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**WHITBREAD APPOINTS NEW NON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Whitbread PLC announces that it has appointed Simon Melliss as a Non Executive Director. He will join the Whitbread Board on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 and will take over as chairman of the Audit Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2007.

Simon Melliss (54) is Group Finance Director of Hammerson PLC. Having trained as an accountant, he has held a number of financial roles at Reed International PLC and Sketchley PLC before joining Hammerson in 1991 where he became Group Finance Director in 1995.

Anthony Habgood, Whitbread's Chairman said "I am delighted that Simon will be joining our Board. His financial experience and knowledge of the property sector will be of great benefit to Whitbread."

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