding liability.

5. THIRD PARTY RIGHTS

5.1 The Tenant shall comply with all obligations on the Landlord relating to the Third Party Rights (insofar as those obligations relate to the Property) and shall not do anything (even if otherwise permitted by this lease) that may interfere with any Third Party Right.

5.2 The Tenant shall allow the Landlord and any other person authorised by the terms of the Third Party Right to enter the Property in accordance with its terms.

6. THE ANNUAL RENT

6.1 The Tenant shall pay the Annual Rent and any VAT in respect of it by 12 equal instalments in advance on or before the Rent Payment Dates. The payments shall be

made by banker's standing order or by any other method that the Landlord requires at any time by giving notice to the Tenant.

- 6.2 The first instalment of the Annual Rent and any VAT in respect of it shall be made on the date of this lease and shall be the proportion, calculated on a daily basis, in respect of the period beginning on the date of this lease and ending on the day before the next Rent Payment Date.

7. INSURANCE

- 7.1 Subject to clause 7.2, the Landlord shall keep the Property (other than any plate glass at the Property) insured against loss or damage by the Insured Risks for the sum which the Landlord considers to be its full reinstatement cost (taking inflation of building costs into account). The Landlord shall not be obliged to insure any part of the Property installed by the Tenant.

- 7.2 The Landlord's obligation to insure is subject to:

- (a) any exclusions, limitations, excesses and conditions that may be imposed by the insurers; and
- (b) insurance being available in the London insurance market on reasonable terms acceptable to the Landlord.

- 7.3 The Tenant shall pay to the Landlord on demand:

- (a) the Insurance Rent;
- (b) any amount that is deducted or disallowed by the insurers pursuant to any excess provision in the insurance policy; and
- (c) any costs that the Landlord incurs in obtaining a valuation of the Property for insurance purposes.

If the Landlord insures the Property together with other land, the amount of the Insurance Rent shall be a fair proportion of the total for the Property and the other land.

- 7.4 The Tenant shall:

- (a) immediately inform the Landlord if any matter occurs that any insurer or underwriter may treat as material in deciding whether or on what terms to insure or to continue to insure the Property and shall give the Landlord notice of that matter;
- (b) not do or omit anything as a result of which any policy of insurance of the Property or any neighbouring property may become void or voidable or otherwise prejudiced, or the payment of any policy money may be withheld, nor (unless the Tenant has previously notified the Landlord and has paid any increased or additional premium) anything as a result of which any increased or additional insurance premium may become payable;

- (c) comply at all times with the requirements and recommendations of the insurers relating to the Property;
- (d) give the Landlord immediate notice of the occurrence of any damage or loss relating to the Property arising from an Insured Risk or of any other event that might affect any insurance policy relating to the Property;
- (e) not effect any insurance of the Property (except any plate glass at the Property), but if it becomes entitled to the benefit of any insurance proceeds in respect of the Property (other than in respect of plate glass) pay those proceeds or cause them to be paid to the Landlord; and
- (f) pay the Landlord an amount equal to any insurance money that the insurers of the Property refuse to pay by reason of any act or omission of the Tenant or any undertenant, their workers, contractors or agents or any person at the Property with the actual or implied authority of any of them.

7.5 The Landlord shall, subject to obtaining all necessary planning and other consents, use all insurance money received (other than for loss of rent) to repair the damage for which the money has been received or (as the case may be) in rebuilding the Property. The Landlord shall not be obliged to:

- (a) provide accommodation identical in layout or design so long as accommodation reasonably equivalent to that previously at the Property is provided; or
- (b) repair or rebuild if the Tenant has failed to pay any of the Insurance Rent; or
- (c) repair or rebuild the Property after a notice has been served pursuant to clause 7.7 or clause 7.8.

7.6 If the Property is damaged or destroyed by the Insured Risk so as to be unfit for occupation and use then, unless the policy of insurance of the Property has been vitiated in whole or in part in consequence of any act or omission of the Tenant, any undertenant or their respective workers, contractors or agents or any other person on the Property with the actual or implied authority of any of them, payment of the Annual Rent, or a fair proportion of it according to the nature and extent of the damage, shall be suspended until the Property has been reinstated and made fit for occupation and use, or until the end of three years from the date of damage or destruction, if sooner.

