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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

22 September 2026

RECOMMENDED CASH OFFER

by

Zurich Insurance Group Ltd ("Zurich")

for

Beazley plc ("Beazley")

COURT SANCTION OF SCHEME

On 2 March 2026, the board of directors of Beazley and the board of directors of Zurich announced that they had reached agreement on the terms of a recommended all-cash offer by Zurich for the entire issued and to be issued share capital of Beazley (the "**Transaction**") to be implemented by means of a Court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "**Scheme**").

Full details of the Scheme are set out in the scheme document published on 26 March 2026 (the "**Scheme Document**"). Capitalised terms used in this announcement shall, unless otherwise defined, have the same meanings as set out in the Scheme Document.

Further to the announcement on 22 April 2026 in relation to the results of the Court Meeting and General Meeting and the announcement made on 14 September 2026 in relation to the satisfaction of certain Conditions, Beazley and Zurich are pleased to announce that the Court has today issued the Court Order sanctioning the Scheme to effect the Transaction.

Next Steps

The Scheme remains conditional on a copy of the Court Order being delivered to the Registrar of Companies which is expected to occur on 1 October 2026.

The listing of Beazley Shares on the Official List and dealings in Beazley Shares on the London Stock Exchange are each expected to be suspended by 7.30 a.m. on 1 October 2026. The last day for dealings in, and for registration of transfers of, and disablement in CREST of, Beazley Shares will be 30 September 2026.

It is expected that the listing of Beazley Shares on the Official List will be cancelled and that Beazley Shares will cease to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities by 8.00 a.m. on 2 October 2026.

All times shown are London times unless otherwise stated. If any of the dates and/or times in this expected timetable change, the revised dates and/or times will be notified to Beazley Shareholders by announcement through a Regulatory Information Service, with such announcement being made available on Zurich's and Beazley's websites at www.zurich.com/beazleyoffer and www.beazley.com/en-US/investor-relations/offer-for-beazley/ respectively.

A further announcement will be made when the Scheme has become Effective.

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This announcement does not constitute a prospectus, prospectus equivalent document or an exempted document.

Overseas jurisdictions

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If any Beazley Shares are Sanctions Affected Shares: (a) no right, title or interest in any such Sanctions Affected Shares will be transferred to ZIC on the Effective Date where such transfer would cause any person to violate Sanctions, or be exposed to a reasonable risk of being targeted as a Sanctioned Person; (b) no holder of Sanctions Affected Shares will receive any Cash Consideration under the Transaction on the Effective Date; and (c) under the terms of the Transaction and the Scheme, subject to compliance with any Sanctions, with effect on and from the Effective Date, all rights attaching to any such Sanctions Affected Shares will cease to be exercisable until such time as the right, title or interest in such shares is transferred to ZIC.

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Without limitation, forward-looking statements include statements regarding the expected ability to complete the Transaction in a timely manner, the targeted profit, return on equity targets, expenses, pricing conditions, dividend policy, underwriting and claims results, business initiatives (including, but not limited to, sustainability matters) of the Zurich Group or Beazley Group (as applicable), as well as statements regarding the Zurich Group's or Beazley Group's understanding or predictions of general economic, financial and insurance market conditions and expected developments. They include, among other things, statements concerning the potential exposure of Zurich and the Zurich Group to market risks and statements expressing management's predictions, expectations, beliefs, estimates, forecasts, projections and assumptions, including as to future potential cost savings, synergies, earnings, cash flow, return on capital employed, production and prospects. Often, but not always, forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate only to historical or current facts and may use forward-looking words, phrases and expressions such as "anticipate", "target", "expect", "foresee", "predict", "project", "estimate", "forecast", "intend", "plan", "budget", "scheduled", "goal", "believe", "hope", "aims", "continue", "likely", "will", "may", "might", "should", "would", "could", "seek", "possible", "probably", "potential", "outlook", "risks", "objectives" or other similar words, phrases, and expressions; provided that the absence thereof does not mean that a statement is not forward-looking. Although Zurich and/or Beazley believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, no assurance can be given that such expectations will prove to have been correct and you are therefore

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An Opening Position Disclosure must contain details of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(s). An Opening Position Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(a) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 p.m. (London time) on the 10th Business Day following the commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 p.m. (London time) on the 10th Business Day following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. Relevant persons who deal in the relevant securities of the offeree company or of a securities exchange offeror prior to the deadline for making an Opening Position Disclosure must instead make a Dealing Disclosure.

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Rule 26.1 disclosure

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