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**Diageo announces appointment to its Board of Directors**

Diageo announces the appointment of Susan Kilsby as a Non-Executive Director, effective immediately. Susan will join the Audit, Nomination and Remuneration Committees on appointment.

Susan joined the Board of Shire, the leading global biotech company, in 2011 and has been Chairman since 2014. She is also a Non-Executive Director on the Boards of Goldman Sachs International, Fortune Brands Home & Security and BBA Aviation. Prior to this, she had an extensive global career in investment banking, holding senior roles at Credit Suisse, Barclays, Bankers Trust and First Boston Corporation. Susan served most of her career at Credit Suisse, where she was Chairman, EMEA Mergers and Acquisitions until 2009 and a Senior Advisor until 2014.

**Diageo Chairman, Javier Ferrán, said:**

“I am delighted to welcome Susan to the Diageo Board. Her expertise and experience in finance and M&A will serve Diageo well as we work towards our ambition to become one of the most trusted and respected consumer products companies in the world. I am sure Susan will be an inspiration to our people and the way we work.”

In accordance with Listing Rule 9.6.15, Diageo confirms that there are no further details to be disclosed pursuant to Listing Rule 9.6.13.

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**About Susan Kilsby**

Ms Kilsby has served as a Non-Executive Director of Shire since 2011 and was appointed Chairman in 2014. She is also Chairman of the Nomination and Governance Committee.

She is a Non-Executive Director of Goldman Sachs International, Fortune Brands Home & Security, Inc and BBA Aviation plc where she is Chairman of the Remuneration Committee. During her career she held senior roles with The First Boston Corporation, Bankers Trust, Barclays and Credit Suisse.

From 2010 to 2013, Ms Kilsby was International Region Chair of C200, an organisation composed of leading women in business globally. She is also a founding member of the Competitor Diversity Forum in London.

She has a BA in Economics from Wellesley College, an MBA from the Yale School of Management and received a Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) from The City University London.

**About Diageo**

Diageo is a global leader in beverage alcohol with an outstanding collection of brands including Johnnie Walker, Crown Royal, JεB, Buchanan’s and Windsor whiskies, Smirnoff, Cîroc and Ketel One vodkas, Captain Morgan, Baileys, Don Julio, Tanqueray and Guinness.

Diageo is a global company, and our products are sold in more than 180 countries around the world. The company is listed on both the London Stock Exchange (DGE) and the New York Stock Exchange (DEO). For more information about Diageo, our people, our brands, and performance, visit us at [www.diageo.com](http://www.diageo.com). Visit Diageo’s global responsible drinking resource, [www.DRINKiQ.com](http://www.DRINKiQ.com), for information, initiatives, and ways to share best practice.

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