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**Lords Group Trading plc**  
('Lords', the 'Group' or the 'Company')

**Appointment of Chief Financial Officer**

Lords, a leading distributor of building materials in the UK, is pleased to announce that following a comprehensive formal search process, Stuart Kilpatrick has been appointed to succeed Chris Day as CFO. Stuart will join the Board of Lords as CFO in early July 2024.

Stuart is a highly experienced CFO having led finance functions across a range of publicly listed companies. He joins from his position as CFO at Systal Technology Solutions Limited, a global provider of managed IT networks and, prior to this, he acted as Group Finance Director for 11 years at James Fisher & Sons plc, a leading provider of services to the marine, oil and gas and other global, high assurance industries. Prior to James Fisher, Stuart was Group Finance Director for Empresaria Group plc, the AIM-listed specialist staffing group, between 2008 and 2010.

**Gary O'Brien, Non-Executive Chairman of Lords, said:** *"The Board is delighted to announce the appointment of Stuart Kilpatrick as CFO. We are pleased to be appointing a CFO with significant AIM market and M&A experience, who can be effectively integrated into the business. Working closely with the executive team, we believe he will contribute to the continued success of the Company."*

*"Chris Day will step down as a director and leave the Group shortly after the publication of the Group's FY23 Results in May. In the interim period between Chris' departure and Stuart's arrival, the Group is well supported by its strong, well established finance team who will ensure a smooth transition for the business."*

**Further disclosures required under the AIM Rules**

In addition to his appointment to the Lords Board, Stuart Charles Kilpatrick, aged 61, holds or has held the following directorships or partnerships in the past five years. Stuart currently holds no shares in the Company.

<b><i>Current</i></b>	<b><i>Previous</i></b>
Systal Technology Solutions BV	British Engineering Services Asset Reliability Mimic Limited (formerly known as James Fisher Mimic Limited)
Systal Technology Solutions Inc	British Engineering Services Asset Reliability Straininstall Limited (formerly known as Straininstall UK Limited)
Systal Technology Solutions Limited	Buchan Technical Services Limited (formerly known as Hughes Marine Engineering Limited)
Systal Technology Solutions NV	Cattedown Wharves Limited
Systal Technology Solutions OY	CMTL (Ireland) Limited
Systal Technology Solutions S.r.o	CMTL (JF) Limited
Systal Technology Solutions S.r.o	EDS HV Group Limited
Systal Technology Solutions SAS	EDS HV Management Limited
Systal Technology Solutions SL	EDS HV Services Ltd
Windward Ltd	Electricity Distribution Services Limited
	Eurotestconsult Limited
	Eurotestconsult UK Ltd
	F.T. Everard & Sons Limited
	F.T. Everard Shipping Limited
	Fathom Systems Limited
	Fender Care Limited
	Fender Care Marine Ltd
	Fender Care Marine Services Group Limited
	Fender Care Marine Solutions Limited
	Foresighthy Operations Limited
	High Technology Sources Limited
	HTSL Group Limited (formerly known as James Fisher Nuclear Holdings Limited)
	Hughes Sub Surface Engineering Limited
	Insight Marine Projects Limited (formerly known as Mojo Ocean Dynamics Limited)
	IRISNDT Aerospace & Defense Limited (formerly known as James Fisher NDT Limited)
	James Fisher (Aberdeen) Limited
	James Fisher (Crewing Services) Limited
	James Fisher (RO-RO) Limited
	James Fisher (Shipyards Services) Limited

	James Fisher (Shipping Services) Limited
	James Fisher Air Supply Norway Limited (formerly known as Scan Tech Air Supply UK Limited)
	James Fisher and Sons Public Limited Company
	James Fisher Defence North America Limited
	James Fisher Everard Limited
	James Fisher Fender Care Limited
	James Fisher Ghana Limited
	James Fisher Holdings UK Limited
	James Fisher Hong Kong Limited
	James Fisher Marine Services Limited (formerly known as James Fisher Defence Limited)
	James Fisher Marine Services Middle East Limited FZCO
	James Fisher MFE Limited
	James Fisher Offshore Limited
	James Fisher Properties Limited
	James Fisher Properties Two Limited
	James Fisher Rumic Limited
	James Fisher Subsea Excavation Pte. Limited (formerly known as X-Subsea Singapore Pte. Limited)
	James Fisher Subsea Limited
	James Fisher Subtech Group Limited
	James Fisher Tankships Holdings Limited
	JF Nuclear Limited (formerly known as James Fisher Nuclear Limited)
	JF Overseas Ghana Limited
	JF Overseas Limited
	JFD Limited
	JFD Singapore Pte Ltd
	JFN Limited
	Lexmar Sat Systems Pte. Ltd
	Martek Holdings Limited
	Martek Marine Limited
	MNP EGLimited
	Mojo Maritime Limited (formerly known as Mojo Ocean Dynamics Limited)
	Onesimus Dorey (Shipowners) Ltd
	Osiris Marine Services Limited
	Osiris Underwater Engineering Services Limited
	Prolec Limited
	Pump Tools Limited
	Remac Limited
	RMSPumptools Limited
	Rotos 360 Limited
	Scan Tech AS
	Scantech Offshore Limited
	Scantech Offshore UK Limited (formerly known as Rigcool Limited)
	Scotload Ltd
	Scottish Navigation Company Limited
	Straininstall Malaysia Sdn Bhd
	Straininstall Singapore Pte Ltd
	Subtech Group Holdings (Pty) Ltd
	Testconsult Limited

There are no further disclosures to be made pursuant to Schedule 2 paragraph (g) of the AIM Rules.

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**Notes to editors:**

Lords is a specialist distributor of building, plumbing, heating and DIY goods. The Group principally sells to local tradesmen, small to medium sized plumbing and heating merchants, construction companies and retails directly to the general public.

The Group operates through the following two divisions:

- **Merchanting:** supplies building materials and DIY goods through its network of merchant businesses and online platform capabilities. It operates both in the 'light side' (building materials and timber) and 'heavy side' (civils and landscaping), through 31 locations in the UK.
- **Plumbing and Heating:** a specialist distributor in the UK of plumbing and heating products to a UK network of independent merchants, installers and the general public. The division offers its customers an attractive proposition through a multi-channel offering. The division operates over 17 locations enabling nationwide next day delivery service.

Lords was established over 35 years ago as a family business with its first retail unit in Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire. Since then, the Group has grown to a business operating from 48 sites. Lords aims to become a £500 million turnover building materials distributor group by 2024 as it grows its national presence.

Lords was admitted to trading on AIM in July 2021 with the ticker LORD.L. For additional information please visit [www.lordsgrouptradingplc.co.uk](http://www.lordsgrouptradingplc.co.uk).

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