7.7 If, following damage to or destruction of the Property, the Landlord considers that it is impossible or impractical to reinstate the Property, the Landlord may terminate this lease by giving notice to the Tenant. On giving notice this lease shall determine but this shall be without prejudice to any right or remedy of the Landlord in respect of any breach of the tenant covenants of this lease. Any proceeds of the insurance (other than any insurance for plate glass) shall belong to the Landlord.

7.8 Provided that the Tenant has complied with its obligations in this clause, the Tenant may terminate this lease by giving notice to the Landlord if, following damage or

destruction by an Insured Risk, the Property has not been reinstated so as to be fit for occupation and use within three years after the date of damage or destruction. On giving this notice this lease shall determine but this shall be without prejudice to any right or remedy of the Landlord in respect of any breach of the tenant covenants of this lease. Any proceeds of the insurance (other than any insurance for plate glass) shall belong to the Landlord.

8. RATES AND TAXES

8.1 The Tenant shall pay all present and future rates, taxes and other impositions and outgoings payable in respect of the Property, its use and any works carried out there, except:

- (a) any taxes payable by the Landlord in connection with any dealing with or disposition of the reversion to this lease; or
- (b) any taxes, other than VAT and insurance premium tax, payable by the Landlord by reason of the receipt of any of the rents due under this lease.

8.2 If any rates, taxes or other impositions and outgoings are payable in respect of the Property together with other property, the Tenant shall pay a fair proportion of the total.

8.3 The Tenant shall not make any proposal to alter the rateable value of the Property or that value as it appears on any draft rating list, without the approval of the Landlord.

8.4 If, after the end of the term, the Landlord loses rating relief (or any similar relief or exemption) because it has been allowed to the Tenant, then the Tenant shall pay the Landlord an amount equal to the relief or exemption that the Landlord has lost.

9. UTILITIES

9.1 The Tenant shall pay all costs in connection with the supply and removal of electricity, gas, water, sewage, telecommunications, data and other services and utilities to or from the Property.

9.2 If any of those costs are payable in relation to the Property together with other property, the Tenant shall pay a fair proportion of all those costs.

9.3 The Tenant shall comply with all laws and with any recommendations of the relevant suppliers relating to the use of those services and utilities.

10. COMMON ITEMS

10.1 The Tenant shall pay the Landlord on demand a fair proportion of all costs payable for the maintenance, repair, lighting, cleaning and renewal of all Service Media, structures and other items used or capable of being used by the Property in common with other property.

- 10.2 The Tenant shall comply with all reasonable regulations the Landlord may make from time to time in connection with the use of any of those Service Media, structures or other items.

11. VAT

- 11.1 All sums payable by the Tenant are exclusive of any VAT that may be chargeable. The Tenant shall pay VAT in respect of all taxable supplies made to it in connection with this lease on the due date for making any payment or, if earlier, the date on which that supply is made for VAT purposes.
- 11.2 Every obligation on the Tenant, under or in connection with this lease, to pay the Landlord or any other person any sum by way of a refund or indemnity, shall include an obligation to pay an amount equal to any VAT incurred on that sum by the Landlord or other person, except to the extent that the Landlord or other person obtains credit for such VAT under the VATA 1994.

12. DEFAULT INTEREST AND INTEREST

- 12.1 If any Annual Rent or any other money payable under this lease has not been paid by the date it is due, whether it has been formally demanded or not, the Tenant shall pay the Landlord interest on that amount at the Default Interest Rate (both before and after any judgment). Such interest shall accrue on a daily basis for the period beginning on the due date to and including the date of payment.
- 12.2 If the Landlord does not demand or accept any Annual Rent or other money due or tendered under this lease because the Landlord reasonably believes that the Tenant is in breach of any of the tenant covenants of this lease, then the Tenant shall, when that amount is accepted by the Landlord, also pay interest at the Interest Rate on that amount for the period beginning on the date the amount (or each part of it) became due until the date it is accepted by the Landlord.

