



## CHIZHIK LAUNCHES OPERATIONS IN SARATOV REGION

**Saratov, 15 June 2023** – X5 Group (“X5” or the “Company”, LSE and MOEX ticker: FIVE), a leading Russian food retailer, announces the opening of its first hard discounters under the Chizhik brand in the Saratov Region. On Thursday, the retailer opened four stores in Saratov (on 29/35 Shelkovichnaya Street, 49 Moskovskaya Street, 17 Lisina Street, and 5 Raskova Street) as well as one store in Balakovo (on 112 Shevchenko Street).

The product assortment at each store features approximately 750 SKUs, including around 400 private label items that have already become popular with Chizhik customers. These include Svetaevo, Verner, Shchedry God, Greenola, Axl, Tafo and others.

Chizhik’s business model is based on offering a small but sought-after selection of products at attractive prices. The retailer delivers low prices for its customers thanks to business process optimisation and relentless in-store cost cutting, while the large share of private labels in its assortment enables Chizhik to offer only those products that meet its high standards of quality and charge fair prices and markups. Chizhik also stands out for its unique Nado Uspet (“Catch the Price”) zone that highlights the best deals in household, kitchen, garden goods, and other products – all in one place.

The new stores will be supplied from Chizhik’s distribution centre in Volgograd with shipments from both nationwide and local suppliers. Going forward, the retailer will launch a separate distribution centre in the Saratov Region to supply local stores.

Chizhik has already created 115 jobs in the Saratov Region and expects to bring the total number of new jobs created for local communities to more than 370 by the end of the year. The Saratov Region is the 13th region in the retail chain’s footprint. Chizhik plans to open 22 more stores in the region before the end of June, aiming to bring the total store count in the region to up to 55 stores by the year-end.

Currently, Chizhik has more than 700 stores across 13 regions of Russia,<sup>1</sup> with plans to open more than a thousand stores in 2023.

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<sup>1</sup> Moscow, the Voronezh, Volgograd, Sverdlovsk, Nizhny Novgorod, Saratov, Samara, Chelyabinsk, and Yaroslavl Regions, the Republic of Tatarstan, the Republic of Bashkortostan, the Republic of Udmurtia, and the Perm Territory.



**Note to Editors:**

**X5 Retail Group N.V.** (LSE and MOEX: FIVE; Expert RA – ruAAA; ACRA – AAA(RU)) is a leading Russian food retailer. The Company operates proximity stores under the Pyaterochka brand, Perekrestok supermarkets and Chizhik hard discounters. X5 provides an omnichannel experience to its customers, integrating retail stores and e-commerce through its businesses Vprok.ru, 5Post and Mnogo Lososya.

As of 31 March 2023, X5 had 21,760 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 19,549 Pyaterochka proximity stores, 956 Perekrestok supermarkets, 591 Chizhik hard discounters and 596 Krasny Yar and Slata stores. The Company operates 55 DCs and 4,490 Company-owned trucks across the Russian Federation.

X5 is one of the largest employers in Russia. The Company employs over 345 thousand people.

For the full year 2022, revenue totalled RUB 2,605,232 million (USD 38,005 million\*), EBITDA pre-IFRS 16 reached RUB 186,788 million (USD 2,725 million\*), and net profit pre-IFRS 16 for the period amounted to RUB 52,248 million (USD 762 million\*). In Q1 2023, revenue totalled RUB 696,364 million (USD 9,569 million\*\*), adjusted EBITDA pre-IFRS 16 reached RUB 40,236 million (USD 553 million\*\*), and net profit pre-IFRS 16 amounted to RUB 12,172 million (USD 167 million\*\*).

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\* FX rate: 68.5494 USD/RUB

\*\* FX rate: 72.7738 USD/RUB

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