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**Fintel Plc**

("Fintel", the "Company", the "Group" or the "Business")

**Directorate Change**

**Appointment of Ian Pickford as Non-Executive Director.**

Fintel (AIM: FNTL), a leading provider of Fintech and support services to the UK retail financial services sector, is pleased to announce the appointment of Ian Pickford as Independent Non-Executive Director with immediate effect. Ian will additionally serve as chair of the Company's remuneration and nomination committees.

Following a robust process, Ian was selected due to his in-depth knowledge of the wealth management market and strong alignment to the Company's values and strategic objectives. Ian brings with him over 30 years of leadership experience at one of the most successful wealth management businesses in the UK.

Ian will shortly step down as a Partner at Forvis Mazars LLP, where he was the CEO of Forvis Mazars Financial Planning Ltd, where he grew the business substantially, to be one of the largest and most admired Advice and Investment businesses in the United Kingdom. As part of his role, Ian will greatly assist the strategic development of both our digital, and our core service propositions to the UK advice market.

**Phil Smith, Non-Executive Chair, said:**

"I am delighted to welcome Ian to the Fintel Board. He brings a great deal of leadership experience within the wealth management sector and will provide an important customer perspective on the Board alongside his skills which complement those of our other directors. We all look forward to working with Ian."

**Ian Pickford, Non-Executive Director said:**

"I am excited to be joining Fintel at this inflexion point for the business. Fintel, through SimplyBiz, is already renowned in the sector as the leading services platform for IFAs, has the leading research brand in Defaqto, and is well poised to emerge as one the leading digital providers to this exciting sector. I look forward to working with Phil and rest of the Board to accelerate the safe growth of the business."

**Additional Information**

In accordance with Schedule 2(g) of the AIM Rules for Companies Ian Pickford (aged 64) holds, or has held in the past five years, the following directorships and partnerships:

**Current Directorships**

Forvis Mazars Financial Planning Limited

Forvis Mazars LLP

Forvis Mazars Trustee Company Limited

Forvis Mazars Trustee Company (London) Limited

Independent Women Limited

Rowanmoor Consultancy Limited

**Directorships held in last 5 years**

Citrus4benefits Limited

Forvis Mazars Trust Corporation Limited

Surf & Consult Limited

Vested Employee Benefits Limited

Ian holds no shares in the Company.

There is no further information on Ian Pickford required to be disclosed under Schedule Two, paragraph (g) of the AIM Rules for Companies.

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