

# **Combined General Meeting of 10 November 2010**

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- > Renewal of term of office as Director of François Gérard
- > Appointment of Susan Murray as new Director
- > Online AGM attendance and voting, appointment of observers and related amendment to the bylaws

# Press release: Paris, 10 November 2010 - 6:00 pm CET

Pernod Ricard's shareholders held their Combined General Meeting today at the Carrousel du Louvre in Paris to approve the 2009/2010 consolidated and parent company financial statements at 30 June 2010, to set the cash dividend for the financial year and to give their opinion on all draft resolutions submitted for their approval.

# Cash dividend: €1.34 per share

The shareholders have decided to approve the payment of a cash dividend of  $\leq$  1.34 per share. Due to the payment of an interim dividend of  $\leq$  0.61 on 7 July 2010, the balance of  $\leq$  0.73 per share will be released on 12 November and payable with effect from 17 November.

### Renewal of terms of office and appointments of new Directors

The General Meeting decided to renew the term of office of François Gérard for a further four years. In addition, it decided to appoint Susan Murray as a new Independent Director for a term of four years.

# Amendment to the bylaws to allow for online AGM attendance and voting and appointment of observers

The General Meeting approved an amendment to the bylaws that allows shareholders to attend and to vote online at General Meetings. As a result of this amendment, and subject to the platform jointly developed by the banks being operational, the Board of Directors may authorise shareholders to attend the General Meeting by video-conference or by any other telecommunication or remote transmission medium, including the internet.

Additionally, the General Meeting gave the Board of Directors the option, on its Chairman's proposal, to appoint one or several observers.

### About Susan Murray

Susan E. Murray, 53 years old, is an Independent Director of Imperial Tobacco Group PLC, Compass Group plc and Enterprise Inns plc. Susan was a Board member of Littlewoods Limited from October 1998 until January 2004 and subsequently served as Chief Executive of Littlewoods Stores Limited. Prior to this she was Worldwide President and Chief Executive of The Pierre Smirnoff Company, part of Diageo plc and also served as Chairperson of the International Centre for Alcohol Policies in Washington DC. Susan Murray was also a former Director of WM Morrison Supermarkets plc and SSL International plc. She has been a Member of the Advertising Standards Authority and the Portman Group. She is a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

The Annual General Meeting was broadcast live and can now be viewed in French and English on the <a href="https://www.pernod-ricard.com">www.pernod-ricard.com</a> website

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#### About Pernod Ricard

Pernod Ricard is the world's co-leader in wines and spirits with consolidated sales of € 7,081 million in 2009/10. Created in 1975 by the merger of Ricard and Pernod, the Group has undergone sustained development, based on both organic growth and acquisitions: Seagram (2001), Allied Domecq (2005) and Vin & Sprit (2008). Pernod Ricard holds one of the most prestigious brand portfolios in the sector: Absolut Vodka, Ricard pastis, Ballantine's, Chivas Regal, Royal Salute and The Glenlivet Scotch whiskies, Jameson Irish Whiskey, Martell cognac, Havana Club rum, Beefeater gin, Kahlúa and Malibu liqueurs, Mumm and Perrier-Jouët champagnes, as well Jacob's Creek, Brancott Estate (formerly Montana), Campo Viejo and Graffigna wines. Pernod Ricard employs a workforce of about 18,000 people and operates through a decentralised organisation, with 6 "Brand Companies" and 70 "Distribution Companies" established in each key market. Pernod Ricard is strongly committed to a sustainable development policy and encourages responsible consumption. Pernod Ricard's strategy and ambition are based on 3 key values that guide its expansion: entrepreneurial spirit, mutual trust and a sense of ethics. Pernod Ricard is listed on the NYSE Euronext exchange (Ticker: RI; ISIN code: FR0000120693) and is a member of the CAC 40 index.

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