

# INDEPENDENT LIMITED ASSURANCE REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF HCA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED ('HCA') ON HCA'S CARBON REDUCTION PLAN 2025

Ernst & Young LLP ('EY') was engaged by HCA International Limited ('the Company') to perform a limited assurance engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 (Revised) to report on HCA's selected greenhouse gas (GHG) performance data as listed below in Table 1 (the 'Subject Matter') presented on HCA's Carbon Reduction Plan 2025 for the year ended 31 December 2024 and in Appendix A. In preparing the Subject Matter, the Company applied the WRI/WBCSD Greenhouse Gas Protocol: Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (revised edition) and the WRI/WBCSD Greenhouse Gas Protocol: Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Accounting and Reporting Standard (the 'Criteria').

The Subject Matter is marked up with a  $\Delta$  symbol within the Carbon Reduction Plan 2025. Other than as described in the preceding paragraph we did not perform assurance procedures on any other information included in the Carbon Reduction Plan 2025, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or conclusion on any information, other than the sustainability metrics marked with a  $\Delta$  symbol.

## Table 1. List of selected GHG performance data

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- Scope 1 Greenhouse Gas emissions (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)
  - Scope 2 Greenhouse Gas emissions (market-based) (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)
  - Scope 2 Greenhouse Gas emissions (location-based) (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)
  - Scope 3 Greenhouse Gas emissions (cats. 3-7, 9) (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)
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## Conclusion

Based on the procedures performed and evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Subject Matter is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Criteria.

## Basis for our conclusion

We conducted our engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised), Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information, as promulgated by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) and the terms of our engagement letter dated 15 April 2025 and subsequently amended on 29 July 2025 and 10 March 2026 as agreed with HCA International Limited.

In performing this engagement, we have applied International Standard on Quality Management ('ISQM') 1 *Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Statements, or Other Assurance or Related Services engagements*, which requires that we design, implement and operate a system of quality management including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

We have maintained our independence and other ethical requirements of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales ('ICAEW') Code of Ethics (which includes the requirements of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants ('IESBA')). We are the independent auditor of the Company and therefore we will also comply with the independence requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard as applied to listed public interest entities.

## Responsibilities of the Company

The Subject Matter needs to be read and understood together with the Criteria. The directors of the Company are solely responsible for:

- the selection of the Subject Matter to be assured;
- selecting suitable Criteria against which the Subject Matter is to be evaluated and ensuring the Criteria is relevant and appropriate;
- preparing and presenting the Subject Matter in accordance with the Criteria; and
- designing and implementing internal controls and other processes they determine is necessary, to enable the Subject Matter to be free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Responsibilities of Ernst & Young LLP

It is our responsibility to:

- plan and perform the engagement to obtain limited assurance in respect of whether the Subject Matter has not been prepared in all material respects in accordance with the Criteria;
- form an independent conclusion on the basis of the work performed and evidence obtained; and
- report our conclusion to the directors of the Company.

## Our approach

We conducted our engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised), Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information and ISAE 3410, Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements, as promulgated by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB).

Those standards require that we plan and perform our engagement to express a conclusion on whether we are aware of any material modifications that need to be made to the Subject Matter in order for it to be in accordance with the Criteria, and to issue a report.

The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed. Our procedures were designed to obtain a limited level of assurance on which to base our conclusion and do not provide all the evidence that would be required to provide a reasonable level of assurance.

Although we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our assurance engagement was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls. Our procedures did not include testing controls or performing procedures relating to checking aggregation or calculation of data within IT systems.

A limited assurance engagement consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for preparing the Subject Matter and related information and applying analytical and other appropriate procedures.

Because a limited assurance engagement can cover a range of assurance, the detail of the procedures we have performed is included below, so that our conclusion can be understood in the context of the nature, timing and extent of procedures we performed:

- Obtained an understanding of the organisational and operational boundaries for the Company's Subject Matter.

- Performed interviews and walkthroughs of the Company's strategy, data collection and reporting processes and controls for the Subject Matter.
- Checked the appropriateness of the operational boundaries for the Subject Matter.
- Performed analytical procedures over the quantitative elements of the Subject Matter, including consideration of trends, to identify potential anomalies within the Subject Matter and obtain management explanations for any significant differences we identified.
- Where deemed necessary tested, on a sample basis, underlying source information to check the accuracy of the Subject Matter.
- Recalculated the Subject Matter reported by the Company across all relevant GHG emission scopes, including the aggregation and consolidation of emissions for reporting purposes.

We also performed such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

### **Inherent limitations**

Non-financial information is subject to more inherent limitations than financial information, given the characteristics of the underlying subject matter. Because there is not yet a large body of established practice upon which to base measurement and evaluation techniques, the methods used for measuring or evaluating non-financial information, including the precision of different techniques, can differ, yet be equally acceptable. This may affect the comparability between entities, and over time.

Our conclusion is based on historical information and the projection of any information or conclusions in the attached report to any future periods would be inappropriate.

The GHG quantification process is subject to scientific uncertainty, which arises because of incomplete scientific knowledge about the measurement of GHGs. Additionally, GHG procedures are subject to estimation (or measurement) uncertainty resulting from the measurement and calculation processes used to quantify emissions within the bounds of existing scientific knowledge.

### **Use of our report**

This report is produced in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 15 April 2025 and subsequently amended on 29 July 2025 and 10 March 2026 solely for the purpose of reporting to the directors of HCA International Limited in connection with the Subject Matter for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Those terms permit disclosure on the Company's website, solely for the purpose of HCA International Limited showing that it has obtained an independent assurance report in connection with the Subject Matter.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's directors as a body, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusions we have formed. This engagement is separate to, and distinct from, our appointment as the auditor to the Company.

Ernst & Young LLP

**London**

**16 March 2026**

**Appendix A – Selected greenhouse gas (GHG) performance data (the ‘Subject Matter’)**

Metric	Units	Value
Scope 1 GHG emissions	tCO <sub>2</sub> e	8,649.22
Scope 2 GHG emissions (market-based)	tCO <sub>2</sub> e	24,734.87
Scope 2 GHG emissions (location-based)	tCO <sub>2</sub> e	11,216.34
Scope 3 GHG emissions (cats. 3-7, 9)	tCO <sub>2</sub> e	16,437.17