This announcement contains inside information

Diageo issues trading update due to a weaker performance outlook in Latin America and Caribbean and updated medium term guidance ahead of 2023 Capital Markets Event

10 November 2023, London, UK: On 28 September 2023, Diageo issued a trading statement which stated that our outlook for fiscal 24 had not changed since 1 August 2023. At that time, our expectation for the group was for the first half of fiscal 24 to see a gradual improvement in organic net sales growth from the second half of fiscal 23.

We have momentum continuing in four of our five regions, however at the group level, in the first half of fiscal 24, we now expect to see slower growth than the second half of fiscal 23. This is due to a materially weaker performance outlook in Latin America and Caribbean (LAC), which is nearly 11% of Diageo’s net sales value (fiscal 23), and is now expected to decline organic net sales by more than 20%, year-on-year, in the first half of fiscal 24.

In other regions:
• Currently, in North America, we expect gradual improvement in organic net sales growth in the first half of fiscal 24 of compared to the second half of fiscal 23, while maintaining distributor inventory in line with historical levels.
• We also expect to see improvement in the rate of net sales growth in Africa in the first half of fiscal 24 compared to the second half of fiscal 23.
• In Europe and Asia Pacific, we see continued momentum, albeit slower than in the second half of fiscal 23. In Europe, growth continues to be strong despite geopolitical tensions escalating in the Middle East, where we are a leading spirits company. In Asia Pacific, we continue to see momentum with good growth, despite slower than expected recovery in China.

LAC is lapping very strong 20% organic net sales growth, versus the first half of fiscal 23. Macroeconomic pressures in the region are resulting in lower consumption and consumer downtrading. These impacts are slowing down progress in reducing channel inventory to appropriate levels for the current environment. Despite slowing category growth, our business continues to win share in most markets, within the categories we participate in.

We now expect organic operating profit growth for the first half of fiscal 24 to decline compared to the first half of fiscal 23, primarily due to LAC’s declining net sales, increased trade investment, lower operating leverage and adverse mix resulting from downtrading. Across other regions, we expect to continue to invest additional A&P ahead of net sales. We expect that there will be continued, albeit moderating, cost inflation, which will be partially offset by pricing actions.

Looking ahead to the second half of fiscal 24, at the Group level, we expect to see a gradual improvement in organic net sales and organic operating profit growth from the first half of fiscal 24 while we continue to invest in marketing, and in the business, to drive long-term sustainable growth.

Diageo’s advantaged portfolio will drive sustainable long-term growth

We continue to believe in the fundamental strength of our business and expect to deliver organic net sales growth between 5 and 7% over the medium term. We expect operating profit to grow broadly in line with organic net sales growth, while we continue to invest behind our brands. Over time, as inflation moderates and productivity from our supply agility program flow through, we expect operating profit to grow ahead of organic net sales growth. We will continue to leverage our scale to
drive accelerated productivity savings and benefit from operating leverage, premiumisation and revenue growth management.

Our confidence in our medium-term guidance is underpinned by our participation in the attractive segment of International Spirits, which is growing ahead of TBA, sourcing from Beer and Wine; our advantaged portfolio and footprint which enables us to grow ahead of spirits; and the investments we will continue to make to grow share.

While we expect operating environment challenges to persist, with ongoing cost pressure and geopolitical and macroeconomic uncertainty, we will move with speed and agility and continue to invest in marketing and innovation. We firmly believe the strength of our portfolio, our diversified footprint and our deep consumer insights will drive sustainable long-term growth and generate value for shareholders.

**Conference Call details and Capital Markets Event**

At 8:00 am UKT, Diageo’s Chief Executive, Debra Crew and Chief Financial Officer, Lavanya Chandrashekar will host a 30-minute conference call for the investment community. A transcript of the call will be accessible from Diageo’s Investor Relations website.

In addition, the company will host a Capital Markets Event on Wednesday 15 November 2023 where our Executive leadership team will share our confidence in our medium-term guidance and showcase our advantaged portfolio and footprint, our superior consumer understanding, brand building and digital capabilities. Details of how to access the webcast and materials will be available on Diageo.com.

**Currency Update**

On 1 August 2023, Diageo announced a move in functional and presentation currency from sterling to US dollar. We are not providing specific guidance in relation to foreign exchange for fiscal 24. However, using current spot exchange rates of $1=£1.24 and $1=€1.07, and applying them to last year’s P&L profile, we would see a negative impact on net sales of approximately $120m and a positive impact on operating profit of approximately $35m.

Tom Shropshire, General Counsel and Company Secretary, is responsible for arranging the release of this announcement on behalf of Diageo.

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An explanation of non-GAAP measures, including organic movements, is set out on pages 232-239 of Diageo’s Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2023.

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