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WHITBREAD APPOINTS NEW NON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Whitbread PLC has today announced the appointment of Chris Kennedy as a Non-Executive Director.

A qualified accountant and experienced financial executive, Chris Kennedy, 51, is Chief Financial Officer of ARM Holdings plc, which he joined in September 2015. Prior to that Chris was Group Finance Director of easyJet plc for five years, having previously spent 17 years in a variety of senior roles at EMI Group Limited.

Chris's appointment will be effective from 1 March 2016. It is intended that Chris will take over from Simon Melliss as Chairman of the Audit Committee from 1 October 2016, who will then step down from the Board, having completed nine years service.

Richard Baker, Chairman of Whitbread PLC said "I am delighted to announce the appointment of Chris Kennedy as a Non-Executive Director. As well as having a strong financial background, his recent experience in an online, international, consumer-facing business with pricing models similar to those at Premier Inn will add significant value to the Whitbread Board.

I would also like to thank Simon for his much valued contribution to the Whitbread Board and Audit Committee, during a very successful and exciting period in the Company's history."

Notes

Chris Kennedy has advised that there are no details to disclose in accordance with paragraph 9.6.13(2) - (6) of the Listing Rules.

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Notes to Editors

Whitbread PLC is the owner of the UK's favourite hotel chain, Premier Inn and the UK's favourite coffee shop, Costa, as well as restaurant brands, Beefeater, Brewers Fayre, Table Table and Taybarns.

Whitbread PLC employs 48,500 people in over 2,200* outlets across the UK, with its well-loved brands making every day experiences special for over 27 million UK customers every month.

Whitbread has outlined growth milestones for 2016, 2018 and 2020. The 2020 milestones are to increase the number of Premier Inn UK rooms to around 85,000 and to achieve global system sales of around £2.5bn for Costa.

At Whitbread we are committed to being a force for good in the communities in which we operate. Our CR programme, 'Good Together' is focused on three pillars of Team & Communities, Customer Wellbeing and Energy & Environment.

In the year ended 26th February 2015, Whitbread PLC reported a 13.7% increase in Group Revenue to £2,608.1 million and Underlying Profit before tax of £488.1 million up 18.5%.

Whitbread PLC is listed on the London Stock Exchange and is a constituent of the FTSE 100. It is also a member of the FTSE4Good Index.

*excludes Costa Franchise stores and Costa Express

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