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WHITBREAD APPOINTS LOUISE SMALLEY, GROUP HR DIRECTOR, TO BOARD

Whitbread PLC announced today it has appointed Louise Smalley, Group Human Resources Director, as an Executive Director. She will join the Board on 1st November 2012.

Louise Smalley has worked for Whitbread for 13 years and has been in her role as Group Human Resources Director since 2007.

Anthony Habgood, Whitbread's Chairman said : "I am delighted that Louise will be joining the Board. At its heart, Whitbread is a people business. Louise is instrumental in creating a great place to work for our 40,000 team members, developing our global talent and building leadership strength. Having worked closely with Louise over the last five years I know she will be an invaluable addition to the Board."

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

Editors Notes

Whitbread PLC is the UK's largest hotel and restaurant group operating market-leading businesses in budget hotels, restaurants and coffee shops. Its well-loved brands are Premier Inn, Beefeater, Brewers Fayre, Table Table, Taybarns and Costa.

Whitbread PLC employs over 40,000 people globally and serves over 21 million customers every month in over 2,000 outlets* across the UK.

Whitbread has outlined five-year growth milestones (to 2015/16) to increase the number of Premier Inn UK rooms to at least 65,000, add 80-100 new Restaurants and to nearly double the size of Costa with global system sales of £1.3bn and 3,500 stores worldwide.

In the year ended 1 March 2012, Whitbread PLC reported a 11.2% increase in Group Revenue to £1,778.0 million and Underlying Profit before tax of £320.1 million up 11.3%.

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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