13. COSTS

- 13.1 The Tenant shall pay the costs and expenses of the Landlord including any solicitors' or other professionals' costs and expenses incurred (both during and after the end of the term) in connection with or in contemplation of any of the following:
- (a) the enforcement of the tenant covenants of this lease;
 - (b) serving any notice in connection with this lease under section 146 or 147 of the Law of Property Act 1925 or taking any proceedings under either of those sections, notwithstanding that forfeiture is avoided otherwise than by relief granted by the court;
 - (c) serving any notice in connection with this lease under section 17 of the Landlord and Tenant (Covenants) Act 1995;

- (d) the preparation and service of a schedule of dilapidations in connection with this lease; or
- (e) any consent or approval applied for under this lease, whether or not it is granted (unless the consent or approval is unreasonably withheld by the Landlord in circumstances where the Landlord is not unreasonably to withhold it).

13.2 Where the Tenant is obliged to pay or indemnify the Landlord against any solicitors' or other professionals' costs and expenses (whether under this or any other clause of this lease) that obligation extends to those costs and expenses assessed on a full indemnity basis.

14. COMPENSATION ON VACATING

Any right of the Tenant or anyone deriving title under the Tenant to claim compensation from the Landlord on leaving the Property under the LTA 1954 is excluded, except to the extent that the legislation prevents that right being excluded.

15. SET-OFF

The Annual Rent and all other amounts due under this lease shall be paid by the Tenant or any guarantor (as the case may be) in full without any set-off, counterclaim, deduction or withholding (other than any deduction or withholding of tax as required by law).

16. ASSIGNMENTS

16.1 The Tenant shall not assign the whole of this lease without the consent of the Landlord, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.

16.2 The Tenant shall not assign part only of this lease.

16.3 The Landlord and the Tenant agree that for the purposes of section 19(1A) of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1927 the Landlord may give its consent to an assignment subject to all or any of the following conditions:

- (a) a condition that the assignor enters into an authorised guarantee agreement which:
 - (i) is in respect of all the tenant covenants of this lease;
 - (ii) is in respect of the period beginning with the date the assignee becomes bound by those covenants and ending on the date when the assignee is released from those covenants by virtue of section 5 of the Landlord and Tenant (Covenants) Act 1995;
 - (iii) imposes principal debtor liability on the assignor;

- (iv) requires (in the event of a disclaimer of this lease) the assignor to enter into a new tenancy for a term equal to the unexpired residue of the Contractual Term; and
 - (v) is otherwise in a form reasonably required by the Landlord;
 - (b) a condition that a person of standing acceptable to the Landlord acting reasonably enters into a guarantee and indemnity of the tenant covenants of this lease in such form as the Landlord may reasonably require.
- 16.4 The Landlord and the Tenant agree that for the purposes of section 19(1A) of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1927 the Landlord may refuse its consent to an assignment if any of the following circumstances exist at the date of the Tenant's application for consent to assign this lease:
- (a) the Annual Rent or any other money due under this lease is outstanding or there is a material breach of covenant by the Tenant that has not been remedied;
 - (b) in the Landlord's reasonable opinion the assignee is not of sufficient financial standing to enable it to comply with the Tenant's covenants and conditions contained in this lease; or
 - (c) the assignee and the Tenant are group companies within the meaning of section 42 of the LTA 1954.
- 16.5 Nothing in this clause shall prevent the Landlord from giving consent subject to any other reasonable condition, nor from refusing consent to an assignment in any other circumstance where it is reasonable to do so.
- 17. UNDERLETTINGS**
- 17.1 The Tenant shall not underlet the whole of the Property except in accordance with this clause nor without the consent of the Landlord, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.
- 17.2 The Tenant shall not underlet part only of the Property.
- 17.3 The Tenant shall not underlet the Property:
- (a) together with any property or any right over property that is not included within this lease;
 - (b) at a fine or premium or reverse premium; nor
 - (c) allowing any rent free period to the undertenant that exceeds the period as is then usual in the open market in respect of such a letting.
- 17.4 The Tenant shall not underlet the Property unless, before the underlease is granted, the Tenant has given the Landlord:

- (a) a certified copy of the notice served on the undertenant, as required by section 38A(3)(a) of the LTA 1954, applying to the tenancy to be created by the underlease; and
- (b) a certified copy of the declaration or statutory declaration made by the undertenant in accordance with the requirements of section 38A(3)(b) of the LTA 1954.

