

## **EXPERT RA RAISES X5 RETAIL GROUP N.V. CREDIT RATING TO RUAAA**

**Moscow, 25 August 2022** – X5 Retail Group N.V. (“X5” or the “Company”, LSE and MOEX ticker: FIVE), a leading Russian food retailer that operates the Pyaterochka, Perekrestok and Chizhik retail chains, announces that Expert RA rating agency upgraded the Company’s long-term credit rating from ruAA+ to ruAAA. The rating outlook is "stable."

According to Expert RA, the main factors underlying X5's rating upgrade included the Company's strong operational and financial results for 2021 and the first half of 2022, as well as its balanced financial policy. In addition, the agency positively assessed X5's corporate risk profile due to the Company's "high quality of corporate governance, risk management and strategic support," its advanced level of information transparency, and the proven stability of the food retail industry.

**Note to Editors:**

**X5 Retail Group N.V.** (LSE and MOEX: FIVE; Expert RA: ruAAA) is a leading Russian food retailer. The Company operates proximity stores under the Pyaterochka brand, Perekrestok supermarkets and Chizhik hard discounters. X5 provides an omnichannel experience to its customers, integrating retail stores and e-commerce through its businesses Vprok.ru, 5Post and Mnogo Lososya.

As of 30 June 2022, X5 had 19,779 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 18,558 Pyaterochka proximity stores, 986 Perekrestok supermarkets and 153 Chizhik hard discounters. The Company operates 48 DCs and 4,347 Company-owned trucks across the Russian Federation.

X5 is one of the largest employers in Russia. The Company employs over 325 thousand people.

For the full year 2021, revenue totalled RUB 2,204,819 million (USD 29,935 million\*), EBITDA pre-IFRS 16 reached RUB 161,024 million (USD 2,186 million\*), and net profit pre-IFRS 16 for the period amounted to RUB 48,513 million (USD 659 million\*). In H1 2022, revenue totalled RUB 1,252,180 million (USD 16,412 million\*\*), adjusted EBITDA pre-IFRS 16 reached RUB 104,909 million (USD 1,375 million\*\*), and net profit pre-IFRS 16 amounted to RUB 33,731 million (USD 399 million\*\*).

**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 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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\* FX rate: 73.6541 USD/RUB

\*\* FX rate: 76.2975 USD/RUB

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