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Sale of Costa to Coca-Cola receives approval from China regulator

Whitbread PLC is pleased to announce that clearance has been received from China's State Administration for Market Regulation for The Coca-Cola Company to acquire Costa Limited, including its operations in China.

Clearance is still required from the European Union under the EC Merger Regulation before the transaction can complete and certain completion deliverables remain outstanding including an agreement still to be reached with the Trustees of the pension fund.

This announcement contains inside information.

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