

# X5 SEEKS FAS REVIEW OF POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF 100 UFA GROCERY STORES IN BASHKORTOSTAN

**Moscow, 24 January 2018** - X5 Retail Group N.V. ("X5" or the "Company"), a leading Russian food retailer (LSE ticker: "FIVE"), announces that the Company is considering the acquisition of 100 Ufa Grocery Stores located in various cities across the Republic of Bashkortostan, including 38 stores in Ufa. All of the stores would be integrated into the Pyaterochka chain. X5 has submitted a request to the Federal Antimonopoly Service of the Russian Federation ("FAS") to provide its position on the potential transaction. The Company's further actions will depend on the position of the FAS.



#### **Note to Editors:**

X5 Retail Group N.V. (LSE: FIVE, Fitch - 'BB', Moody's - 'Ba2', S&P - 'BB', RAEX -'ruAA') is a leading Russian food retailer. The Company operates several retail formats: the chain of proximity stores under the Pyaterochka brand, the supermarket chain under the Perekrestok brand, the hypermarket chain under the Karusel brand and Express convenience stores under various brands.

As of 31 December 2017, X5 had 12,121 Company-operated stores. It has the leading market position in both Moscow and St Petersburg and a significant presence in the European part of Russia. Its store base includes 11,225 Pyaterochka proximity stores, 638 Perekrestok supermarkets, 93 Karusel hypermarkets and 165 convenience stores. The Company operates 39 DCs and 3,144 Company-owned trucks across the Russian Federation.

For the full year 2016, revenue totalled RUB 1,033,667 mln (USD 15,420 mln), Adjusted EBITDA reached RUB 79,519 mln (USD 1,186 mln), and net profit for the period amounted to RUB 22,291 mln (USD 333 mln). In 9M 2017, revenue totalled RUB 933,303 mln (USD 15,999 mln), EBITDA reached RUB 72,392 mln (USD 1,241 mln), and net profit amounted to RUB 25,975 mln (USD 445 mln).

X5's Shareholder structure is as follows: CTF Holdings S.A. - 47.86%, Intertrust Trustees Ltd (Axon Trust) - 11.43%, X5 Directors - 0.06%, treasury shares - 0.01%, Shareholders with less than 3% - 40.63%.

## Forward looking statements:

This announcement includes statements that are, or may be deemed to be, "forwardlooking statements". These forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not only relate to historical or current events. statements often use words such as "anticipate", "target", "expect", "estimate", "intend", "expected", "plan", "goal", "believe", or other words of similar meaning.

By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to future events and circumstances, a number of which are beyond X5 Retail Group N.V.'s control. As a result, actual future results may differ materially from the plans, goals and expectations set out in these forward-looking statements.

Any forward-looking statements made by or on behalf of X5 Retail Group N.V. speak only as of the date of this announcement. Save as required by any applicable laws or regulations, X5 Retail Group N.V. undertakes no obligation publicly to release the results of any revisions to any forward-looking statements in this document that may occur due to any change in its expectations or to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this document.

Elements of this press release contain or may contain inside information about X5 Retail Group N.V. within the meaning of Article 7(1) of the Market Abuse Regulation (596/2014/EU).

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