

News Release – BrightHouse Group Plc Announces the Appointment of new Chairman

BrightHouse Group Plc (“BrightHouse”) announces that Henry Staunton will join BrightHouse as Chairman on 8th July 2014.

Henry currently holds the position of Chairman at WH Smith plc, and is also non executive director at Standard Bank, Capital And Counties plc and Merchants Trust Plc. Previously, he held a number of other non-executive positions including Chairman of Ashtead Group PLC, and Vice chairman of Legal and General PLC.

In his earlier career, Henry held the positions of Group Finance Director at ITV, Granada Media Plc and also Granada Group Plc. He also was, for twelve years, a Partner at Price Waterhouse, having qualified as a chartered accountant with the firm

Commenting on the announcement, Leo McKee, Chief Executive Officer of BrightHouse, said: *"I am delighted to welcome Henry as Chairman. He brings a wealth of experience and expertise which will be a significant asset in the next phase of our business."*

Henry is completing a handover process with Richard Pym, who is stepping down after six successful years with BrightHouse. The Board has expressed to Richard its appreciation of his significant contribution throughout this period.

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About BrightHouse

BrightHouse is the UK's leading rent-to-own retail chain, providing quality branded home electronics, domestic appliances and household furniture to customers on affordable weekly payments.

A major employer in local communities, BrightHouse has some 3,000 staff working in 286 stores nationwide. BrightHouse supports the NSPCC (ChildLine in Scotland), the UK's leading children's charity that specialises in child protection and the prevention of cruelty to children.

In 2013, BrightHouse was ranked 82nd in the Sunday Times Top Track 250 Business. BrightHouse is a proud winner of the National Recycling Association Retail Recycler of the Year Award, 2012.