



## **Barclays PLC**

## **Announcement of Barclays Annual General Meeting**

The 2014 Barclays Annual General Meeting will be held today at 11:00am BST, at the Royal Festival Hall in London.

Barclays Chairman, Sir David Walker, will make the following comments at the Meeting:

"In taking stock today, we do so against the context of the difficult condition of your bank in 2012. Today we have a strong board and management team, and while we have much to do, we are making headway. Your bank has several outstanding businesses that are consistently delivering strong performance. There has been impressive progress embedding Barclays' new purpose and values throughout the bank. The new code of conduct and the balanced scorecard, ensuring that we assess our performance in the light of our values, have been ingrained across the whole company. Barclays today is doing business in the right way."

Barclays Group Chief Executive Officer, Antony Jenkins will present at the Meeting and provide a brief trading update on the first quarter of 2014:

"We have seen the benefits of being a diversified bank in the first quarter with the businesses outside the Investment Bank delivering a resilient performance, compared to the same period last year. In the Investment Bank, our Fixed Income, Currencies and Commodities (FICC) business continued to face many of the challenges seen in the second half of 2013 with a significant year-on-year reduction in FICC income, reflecting difficult market conditions and a strong comparative performance for Q1 last year. Our Equities and Investment Banking businesses performed broadly in-line with last year.

A number of actions are being taken to improve the performance of the Group, with our strategic cost management program starting to provide a material benefit across all businesses in Q1. This has helped to provide an offset to the income performance in FICC and, compared to Q1 of the prior year, is expected to result in a small reduction in adjusted profit before tax for the Group. On the 8th of May we will update the market on further actions we are taking to better position both the Group and the Investment Bank to deliver improved and sustainable returns for our shareholders given the regulatory and operating environment."

Barclays will announce its Q1 2014 Interim Management Statement on **Tuesday 6 May 2014** at 07:00am BST. A live conference call and webcast facility will follow at 08.30am on barclays.com/investorrelations

Barclays will provide a Group Strategy Update on **Thursday 8 May 2014** for institutional investors and analysts at 10:00am BST. The presentation and webcast will also be available on the day at <u>barclays.com/investorrelations</u>

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With over 300 years of history and expertise in banking, Barclays operates in over 50 countries and employs approximately 140,000 people. Barclays moves, lends, invests and protects money for customers and clients worldwide.

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## **Forward-looking Statements**

This document contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 27A of the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended, with respect to certain of the Barclays PLC's and its subsidiaries' (the Group) plans and its current goals and expectations relating to its future financial condition and performance. Barclays cautions readers that no forward-looking statement is a guarantee of future performance and that actual results could differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate only to historical or current facts. Forward-looking statements sometimes use words such as 'may', 'will', 'seek', 'continue', 'aim', 'anticipate', 'target', 'projected', 'expect', 'estimate', 'intend', 'plan', 'goal', 'believe', 'achieve' or other words of similar meaning. Examples of forward-looking statements include, among others, statements regarding the Group's future financial position, income growth, assets, impairment charges and provisions, business strategy, capital, leverage and other regulatory ratios, payment of dividends (including dividend pay-out ratios), projected levels of growth in the banking and financial markets, projected costs, original and revised commitments and targets in connection with the Transform Programme, deleveraging actions, estimates of capital expenditures and plans and objectives for future operations and other statements that are not historical fact. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to future events and circumstances. These may be affected by changes in legislation, the development of standards and interpretations under International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), evolving practices with regard to the interpretation and application of accounting and regulatory standards, the outcome of current and future legal proceedings and regulatory investigations, future levels of conduct provisions, the policies and actions of governmental and regulatory authorities, geopolitical risks and the impact of competition. In addition, factors including (but not limited to) the following may have an effect: capital, leverage and other regulatory rules (including with regard to the future structure of the Group) applicable to past, current and future periods; UK, US, Africa Eurozone and global macroeconomic and business conditions; the effects of continued volatility in credit markets; market related risks such as changes in interest rates and foreign exchange rates; effects of changes in valuation of credit market exposures; changes in valuation of issued securities; volatility in capital markets; changes in credit ratings of the Group; the potential for one or more countries exiting the Eurozone; the implementation of the Transform Programme; and the success of future acquisitions, disposals and other strategic transactions. A number of these influences and factors are beyond the Group's control. As a result, the Group's actual future results, dividend payments, and capital and leverage ratios may differ materially from the plans, goals, and expectations set forth in the Group's forward-looking statements.

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