

## **MUSCOVITES DONATE 43 TONNES OF FOOD THROUGH BASKET OF KINDNESS INITIATIVE**

**Moscow, 02 December 2019** – X5 Retail Group ("X5" or the "Company"), a leading Russian food retailer (LSE and MOEX ticker: "FIVE"), and Foodbankrus announce the results of the Basket of Kindness food drive held in Moscow for the fifth time this year to help collect food aid for vulnerable seniors. Approximately 900 Pyaterochka stores across the Russian capital took part in Basket of Kindness on 30 November, collecting some 43 tonnes of food aid to prepare 7,150 parcels of food and home care products for elderly people in need.

More than 800 volunteers from Foodbankrus lent a hand in collecting and packaging the donations. Parcels are already being distributed to lonely and low-income seniors from 12 Russian regions including the Moscow, Vladimir, Kaluga, Bryansk, Tver, Tula, Orel, Voronezh, Smolensk, Yaroslavl, Ryazan and Lipetsk Regions.

X5 Retail Group undertook to pay all organisational costs, including infrastructure, logistics and other expenses associated with the food drive. The Company added some missing items to the parcels to equalise the food baskets.

In 2019, similar food drives were held offline in Rostov-on-Don, Moscow and Novosibirsk and online at корзинадоброты.рф (providing aid to lonely seniors from rural areas of the Samara Region). Five citywide drives helped collect approximately 80 tonnes of food aid, a nearly 25% increase on the 65 tonnes collected by five food drives held in 2018. This year's donations were enough to prepare over 13,000 food parcels.

Last year was the first time X5 Retail Group and Foodbankrus used the format of citywide food drives as the main format for their food aid collection efforts under the Basket of Kindness initiative. Nearly all X5 stores located in the five designated cities (Kazan, Yekaterinburg, Samara, Nizhny Novgorod and Moscow) volunteered to take part in the charitable events.

**Note to Editors:**

X5 Retail Group N.V. (LSE and MOEX: FIVE, Fitch – ‘BB+’, Moody's – ‘Ba1’, S&P – ‘BB’, Expert RA – ‘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 and the hypermarket chain under the Karusel brand.

As of 30 September 2019, X5 had 15,752 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 14,850 Pyaterochka proximity stores, 811 Perekrestok supermarkets and 91 Karusel hypermarkets. The Company operates 43 DCs and 4,029 Company-owned trucks across the Russian Federation.

For the full year 2018, revenue totalled RUB 1,532,537 mln (USD 24,439 mln), Adjusted EBITDA reached RUB 109,871 mln (USD 1,752 mln), and net profit for the period amounted to RUB 28,642 mln (USD 457 mln). In 9M 2019, revenue totalled RUB 1,265,130 mln (USD 19,440 mln), adjusted EBITDA reached RUB 95,975 mln (USD 1,475 mln), and net profit amounted to RUB 25,043 mln (USD 385 mln).

X5's Shareholder structure is as follows: CTF Holdings S.A. – 47.86%, Intertrust Trustees Ltd (Axon Trust) – 11.43%, X5 Directors – 0.08%, treasury shares – 0.01%, Shareholders with less than 3% – 40.62%.

**Forward looking statements:**

*This announcement includes statements that are, or may be deemed to be, "forward-looking statements". These forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not only relate to historical or current events. Forward-looking 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.*

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*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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