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Whitbread PLC Trading Statement

Today, Whitbread PLC announces that total sales for Continuing Whitbread\* for the first 39 weeks of its financial year to 30 November 2006 have grown by 10.1% and like for like sales have grown by 3.9%.

Sales for 39 weeks to 30 November 2006

	% change vs prior year	
	Like-for-Like	Total
Premier Travel Inn	7.7	16.3
Pub Restaurants	0.0	2.1
David Lloyd Leisure	2.6	5.8
Costa	5.9	22.1
Continuing Whitbread* at week 39	3.9	10.1
Continuing Whitbread* at week 24	2.3	8.4

Alan Parker, Chief Executive, Whitbread PLC comments:

"This has been a good quarter's trading across the Group with all four businesses generating a positive increase in sales.

Premier Travel Inn's growth has strengthened with total sales up 16.3%. In the first 39 weeks we have opened 1,640 Premier Travel Inn rooms, which includes 14 new hotels and 9 extensions to existing hotels. We remain on target to open 2,500 rooms in this financial year.

Pub Restaurants have improved with a total sales increase of 2.1% and positive recent like for like sales growth. This results from our strategy of focusing on joint pub restaurant and Premier Travel Inn sites, new menus offering improved quality and better value and the continued refurbishment of the estate. This year 58 restaurants have been remodelled.

David Lloyd Leisure has delivered a 5.8% increase in sales on a stable like for like membership base. New initiatives introduced this year have had a positive impact on retail sales per member.

Costa has seen total sales up 22.1%. 137 new stores have been opened (116 net of closures), including 56 equity and 81 franchise stores, 46 of which were overseas. This week Costa celebrated the opening of its 500<sup>th</sup> UK store in Oxford. Internationally it has opened its first store in Eastern Europe and will open in China in Shanghai by Christmas.

These results demonstrate that we continue to make improvements in operating performance. We are driving rapid expansion in our Premier Travel Inn and Costa businesses and the ongoing turnaround at David Lloyd Leisure is

encouraging. I am particularly pleased by the first signs of improvement in Pub Restaurants.”

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\* Sales of Continuing Whitbread comprise Premier Travel Inn, the retained Pub Restaurant estate, David Lloyd Leisure, and Costa but exclude the 239 disposed Pub Restaurant sites, the Pizza Hut joint venture, TGI Friday’s which is listed as an asset held for sale and any supply chain sales to third parties.

**Conference call for analysts and investors**

Alan Parker and Christopher Rogers will be available for a conference call at 8.30am today (UK time). To participate, dial +44 (0)20 7138 0836

A recording of the conference call will be available for seven days. To listen, dial +44 (0)20 7806 1970 and enter the passcode 4185869#

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