

Arena Leisure PLC - Directorate Change

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Arena Leisure Plc ('Arena' or 'the Company')

Directorate Change

The Board announces that it has today appointed Antony Harris as Finance Director.

Tony, aged 39, is the former Chief Financial Officer of The UNITE Group plc and, prior to that, Vice President Finance (Europe & Africa, and Nordic regions) at Hilton International. Tony takes up the Finance Director role at Arena on 1 May 2008.

Tony qualified as a chartered accountant with Arthur Andersen in 1993. He then spent thirteen years working in the hotel industry, first with Inter-Continental Hotels Group and then, for the bulk of this period, with Hilton International. As Vice President Finance at Hilton International, Tony was responsible for 230 hotels operating across 35 countries.

With Arena having recently received planning permission for three hotels to be located at Doncaster, Lingfield Park and Wolverhampton Racecourses, Tony's experience will be invaluable as Arena embarks upon an exciting period of expansion.

Bob Mercer will remain as Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary and will play a vital role in ensuring that Arena delivers its three major development projects on time and on budget, continues to drive an increasing profit stream from its extensive racecourse assets and unlocks value from the surplus land assets within its freehold property portfolio.

The following information is provided in respect of Tony Harris' current and previous directorships.

Current Directorships: None

Directorships held within the last five years: The UNITE Group plc and wholly-owned related subsidiaries, and several non-UK subsidiaries of Hilton International and the former Hilton Group plc.

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