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## Pollen Street Group Limited ("Pollen Street" or the "Company")

## Appointment of new Chair and additional non-executive Director

Pollen Street Group Limited is pleased to announce the proposed appointment of Lynn Fordham as Chair, and James Gillies as a Non-Executive Director, of the Pollen Street Board. Lynn will succeed Robert Sharpe, who as confirmed at the time of the Annual General Meeting, will be stepping down after completing a nine-year tenure on the Board.

Lynn brings extensive board-level expertise, having served as both an Executive and Non-Executive Director across a range of industries. Currently, she is Chair of NewRiver REIT Plc, as well as Non-Executive Director and Audit Committee Chair at NCC Group plc, Caledonia Investments plc, and Senior Independent Director at Domino's Pizza Group plc. She is also a Non-Executive Director of Enfinium Group Ltd.

Lynn's executive career includes her role as Managing Partner at Larchpoint Capital LLP, a private equity firm managing family capital, and as CEO and Executive Director of SVG Capital plc, a former FTSE 250 private equity investment firm.

James brings a wealth of experience from many years working on all aspects of alternative investments. Currently, he is a Member of the Board of Directors of EverStory Partners, and serves on the Audit, Trust and Investment Committees. He is also the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Blue Owl Alternative Credit Fund, and a member of the Audit and Nominating and Governance Committees.

Robert Sharpe, outgoing Chair, said: "I am pleased with the board's choice of Chair and I am confident that Lynn's experience will support Pollen Street's growth in the years ahead. James is an excellent addition to the Board, bringing much expertise and knowledge from his extensive experience in alternative asset management"

**Lynn Fordham, Pollen Street Group's incoming Chair, said:** "I am looking forward to joining Pollen Street and working with the Board and the executive team. The private markets are set for significant growth, and Pollen Street's expertise, track record and focus on industry-shaping structural changes make this an exciting time to come on board. I look forward to contributing to the firm's continued success."

James Gillies, incoming NED, said: "I am pleased to join the Pollen Street Board at such an exciting time for the firm. Pollen Street has built a strong reputation in the alternative asset management sector, and I look forward to contributing my experience to support its continued growth and strategic ambitions. I am eager to work alongside the Board and the executive team to help support further success for Pollen Street and its stakeholders."

**Lindsey McMurray, Chief Executive, said:** "We are delighted to welcome both Lynn and James to Pollen Street. Their combined expertise will be invaluable as we continue to grow and deliver value for our shareholders. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Robert for his incredible contribution over the past nine years and his support during the transition to a new Chair."

The Company makes this announcement in accordance with LR 6.4.8 of the UK Listing Rules. There are no other matters to be disclosed under LR 6.4.8.

**About Pollen Street** 

Pollen Street is an alternative asset manager dedicated to investing within the financial and business services sectors across both Private Equity and Private Credit strategies. The business was founded in 2013 and has consistently delivered top tier returns alongside growing AuM.

Pollen Street benefits from a complementary set of asset management activities focused on managing third-party AuM (the "Asset Manager") together with on-balance sheet investments (the "Investment Company").

The Asset Manager raises capital from high quality investors and deploys it into its Private Equity and Private Credit strategies. The strong recurring revenues from this business enable delivery of scalable growth.

The Investment Company invests in the strategies of the group delivering attractive risk adjusted returns and accelerating growth in third-party AuM of the Asset Manager through investing in Pollen Street funds, taking advantage of attractive investment opportunities and aligning interest with our investors to grow AuM. Today the portfolio is largely invested in credit assets with the allocation to Private Equity expected to increase to 30 per cent in the long term. The portfolio consists of both direct investments and investments in funds managed by Pollen Street.

POLN is listed on the London Stock Exchange (ticker symbol: POLN) and is a member of the FTSE 250 index. Further details are available at www.pollenstreetgroup.com.

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