17.5 Any underletting by the Tenant shall be by deed and shall include:

- (a) an agreement between the Tenant and the undertenant that the provisions of sections 24 to 28 of the LTA 1954 are excluded from applying to the tenancy created by the underlease;
- (b) the reservation of a rent which is not less than the full open market rental value of the Property at the date the Property is underlet and which is payable at the same times as the Annual Rent under this lease (but this shall not prevent an underlease providing for a rent-free period of a length permitted by clause 17.3(c));
- (c) provisions for the review of rent at the same dates and on the same basis as the review of rent in this lease, unless the term of the underlease does not extend beyond the next Review Date;
- (d) a covenant by the undertenant, enforceable by and expressed to be enforceable by the Landlord (as superior landlord at the date of grant) and its successors in title in their own right, to observe and perform the tenant covenants in the underlease and any document that is supplemental or collateral to it and the tenant covenants in this lease, except the covenants to pay the rents reserved by this lease; and
- (e) provisions requiring the consent of the Landlord to be obtained in respect of any matter for which the consent of the Landlord is required under this lease,

and shall otherwise be consistent with and include tenant covenants no less onerous (other than as to the Annual Rent) than those in this lease and in a form approved by the Landlord, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld.

17.6 In relation to any underlease granted by the Tenant, the Tenant shall:

- (a) not vary the terms of the underlease nor accept a surrender of the underlease without the consent of the Landlord, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld;
- (b) enforce the tenant covenants in the underlease and not waive any of them nor allow any reduction in the rent payable under the underlease; and
- (c) ensure that in relation to any rent review the revised rent is not agreed without the approval of the Landlord, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld.

18. SHARING OCCUPATION

The Tenant may share occupation of the Property with any company that is a member of the same group (within the meaning of section 42 of the LTA 1954) as the Tenant for as long as that company remains within that group and provided that no relationship of landlord and tenant is established by that arrangement.

19. CHARGING

19.1 The Tenant shall not charge the whole of this lease without the consent of the Landlord, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.

19.2 The Tenant shall not charge part only of this lease.

20. PROHIBITION OF OTHER DEALINGS

Except as expressly permitted by this lease, the Tenant shall not assign, underlet, charge, part with or share possession or share occupation of this lease or the Property or hold the lease on trust for any person (except pending registration of a dealing permitted by this lease at HM Land Registry or by reason only of joint legal ownership).

21. REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION OF DEALINGS AND OCCUPATION

21.1 In this clause a **Transaction** is:

- (a) any dealing with this lease or the devolution or transmission of, or parting with possession of any interest in it;
- (b) the creation of any underlease or other interest out of this lease, or out of any interest, underlease derived from it, and any dealing, devolution or transmission of, or parting with possession of any such interest or underlease; or
- (c) the making of any other arrangement for the occupation of the Property.

21.2 In respect of every Transaction that is registrable at HM Land Registry, the Tenant shall promptly following completion of the Transaction apply to register it (or procure that the relevant person so applies). The Tenant shall (or shall procure that) any requisitions raised by HM Land Registry in connection with an application to register a Transaction are dealt with promptly and properly. Within one month of completion of the registration, the Tenant shall send the Landlord official copies of its title (and where applicable of the undertenant's title).

21.3 No later than one month after a Transaction the Tenant shall:

- (a) give the Landlord's solicitors notice of the Transaction;
- (b) deliver two certified copies of any document effecting the Transaction to the Landlord's solicitors;

- (c) pay the Landlord's solicitors a registration fee of £50 (plus VAT); and
- (d) deliver to the Landlord's solicitors a copy of any Energy Performance Certificate and Recommendation Report issued as a result of the Transaction.

