

## **BASKET OF KINDNESS RAISES MORE THAN 17 TONNES OF FOOD FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED IN ST PETERSBURG AND SURROUNDING REGION**

**St Petersburg, 17 May 2021** – X5 Retail Group, a leading Russian food retailer, and Foodbank Rus announce the results of a citywide Basket of Kindness food drive for vulnerable seniors and families with children. The event was held on 15 May in all Pyaterochka, Perekrestok and Karusel stores within St Petersburg's ring road and coincided with X5 Retail Group's fifteenth anniversary.

The drive brought in more than 17 tonnes of food, including 5.1 tonnes donated by X5. Volunteers put together 3,100 "baskets of kindness" (5.5 kg each on average) for underprivileged residents of St Petersburg and the Leningrad Region. All baskets will be delivered to the recipients by the end of the week. The charity event involved 844 volunteers from Foodbank Rus and 250 more from among the X5 store employees.

X5 Retail Group funded all expenses to hold the citywide food drive, including those associated with infrastructure and logistics. The governments of St Petersburg and the Leningrad Region, as well as the St Petersburg Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church, provided additional support. The baskets include contributions from Henkel (hair and body care items), Unilever (personal care and household products) and Tetra Pak (a carton of ultra-pasteurised milk).

X5 Retail Group and Foodbank Rus launched the Basket of Kindness social project in 2015. X5 pioneered food drives among Russian retailers, creating and promoting local food aid infrastructure. It allows customers to buy and donate food in stores to feed people in local communities. The project also operates an online charity initiative at [корзинадоброты.рф](http://корзинадоброты.рф). Last year, it was used to collect food donations during the COVID-19 outbreak. Earlier this year, a Basket of Kindness food drive was held in Chelyabinsk, with all of the city's X5 stores participating. The event helped collect about 6.6 tonnes of food, which volunteers used to put together 1,100 baskets. Food drives and other regular donation initiatives have already brought in more 87 tonnes of food so far during 2021. In 2020, charity events in X5 stores and at [корзинадоброты.рф](http://корзинадоброты.рф) raised more than 267 tonnes of food, almost 100 tonnes more than in 2019. Overall, 142,092 people received food aid in 2020, including children, elderly living alone, disadvantaged and vulnerable residents, and medical practitioners.

**Note to Editors:**

X5 Retail Group N.V. (LSE and MOEX: FIVE, Fitch – ‘BB+’, Moody's – ‘Ba1’, S&P – ‘BB+’, RAEX – ‘ruAA+’) is a leading Russian food retailer. The Company operates proximity stores under the Pyaterochka brand, Perekrestok supermarkets and Karusel hypermarkets. X5 provides an omnichannel experience to customers, integrating retail stores and e-commerce, through its businesses Vprok.ru Perekrestok, 5Post and Okolo.

As of 31 March 2021, X5 had 17,959 Company-operated stores. It has the leading market position in both Moscow and St Petersburg and a significant presence in the European part of Russia. Its store base includes 16,960 Pyaterochka proximity stores, 940 Perekrestok supermarkets and 49 Karusel hypermarkets. The Company operates 41 DCs and 4,014 Company-owned trucks across the Russian Federation.

X5 is one of the largest employers in Russia. The Company employs over 339 thousand people.

For the full year 2020, revenue totalled RUB 1,978,026 mln (USD 27,417 mln), EBITDA pre-IFRS 16 reached RUB 145,137 mln (USD 2,012 mln), and net profit pre-IFRS 16 for the period amounted to RUB 39,180 mln (USD 543 mln).

X5's Shareholder structure is as follows: CTF Holdings S.A. – 47.86%, Intertrust Trustees Ltd (Axon Trust) – 11.43%, X5 Directors – 0.09%, treasury shares – 0.01%, Shareholders with less than 3% – 40.61%.

**Forward looking statements:**

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*By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to future events and circumstances, a number of which are beyond X5 Retail Group N.V.'s control. As a result, actual future results may differ materially from the plans, goals and expectations set out in these forward-looking statements.*

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