



Ultimate Products plc

("Ultimate Products", "Company" or "the Group")

Share buyback programme update

Ultimate Products, the owner of a number of leading homeware brands including Salter (the UK's oldest homeware brand, est.1760) and Beldray (est.1872), announces the following updates to its share buyback programme ("Share Buyback Programme").

Share Buyback Programme

As notified in the trading update announced on 13 February 2024, the Board has adopted a Capital Allocation Policy whereby the Board's intention is to maintain the net bank debt/adjusted EBITDA ratio at around 1.0x. The Board believes that this level of leverage is an efficient use of the Group's balance sheet and allows for further returns of capital to shareholders. It is the Board's intention to continue to invest in the business enabling it to grow, whilst returning around 50% of post-tax profits to shareholders through dividends, and to supplement this with share buybacks pursuant to a policy of maintaining net bank debt at a 1.0x adjusted EBITDA ratio.

As such, the Company intends to continue with the rolling programme of share buybacks as previously announced on 10 May 2024 and, in line with the previously announced schedule, has transferred the Share Buyback Programme instruction to its joint broker, Shore Capital Stockbrokers Limited ("Shore Capital"), to purchase shares on its behalf from 3 February 2025 for the next six months.

The Share Buyback Programme will continue on an ongoing basis, in accordance with the terms of the Company's general authority to purchase up to a maximum of 8,792,906 ordinary shares of 0.25p each in the Company ("Ordinary Shares") gained at the Company's General Meeting held on 13 December 2024 ("General Meeting"). Any Ordinary Shares purchased under the Share Buyback Programme will be cancelled and the number of Ordinary Shares in issue reduced accordingly.

As previously announced, the Company is completing the Share Buyback Programme in tranches. Tranche 1 was completed on 31 July 2024 whilst Tranche 2 was completed on 31 October 2024 and Tranche 3 was completed on 31 January 2025. Tranche 4 commences from 3 February 2025 and is intended to consist of a maximum consideration of up to £2 million to purchase Ordinary Shares over a six-month period until 31 July 2025 ("Tranche 4"). The Company has given irrevocable and non-discretionary instructions to Shore Capital in relation to Tranche 4. Shore Capital will act as principal during Tranche 4 and will make trading decisions concerning the timing of the purchases of Ordinary Shares independently of the Company. The Company will announce subsequent tranches of the Share Buyback Programme prior to the initiation of each new tranche. These tranches are expected to alternate between the Company's joint brokers, in each case acting as principal.

The maximum price which may be paid for an Ordinary Share pursuant to the Share Buyback Programme is an amount equal to the higher of: (i) 105 per cent. of the average of the middle market quotations for an Ordinary Share for the five dealing days immediately preceding the day on which the Ordinary Share is purchased; and (ii) the value of an Ordinary Share calculated on the basis of the higher of the price quoted for: the last independent trade of, and the highest current independent bid for, any number of the Ordinary Shares on the trading venue where the purchase is carried out. The minimum price which may be paid for an Ordinary Share is an amount equal to its nominal value.

It is the intention that the Share Buyback Programme will be conducted within the pricing parameters of the Market Abuse Regulation. However, given the limited liquidity in the issued Ordinary Shares, the Company has agreed that, on any trading day, a buyback of Ordinary Shares under the Share Buyback Programme may exceed 25 per cent. but remain below 50 per cent. of the average daily trading volume in the Ordinary Shares in the 20 trading days preceding the date on which a buyback of Ordinary Shares is carried out. Accordingly, the Company may not benefit from the exemption contained in the Regulations.

Any market repurchase of Ordinary Shares will be announced no later than 7:30am on the business day following the calendar day on which the repurchase occurred.

Details of the authority granted at the General Meeting can be found on the Company's website under: <https://upplc.com/investor-relations/annual-meeting/>

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Ultimate Products is the owner of a number of leading homeware brands including Salter (the UK's oldest homeware brand, established in 1760) and Beldray (a laundry, floor care, heating and cooling brand that was established in 1872). According to its market research, nearly 80% of UK households own at least one of the Group's products.

Ultimate Products sells to over 300 retailers across 38 countries, and specialises in five product categories: Small Domestic Appliances; Housewares; Laundry; Audio; and Heating and Cooling. Other brands include Progress (cookware and bakeware), Kleeneze (laundry and floorcare), Petra (small domestic appliances) and Intempo (audio).

The Group's products are sold to a broad cross-section of both large national and international multi-channel retailers as well as smaller national retail chains, incorporating discount retailers, supermarkets, general retailers and online retailers.

Founded in 1997, Ultimate Products employs over 370 staff, a significant number of whom have joined via the Group's graduate development scheme, and is headquartered in Oldham, Greater Manchester, where it has design, sales, marketing, buying, quality assurance, support functions and warehouse facilities across two sites. Manor Mill, the Group's head office, includes a spectacular 20,000 sq ft showroom that showcases each of its brands. In addition, the Group has an office and showroom in Guangzhou, China and in Paris, France.

Please note that Ultimate Products is not the owner of Russell Hobbs. The company currently has licence agreements in place granting it an exclusive licence to use the "Russell Hobbs" trademark for cookware and laundry (NB this does not include Russell Hobbs electrical appliances).

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