21.4 If the Landlord so requests, the Tenant shall promptly supply the Landlord with full details of the occupiers of the Property and the terms upon which they occupy it.

22. CLOSURE OF THE REGISTERED TITLE OF THIS LEASE

after the end of the term (and notwithstanding that the term has ended), the Tenant shall make an application to close the registered title of this lease and shall ensure that any requisitions raised by HM Land Registry in connection with that application are dealt with promptly and properly; the Tenant shall keep the Landlord informed of the progress and completion of its application.

23. REPAIRS

23.1 The Tenant shall keep the Property clean and tidy and in good repair and condition and shall ensure that any Service Media within and exclusively serving the Property is kept in good working order.

23.2 The Tenant shall not be liable to repair the Property to the extent that any disrepair has been caused by an Insured Risk, unless and to the extent that:

- (a) the policy of insurance of the Property has been vitiated or any insurance proceeds withheld in consequence of any act or omission of the Tenant, any undertenant or their respective workers, contractors or agents or any person on the Property with the actual or implied authority of any of them; or
- (b) the insurance cover in relation to that disrepair is excluded, limited, is unavailable or has not been extended, as mentioned in clause 7.2.

24. DECORATION

24.1 The Tenant shall decorate the outside and the inside of the Property as often as is reasonably necessary and also in the last three months before the end of the term.

24.2 All decoration shall be carried out in a good and proper manner using good quality materials that are appropriate to the Property and the Permitted Use and shall include all appropriate preparatory work.

24.3 All decoration carried out in the last three months of the term shall also be carried out to the satisfaction of the Landlord and using materials, designs and colours approved by the Landlord.

- 24.4 The Tenant shall replace the floor coverings at the Property within the three months before the end of the term with new ones of good quality and appropriate to the Property and the Permitted Use.

25. ALTERATIONS

- 25.1 The Tenant shall not make any external or structural alteration or addition to the Property and shall not make any opening in any boundary structure of the Property.
- 25.2 The Tenant shall not install any Service Media on the exterior of the Property nor alter the route of any Service Media at the Property without the consent of the Landlord, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.
- 25.3 The Tenant shall not make any internal, non-structural alteration to the Property without the consent of the Landlord, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.

26. SIGNS

- 26.1 In this clause **Signs** include signs, fascia, placards, boards, posters and advertisements.
- 26.2 The Tenant shall not attach any Signs to the exterior of the Property or display any inside the Property so as to be seen from the outside except Signs of a design, size and number and in a position that are appropriate to the Property and the Permitted Use, without the consent of the Landlord, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.
- 26.3 Before the end of the term, the Tenant shall remove any Signs placed by it at the Property and shall make good any damage caused to the Property by that removal.
- 26.4 The Tenant shall allow the Landlord to fix to and keep at the Property any sale or re-letting board as the Landlord reasonably requires.

27. RETURNING THE PROPERTY TO THE LANDLORD

- 27.1 At the end of the term the Tenant shall return the Property to the Landlord in the repair and condition required by this lease.
- 27.2 At the end of the term, the Tenant shall remove from the Property all chattels belonging to or used by it.
- 27.3 The Tenant irrevocably appoints the Landlord to be the Tenant's agent to store or dispose of any chattels or items it has fixed to the Property and which have been left by the Tenant on the Property for more than ten working days after the end of the term. The Landlord shall not be liable to the Tenant by reason of that storage or disposal. The Tenant shall indemnify the Landlord in respect of any claim made by a third party in relation to that storage or disposal.

28. USE

- 28.1 The Tenant shall not use the Property for any purpose other than the Permitted Use.
- 28.2 The Tenant shall not use the Property for any illegal purpose nor for any purpose or in a manner that would cause loss, damage, injury, nuisance or inconvenience to the Landlord, its other tenants or any other owner or occupier of neighbouring property.
- 28.3 The Tenant shall not overload any structural part of the Property nor any machinery or equipment at the Property nor any Service Media at or serving the Property.

29. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

- 29.1 The Tenant shall comply with all laws relating to:
- (a) the Property and the occupation and use of the Property by the Tenant;
 - (b) the use or operation of all Service Media and machinery and equipment at or serving the Property whether or not used or operated, and shall, where necessary, replace or convert such Service Media within or exclusively serving the Property so that it is capable of lawful use or operation;
 - (c) any works carried out at the Property; and
 - (d) all materials kept at or disposed from the Property.
- 29.2 Without prejudice to any obligation on the Tenant to obtain any consent or approval under this lease, the Tenant shall carry out all works that are required under any law to be carried out at the Property whether by the owner or the occupier.
- 29.3 Within five working days after receipt of any notice or other communication affecting the Property (and whether or not served pursuant to any law) the Tenant shall:
- (a) send a copy of the relevant document to the Landlord; and
 - (b) take all steps necessary to comply with the notice or other communication and take any other action in connection with it as the Landlord may require.
- 29.4 The Tenant shall not apply for any planning permission for the Property without the Landlord's consent not to be unreasonably withheld.
- 29.5 The Tenant shall comply with its obligations under the CDM Regulations, including all requirements in relation to the provision and maintenance of a health and safety file. The Tenant shall maintain the health and safety file for the Property in accordance with the CDM Regulations and shall give it to the Landlord at the end of the term.
- 29.6 The Tenant shall supply all information to the Landlord that the Landlord reasonably requires from time to time to comply with the Landlord's obligations under the CDM Regulations.

29.7 As soon as the Tenant becomes aware of any defect in the Property, it shall give the Landlord notice of it. The Tenant shall indemnify the Landlord against any liability under the Defective Premises Act 1972 in relation to the Property by reason of any failure of the Tenant to comply with any of the tenant covenants in this lease.

29.8 The Tenant shall keep the Property equipped with all fire prevention, detection and fighting machinery and equipment and fire alarms which are required under all relevant laws or required by the insurers of the Property or reasonably recommended by them or reasonably required by the Landlord and shall keep that machinery, equipment and alarms properly maintained and available for inspection.

30. ENCROACHMENTS, OBSTRUCTIONS AND ACQUISITION OF RIGHTS

30.1 The Tenant shall not grant any right or licence over the Property to a third party.

30.2 If a third party makes or attempts to make any encroachment over the Property or takes any action by which a right may be acquired over the Property, the Tenant shall:

- (a) immediately inform the Landlord and shall give the Landlord notice of that encroachment or action; and
- (b) take all steps (including any proceedings) the Landlord reasonably requires to prevent or license the continuation of that encroachment or action.

30.3 The Tenant shall not obstruct the flow of light or air to the Property nor obstruct any means of access to the Property.

30.4 The Tenant shall not make any acknowledgement that the flow of light or air to the Property or that the means of access to the Property is enjoyed with the consent of any third party.

30.5 If any person takes or threatens to take any action to obstruct the flow of light or air to the Property or obstruct the means of access to the Property, the Tenant shall:

- (a) immediately inform the Landlord and shall give the Landlord notice of that action; and
- (b) take all steps (including proceedings) the Landlord reasonably requires to prevent or secure the removal of the obstruction.

31. BREACH OF REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OBLIGATION

31.1 The Landlord may enter the Property to inspect its condition and state of repair and may give the Tenant a notice of any breach of any of the tenant covenants in this lease relating to the condition or repair of the Property.

31.2 If the Tenant has not begun any works needed to remedy that breach within two months following that notice (or if works are required as a matter of emergency, then

immediately) or if the Tenant is not carrying out the works with all due speed, then the Landlord may enter the Property and carry out the works needed.

31.3 The costs incurred by the Landlord in carrying out any works pursuant to this clause (and any professional fees and any VAT in respect of those costs) shall be a debt due from the Tenant to the Landlord and payable on demand.

31.4 Any action taken by the Landlord pursuant to this clause shall be without prejudice to the Landlord's other rights, including those under clause 35.

