

## **X5 AND FOODBANKRUS COLLECT TWICE AS MUCH FOOD AS IN 2018**

**Moscow, 24 December 2019** – X5 Retail Group ("X5" or the "Company"), a leading Russian food retailer (LSE and MOEX ticker: "FIVE"), and Foodbankrus have announced the results of the Basket of Kindness, their joint charity project, for 2019. This year, the Company's stores collected 173 tonnes of food to support people in need, virtually twice the amount collected in 2018.

The donations were enough to prepare a total of 28,800 food sets for 19,200 multi-child families, as well as for seniors living alone and those with financial need. This year, 69,000 customers and more than 1,500 Pyaterochka, Perekrestok, and Karusel stores across 45 cities in Russia took part in the project. In addition, 1,500 volunteers from Foodbank Rus and more than 400 X5 employees took part in charitable events and food marathons.

2019 has witnessed four Basket of Kindness citywide food marathons held in all X5 stores in Rostov-on-Don, Novosibirsk, and two times in Moscow. For the second time in two years, basketofkindness.rf (корзинадоброты.рф) also hosted an online marathon for a duration of two months to collect food for seniors living in the countryside of the Samara Region. Together the five events helped to raise about 80 tonnes of food donations. Last year, similar charitable events were held in Kazan, Yekaterinburg, Samara, Nizhny Novgorod and Moscow, with volunteers collecting some 65 tonnes of food.

X5 Retail Group and Foodbankrus launched the Basket of Kindness in 2015. X5 pioneered the food drive in Russia, creating and promoting local food aid infrastructure that allows customers to donate food in-store to support people in need. In addition, the Company operates its charity store basketofkindness.rf, which has had more than 100,000 visitors since its opening in 2017. The site has helped to attract individuals willing to support the cause, with almost every third visitor making a donation.

**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:**

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*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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