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## COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.

**14 January 2025**

### REINET AGREES TO SELL ITS SHARES IN BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO P.L.C.

Further to the announcement by Reinet Investments S.C.A. ("**Reinet**") on 13 January 2025, Reinet today announces that its indirect subsidiary, Reinet Jersey Holdings Limited ("**RJHL**"), has agreed to sell 43,310,286 ordinary shares (the "**Placing Shares**") in British American Tobacco p.l.c. ("**BAT**") at a price of £ 28.20 per share to institutional investors, raising gross proceeds of some £ 1,221 million (the "**Placing**"). The Placing was completed through an aftermarket accelerated bookbuild process, which commenced on 13 January 2025.

J.P. Morgan Securities plc ("**J.P. Morgan**") acted as Sole Global Coordinator and Bookrunner in connection with the Placing.

At the time of Reinet's last reporting date of 30 September 2024, the interest in BAT comprised 24% of the net asset value of Reinet, being approximately 48.3 million BAT ordinary shares.

Separate from the Placing, during November and December 2024, RJHL sold 5 million BAT ordinary shares through a dribble-out process on the London Stock Exchange realising gross proceeds of some £148.5 million.

Some 11.1 million BAT ordinary shares previously pledged by RJHL as security for amounts drawn under certain credit facility arrangements of Reinet Fund S.C.A. F.I.S. ("**Reinet Fund**") have been released following the pre-payment of all the outstanding loan obligations early in January 2025. These BAT ordinary shares have been included in the Placing.

Following the settlement and completion of the Placing which is expected to take place on 16 January 2025, Reinet and its subsidiaries will have fully exited their position in BAT and will no longer hold any interest in BAT.

Reinet expects to announce the 31 December 2024 net asset value of Reinet Fund on or about 23 January 2025, with Reinet's management statement for the quarter ended 31 December 2024 expected to follow shortly thereafter.

Reinet Fund intends using the proceeds from the Placing for its ongoing investment activity.

BAT will not receive any proceeds from the Placing.

### **Inside information**

*This announcement contains inside information in relation to Reinet for the purposes of Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No. 596/2014 on market abuse. Caroline Apostol, Company Secretary, is the person responsible for arranging the release of this announcement.*

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