32. INDEMNITY

The Tenant shall keep the Landlord indemnified against all liabilities, expenses, costs (including but not limited to any solicitors' or other professionals' costs and expenses), claims, damages and losses (including but not limited to any diminution in the value of the Landlord's interest in the Property and loss of amenity of the Property) suffered or incurred by the Landlord arising out of or in connection with any breach of any tenant covenants in this lease, or any act or omission of the Tenant, any undertenant or their respective workers, contractors or agents or any other person on the Property with the actual or implied authority of any of them.

33. LANDLORD'S COVENANT FOR QUIET ENJOYMENT

The Landlord covenants with the Tenant, that, so long as the Tenant pays the rents reserved by and complies with its obligations in this lease, the Tenant shall have quiet enjoyment of the Property without any interruption by the Landlord or any person claiming under the Landlord except as otherwise permitted by this lease.

34. GUARANTEE AND INDEMNITY

34.1 If an Act of Insolvency occurs in relation to a guarantor, or if any guarantor (being an individual) dies or becomes incapable of managing his affairs the Tenant shall, if the Landlord requests, procure that a person of standing acceptable to the Landlord, within 28 days of that request, enters into a replacement or additional guarantee and indemnity of the tenant covenants of this lease in the same form as that entered into by the former guarantor.

34.2 Clause 34.1 shall not apply in the case of a person who is guarantor by reason of having entered into an authorised guarantee agreement.

34.3 For so long as any guarantor remains liable to the Landlord, the Tenant shall, if the Landlord requests, procure that that guarantor joins in any consent or approval required under this lease and consents to any variation of the tenant covenants of this lease.

35. RE-ENTRY AND FORFEITURE

- 35.1 The Landlord may re-enter the Property (or any part of the Property in the name of the whole) at any time after any of the following occurs:
- (a) any rent is unpaid 21 days after becoming payable whether it has been formally demanded or not;
 - (b) any breach of any condition of, or tenant covenant in, this lease;
 - (c) an Act of Insolvency.
- 35.2 If the Landlord re-enters the Property (or any part of the Property in the name of the whole) pursuant to this clause, this lease shall immediately end, but without prejudice to any right or remedy of the Landlord in respect of any breach of covenant by the Tenant or any guarantor.

36. JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY

- 36.1 Where the Tenant comprises more than one person, those persons shall be jointly and severally liable for the obligations and liabilities of the Tenant arising under this lease. The Landlord may take action against, or release or compromise the liability of, or grant time or other indulgence to, any one of those persons without affecting the liability of any other of them.
- 36.2 Where a guarantor comprises more than one person, those persons shall be jointly and severally liable for the obligations and liabilities of a guarantor arising under this lease. The Landlord may take action against, or release or compromise the liability of, or grant time or other indulgence to, any one of those persons without affecting the liability of any other of them.
- 36.3 The obligations of the Tenant and any guarantor arising by virtue of this lease are owed to the Landlord and the obligations of the Landlord are owed to the Tenant.
- 36.4 The Landlord shall not be liable to the Tenant for any failure of the Landlord to perform any landlord covenant in this lease, unless the Landlord knows it has failed to perform the covenant, or reasonably should know this, and has not remedied that failure within a reasonable time.

37. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

- 37.1 This lease constitutes the whole agreement between the parties and supersedes all previous discussions, correspondence, negotiations, arrangements, understandings and agreements between them relating to its subject matter.
- 37.2 Each party acknowledges that in entering into this lease it does not rely on, and shall have no remedies in respect of, any representation or warranty (whether made

innocently or negligently) other than those contained in any written replies that {...} has given to any written enquiries raised by {...} before the date of this lease.

- 37.3 For the purposes of clause 37.2, **written enquiries** and **written replies** include:
- (a) any pre-contract enquiries and any replies to pre-contract enquiries that are requested or given by reference to the {...} and include enquiries or replies so requested or given by email; and
 - (b) the following pre-contract enquiries and replies that were sent or received by email:

37.4 Nothing in this lease constitutes or shall constitute a representation or warranty that the Property may lawfully be used for any purpose allowed by this lease.

