

## **X5 EXPANDS COOPERATION WITH FAR EASTERN REGIONS**

**Vladivostok, 12 September 2023** – X5 Group ("X5" or the "Company", LSE and MOEX ticker: FIVE), a leading Russian food retailer, has signed cooperation agreements with four regions in the Far Eastern Federal District. At the Eastern Economic Forum the Company entered into partnerships with the Primorye and Kamchatka Territories, the Sakhalin Region, and the Jewish Autonomous Region. X5 also announced expansion plans for the Far East, including the first store openings in the Amur Region and the Jewish Autonomous Region in 2024.

The agreements with the Sakhalin Region, Jewish Autonomous Region and Primorye Territory envisage joint efforts to bring more local producers and SMEs to the consumer market, the facilitation of investment projects in retail, and the development of region-specific social policies. The respective regional governments will work to promote retail trade, implement government support measures for local manufacturers to forge more effective partnerships with X5, and boost business activity in their regions.

Among other things, X5's agreement with the Kamchatka Territory will make fish staples more affordable for consumers through direct supply contracts with producers. As part of this partnership, X5 will team up with the regional government to pilot deliveries of pollock and pink salmon, as well as other fish products, to central Russia for sale by X5's retail chains at discount prices. The regional government will also assist producers in getting the support measures they need: preferential financing for domestic supply infrastructure projects, and the development of financial instruments to facilitate product purchases during the fishing season. In addition, measures will be designed to reduce transportation costs, including along the Northern Sea Route.

X5 Group will continue to increase its operations in the Russian Far East, including charitable programmes and partnerships with local producers, bringing locally sourced products to the shelves of its stores.

Stanislav Bogdanov, Director for Government Relations at X5 Group, said: "X5 is increasing its presence in the Far East and gearing up for further expansion into new regions. Our task is not only to provide residents of the Far Eastern Federal District with high-quality, affordable products but also to support local agribusiness. Fully supplying this market with locally sourced products still requires a lot of joint effort between businesses and the government, but we see potential here and expect the Far Eastern regions to only become more self-reliant as infrastructure and logistics evolve and local producers consolidate. This will benefit everyone, with consumers set to be the biggest winners."

X5 Group opened its first stores in the Far East in March 2023. The Company currently operates 45 Pyaterochka stores in the Far Eastern Federal District, including 21 stores in the Primorye Territory and 24 stores in the Khabarovsk Territory. Apart from the regional capitals of Vladivostok and Khabarovsk, stores have been opened both in large cities such as Komsomolsk-on-Amur, Amursk, Nakhodka, Ussuriysk, Bolshoy Kamen and Artyom, and in small communities as well. By the end of 2023, X5 expects to be operating a total of about 120 stores in the Far East.



## 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 30 June 2023, X5 had 22,682 Company-operated stores. It has the leading market position in both Moscow and St Petersburg, as well as a significant presence in the European part of Russia and a growing presence in the Russian Far East. Its store base includes 20,248 Pyaterochka proximity stores, 956 Perekrestok supermarkets, 809 Chizhik hard discounters and 596 Krasny Yar and Slata stores. The Company operates 59 DCs and 4,604 Company-owned trucks across the Russian Federation.

X5 is one of the largest employers in Russia. The Company employs over 358 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 H1 2023, revenue totalled RUB 1,468,407 million (USD 19,095 million\*\*), adjusted EBITDA pre-IFRS 16 reached RUB 100,748 million (USD 1,310 million\*\*), and net profit pre-IFRS 16 amounted to RUB 41,661 million (USD 542 million\*\*).

## Forward-looking statements

This announcement includes statements that are, or may be deemed to be, "forward-looking statements". These forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not only relate to historical or current events. Forward-looking statements often use words such as "anticipate", "target", "expect", "estimate", "intend", "expected", "plan", "goal", "believe", or other words of similar meaning.

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 Group N.V.'s control. As a result, actual future results may differ materially from the plans, goals and expectations set out in these forwardlooking statements.

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\*\* FX rate: 76.8996 USD/RUB

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