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APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Unite Group plc, the UK's leading owner, manager and developer of student accommodation, today announces the appointment of Angela Jain as a Non-Executive Director. Angela will join the Board on 1st August 2023.

Angela has enjoyed a very successful career in the commercial television industry at ITV, Channel 4 and Channel 5, with a strong focus on younger audiences. For the past twelve years she has held senior executive roles at ITV where she is currently Director of Unscripted UK television. In her roles she has commissioned and developed many of the most popular and commercially successful programmes of the past twenty years, including Love Island, Misfits and The Inbetweeners.

This focus on younger audiences has required Angela to remain in-touch with this generation giving her deep knowledge and understanding of the needs, wants and behaviours of young people. This experience and understanding is very relevant to Unite's customer base.

In addition, Angela has Non-Executive Director experience having sat on the Boards of BusinessLDN for the past eight years, where she is currently Deputy Chair, gaining strong insights into the broader business community, government and other key stakeholders in London. She has also served as a Non-Executive Director on the Board of ITN.

Angela will join Unite's Health & Safety Committee, where her extensive experience of working in unscripted television focused on younger audiences will provide valuable wellbeing and safeguarding insight.

Richard Huntingford, Chairman of Unite Group, commented:

"I am delighted to welcome Angela to the Board as a Non-Executive Director. She will be a great addition to the Board bringing a detailed understanding of our students, their changing needs, and what really matters to them as Unite customers. This, in addition to her extensive digital, brand and comms experience, will add significant value to the Board and the Unite business. I look forward very much to working with Angela."

No further information is required to be disclosed pursuant to Listing Rule 9.6.13.

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About Unite Students

Unite Students is the UK's largest owner, manager and developer of purpose-built student accommodation (PBSA) serving the country's world-leading higher education sector. We provide homes to 70,000 students across 157 properties in 23 leading university towns and cities. We currently partner with over 60 universities across the UK.

Our people are driven by a common purpose: to provide a 'Home for Success' for the students who live with us. Unite Students' accommodation is safe and secure, high quality, and affordable. Students live predominantly in en-suite study bedrooms with rents covering all bills, insurance, 24-hour security and high-speed wi-fi. We also achieved a five-star British Safety Council rating in our last audit.

We are committed to raising standards in the student accommodation sector for our customers, investors and employees. This is why our new Sustainability Strategy, launched in 2021, includes a commitment to become net zero carbon across our operations and developments by 2030.

Founded in 1991 in Bristol, the Unite Group is an award-winning Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT), listed on the London Stock Exchange. For more information, visit Unite Group's corporate website www.unitegroup.com or the Unite Students' site www.unitestudents.com

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