37.5 Nothing in this clause shall limit or exclude any liability for fraud.

38. NOTICES, CONSENTS AND APPROVALS

38.1 Except where this lease specifically states that a notice need not be in writing, any notice given under or in connection with this lease shall be:

- (a) in writing and for the purposes of this clause an email is not in writing; and
- (b) given:
 - (i) by hand or by pre-paid first-class post or other next working day delivery service at the party's registered office address (if the party is a company) or (in any other case) at the party's principal place of business; or
 - (ii) by fax to the party's main fax number.

38.2 If a notice complies with the criteria in clause 38.1, whether or not this lease requires that notice to be in writing, it shall be deemed to have been received:

- (a) if delivered by hand, at the time the notice is left at the proper address;
- (b) if sent by pre-paid first-class post or other next working day delivery service, on the second working day after posting; or
- (c) if sent by fax, at 9.00 am on the next working day after transmission.

38.3 This clause does not apply to the service of any proceedings or other documents in any legal action or, where applicable, any arbitration or other method of dispute resolution.

38.4 Section 196 of the Law of Property Act 1925 shall otherwise apply to notices given under this lease.

38.5 Where the consent of the Landlord is required under this lease, a consent shall only be valid if it is given by deed, unless:

- (a) it is given in writing and signed by the Landlord or a person duly authorised on its behalf; and
- (b) it expressly states that the Landlord waives the requirement for a deed in that particular case.

If a waiver is given, it shall not affect the requirement for a deed for any other consent.

38.6 Where the approval of the Landlord is required under this lease, an approval shall only be valid if it is in writing and signed by or on behalf of the Landlord, unless:

- (a) the approval is being given in a case of emergency; or
- (b) this lease expressly states that the approval need not be in writing.

38.7 If the Landlord gives a consent or approval under this lease, the giving of that consent or approval shall not imply that any consent or approval required from a third party has been obtained, nor shall it obviate the need to obtain any consent or approval from a third party.

39. GOVERNING LAW

This lease and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of England and Wales.

40. JURISDICTION

Each party irrevocably agrees that the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with this lease or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims).

41. EXCLUSION OF SECTIONS 24-28 OF THE LTA 1954

41.1 The parties confirm that:

- (a) the Landlord served a notice on the Tenant, as required by section 38A(3)(a) of the LTA 1954, applying to the tenancy created by this lease, before this lease was entered into;
- (b) [**DAVID SHIRLEY**] who was duly authorised by the Tenant to do so made a statutory declaration dated [**1/8/2023**] 2019 in accordance with the requirements of section 38A(3)(b) of the LTA 1954; and
- (c) there is no agreement for lease to which this lease gives effect.

41.2 The parties agree that the provisions of sections 24 to 28 of the LTA 1954 are excluded in relation to the tenancy created by this lease.

42. CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999

A person who is not a party to this lease shall not have any rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this lease. This does not affect any right or remedy of a third party which exists, or is available, apart from that Act.

This document has been executed as a deed and is delivered and takes effect on the date stated at the beginning of it.

Signed as a Deed by
RACHAEL JOAN ALMOND
In the presence of:-



Signature



Witness Signature

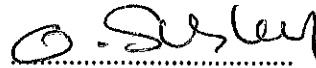
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Witness Name (PRINT)

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In the presence of:-



Signature



Witness Signature

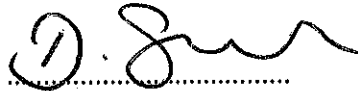
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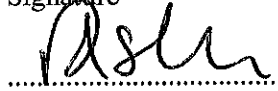
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CHESHIRE. SK12 1Y4

Witness Address

Signed as a Deed by
DAVID SPENCER SHIRLEY
In the presence of:-



Signature



Witness Signature

P. ASHWELL

Witness Name (PRINT)

16 BARCLAY ROAD
POYNTON
CHESHIRE SK12 1NY

Witness Address

Executed as a deed by
STRATAGEM FINANCIAL
PLANNING LIMITED
Acting by

DAVID SHIRLEY
a director



Director Signature

In the presence of:-



Witness Signature

P. ASHWELL

Witness Name (PRINT)

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Witness Address

