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## **Vertu Motors plc (“Vertu” or the “Group”)**

### **Directorate Change**

#### **Appointment of Peter Jones as Non-executive Chairman Designate**

Vertu Motors plc, the automotive retailer with a network of 108 sales and aftersales outlets across the UK is pleased to announce that, on 1 January 2015, Peter Jones will join the Board as Non-executive Chairman. Peter will succeed Paul Williams who is retiring at the end of this year after seven years as Chairman of Vertu.

Peter Jones’s extensive industry background includes his joint ownership of the successful independent motor group Bramall and Jones Ltd; Commercial Director at Inchcape Retail; the CEO of C.D. Bramall plc and Commercial Director of Rover Cars UK & Ireland. From 2008 to 2013 Peter served as an executive director of Lookers plc including the CEO role from October 2009 to the end of December 2013.

*Robert Forrester CEO of Vertu said:*

“I am particularly pleased Peter has agreed to join Vertu as Chairman. Peter is a man for whom I have a deep respect. He is an industry heavyweight with broad experience and is respected across the automotive sector and by the investment community. I look forward to working with him and benefitting from his guidance.

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul Williams for his unwavering support over the last seven years and I know I speak for the whole Vertu team in wishing him well for the future when he steps down at the end of the year. Paul has been associated with Bristol Street Motors for more than 40 years and has been instrumental in its success over that period.”

*Peter Jones, Non-executive Chairman Designate of Vertu said:*

“I am delighted to be joining Vertu as the business continues its well managed growth trajectory. I have known and respected the team at Vertu for many years and look forward to working with the executive team to maximise the opportunities presented to the automotive retail industry.”

See the appendix below for further information in accordance with Schedule Two (g) of the AIM Rules for Companies.

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**Notes to Editors**

Vertu Motors is the sixth largest automotive retailer in the UK with a network of 108 sales and aftersales outlets across the UK. Its dealerships operate predominantly under the Bristol Street Motors, Vertu, Farnell Land Rover and Macklin Motors brand names.

Vertu Motors was established in November 2006 with the strategy to consolidate the UK motor retail sector. It is intended that the Group will continue to acquire motor retail operations to grow a scaled dealership group. The Group's acquisition strategy is supplemented by a focused organic growth strategy to drive operational efficiencies through its national dealership network. The Group currently operates 106 franchised sales outlets and 2 non-franchised sales operations from 88 locations across the UK.

Vertu Motors Group websites - [www.vertumotors.com](http://www.vertumotors.com) / [www.vertucareers.com](http://www.vertucareers.com)

Vertu Motors brand websites - [www.bristolstreet.co.uk](http://www.bristolstreet.co.uk) / [www.vertuhonda.com](http://www.vertuhonda.com) / [www.macklinmotors.co.uk](http://www.macklinmotors.co.uk) / [www.farnellandrover.com](http://www.farnellandrover.com) / [www.farnelljaguar.com](http://www.farnelljaguar.com) / [www.vertuvolkswagen.com](http://www.vertuvolkswagen.com)

**Appendix - AIM Rule 17**

Save for the information above and below, there are no further disclosures to be made in accordance with Schedule Two (g) of the AIM Rules for Companies in respect of the appointment of Peter Jones, 57.

*Current Directorships/Partnerships*

Bramall Properties Limited  
Far Newco Limited (Dormant)  
Guernsey Investments Limited  
Retail Motor Industry Federation  
Sugar Hill Farm Property Management Limited  
Winterquay Limited

*Past Directorships/Partnerships*

Adelaide Finance Limited  
APEC Limited  
Arran Oils Limited  
Bairds Cars Limited  
Ballcop (No. 1) Ltd.

Ballcop (No. 2) Ltd.  
Ballcop (No. 3) Ltd.  
Ballcop (No. 4) Ltd.  
Ballcop (No. 5) Ltd.  
Ballcop (No. 7) Ltd.  
Ballcop (No. 8) Ltd.  
Ballcop (No. 9) Ltd.  
Ballcop (No. 10) Ltd.  
Ballcop (No.11) Ltd.  
Balmoral Motors Ltd  
Bolling Investments Limited  
Bramall & Jones VW Limited  
Bristol Trade Centre  
Bristol Trade Centre Limited  
BTN Turbo Charger Service Limited  
Burton Trade Centre Limited  
Charles Hurst Corporation Limited - The  
Charles Hurst Holdings Limited  
Charles Hurst JV Limited  
Charles Hurst Limited  
Charles Hurst Motors Ltd  
Chipperfield Garage Limited  
Chipperfield Holdings Limited  
Clyde Land Rover Limited  
Clyde Rover Limited  
Cox & Co. (Lookers) Limited  
Dovercourt Motor Company Limited (The)  
Dutton-Forshaw Holdings Limited  
Dutton-Forshaw Limited  
Ferraris Piston Service Limited  
Fleet Financial Limited  
FPS Distribution Limited  
GET Motoring UK Limited  
Golf & Turf Machinery Limited  
Guthrie & Anderson Limited  
Howdens of Harrogate Limited  
Hurst Energy Services Limited  
Hurst Fuels (Caledonia) Limited  
Hurstco Limited  
Inverclyde Sales & Service Limited  
J.N. Holdings Limited  
Jackson & Edwards Limited  
JCT600 (Lincoln) Limited  
JCT600 (Lincolnshire) Limited  
Kings Langley Land Rover Limited  
Lomond Motors (East) Limited  
Lomond Motors Limited  
Lomond TPS Limited  
Look 4 Car Credit Limited  
Look 4 Car Deals Limited  
Lookers plc

Lookers (J&S Leaver) Limited  
Lookers (St. Helens) Limited  
Lookers Bedale Garage Limited  
Lookers Birmingham Limited  
Lookers Directors Limited  
Lookers GB & E Limited  
Lookers JV Limited  
Lookers Leasing Limited  
Lookers Motor Group Limited  
Lookers Motor Market Limited  
Lookers Motors Holdings Limited  
Lookers Motors Limited  
Lookers North West Limited  
Lookers Norwich Limited  
Lookers of Barnsley Limited  
Lookers of Bradford Limited  
Lookers of Burton Limited  
Lookers of Colwyn Bay Limited  
Lookers of Dewsbury Limited  
Lookers of Macclesfield Limited  
Lookers of Manchester Limited  
Lookers of Northwich Limited  
Lookers of Rochdale Limited  
Lookers Property (NI) Ltd  
Lookers Property (Scotland) Limited  
Lookers Property (Warehouse) Limited  
Lookers Secretaries Limited  
Lookers South East Limited  
Lookers Southern Limited  
Lookers Thornton Engineering Limited  
Martins (Middlesbrough) Limited  
MB South Limited  
Motor Trade Centres (UK) Limited  
Picking (Liverpool) Limited  
Platts Harris Limited  
PLP Motors Limited  
Roadshow Limited  
Savilles Auto Village Limited  
Shields Automotive Limited  
Taggarts Motor Group Limited  
The Dutton-Forshaw Group Limited  
The Dutton-Forshaw Motor Company Limited  
Thomson-Reid (Tractors) Limited  
Town & Country Fuels Limited  
Truc-Bodies Limited  
Trusted Dealers Limited  
Turboparts Limited  
Turbotune Limited  
Ulster Garages Limited  
Vehicle Rental Services Limited