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**Tap Global Group plc**  
("Tap Group" or the "Company")

## **Appointment of Non-Executive Chair**

### ***Experienced financial technology and blockchain executive joins the Board***

Tap Global Group plc (AIM: TAP), an innovative digital finance hub that brings money payments and crypto settlement services together in a single user-friendly app, is pleased to announce the appointment of Manuel De Luque Muntaner as Non-Executive Chair of the Board with immediate effect. Manuel replaces Peter Wall who, as announced on 22 July 2025, has now resigned as a director of the Company to pursue a full-time position within the Government of Canada.

Manuel has over 30 years' experience across investment management, banking, and digital assets, including with Citi, Lloyds Bank, and Credit Suisse. He has a track record of building regulated investment structures, scaling funds, and guiding investors through complex markets. As Founder & CEO of Block Asset Management, he launched the world's first Blockchain & Digital Assets Fund of Funds (2017), pioneering institutional access to crypto. Under his leadership, the firm has structured multi-jurisdictional funds, established tier-one custody and compliance frameworks, and built diversified portfolios across leading blockchain managers.

Manuel's career spans traditional finance and emerging technologies from private banking and asset allocation to digital asset fund design and institutional onboarding. This dual perspective enables him to bridge governance, compliance, and innovation. He regularly contributes as a board member, advisor, and speaker, helping firms, family offices, and institutions evaluate blockchain opportunities, manage risk, and align with evolving regulation.

Manuel will lead the Board in providing strategic oversight as the business scales, ensuring robust governance frameworks and compliance standards are maintained across the Company's multi-jurisdictional operations. He will support management in evaluating growth opportunities, drawing on his extensive experience in both traditional finance and digital assets, and his unique perspective as an active blockchain fund manager with visibility into emerging industry trends and innovations. Manuel will facilitate introductions and relationships that support the Company's strategic objectives and help elevate Tap Group's profile among institutional investors, family offices, and the broader financial services community.

Further information on Manuel in accordance with Rule 17, Schedule two, paragraph (g) of the AIM Rules is set out below.

#### **Arsen Torosian, CEO of Tap Group, commented:**

*"We are pleased to welcome Manuel as Non-Executive Chair. I have known Manuel since Tap Group's early days, and he has followed the Company's development closely throughout our journey. His longstanding familiarity with our business model, strategy, and operational progress made him the natural choice to lead our Board at this important stage. Manuel's extensive expertise in both traditional finance and digital assets, combined with his deep understanding of Tap Group's business, will be invaluable as we execute on our growth strategy. I look forward to working with him as we continue to scale the business and deliver value for our customers and shareholders."*

#### **Manuel De Luque Muntaner, Non-Executive Chair of Tap Group, commented:**

*"I have followed Tap Group's development since its early stages and have been impressed by the business model and the execution delivered by management. This conviction in the Company's potential led me to establish a position in Tap Group shares, demonstrating my alignment with shareholders and stakeholders. Having observed the progress the team has made in building a regulated, customer-focused platform that bridges traditional finance and digital assets, I am confident in the significant opportunities ahead and I look forward to supporting the Board and management as we work together to deliver on Tap Group's strategic objectives and realise the Company's full potential."*

#### **Regulatory disclosures (in accordance with Rule 17 and Schedule two paragraph (g) of the AIM Rules)**

Save for the information set out below, there are no further disclosures to be made in accordance with Rule 17, Schedule Two, paragraph (g) of the AIM Rules in respect of the appointments of the directors.

Manuel Ernesto De Luque Muntaner (aged 55) holds or has held the following directorships or partnership in the past 5 years:

<b>Current Directorships / Partnerships</b>	<b>Former Directorships / Partnerships within last 5 years</b>
Bam Digital Assets Sicav Plc	Wealthics Global Partners Ltd
Blockchain Innovation Group Ltd	Hellr Technologies Ltd

Blockchain Innovation Group Ltd	Holir Technologies Ltd
Big Management Ltd	Holir Ltd
Block Asset Management Sarl	Fintech Consulting Ltd
M&M Ventures Ltd	
Roma Corporation	
Oxford Institutional Investment Advisors Corp	

Manuel holds 475,000 ordinary shares in the Company.

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#### About Tap Global Group plc

Tap Global Group plc bridges the gap between traditional finance and blockchain technology. It offers over 390,000 individual and business customers an innovative and fully integrated fiat payments and cryptocurrency settlement service including access to several major cryptocurrency exchanges. Through the Tap app, customers can trade over 50 cryptocurrencies and store them directly in their customer wallet, while benefiting from proprietary AI middleware for real-time best-execution and pricing.

Tap Group's European business, Tap Global Limited, was the first cryptocurrency FinTech company to be approved by Mastercard in Europe. Through the Tap card, European users can convert their cryptocurrencies to fiat and spend at more than 37 million merchant locations worldwide.

#### Tap Group's operating subsidiaries

Tap Global Limited serves the European customer base and is registered in Gibraltar and licensed and regulated by the Gibraltar Financial Services Commission under the DLT with licence No. 25532.

Tap's Bulgarian subsidiary has been granted a VASP registration by the National Revenue Agency of Bulgaria in order to qualify for the EU MiCA regulations grandfathering provisions.

Tap Americas LLC serves the US customer base and is a limited liability company organised under the laws of the state of Florida. Cryptocurrency services are provided by Zero Hash, a Chicago-based B2B2C crypto infrastructure platform.

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