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## 3173 Limited Appoints Group CFO and Non-Executive Chair

3173 Limited ("3173"), the parent company for Dalriada Trustees, the UK's leading professional pension trustee firm, Spence & Partners, a specialist pensions consultancy and Mantle Hosting, a unique software-as-a-service platform provider, today announces the appointments of Geoffrey Farmer as Group Chief Financial Officer and Stephan Wilcke as Non-Executive Chair.

Geoffrey Farmer is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland, having qualified in 1997. He brings extensive experience to this new position having worked in finance director roles across a range of companies and sectors during his career, including regulated financial services, software development and distribution. Prior to joining 3173, Geoffrey held the role of Finance Director within Hughes Insurance, one of Northern Ireland's leading insurance distribution businesses and a wholly owned subsidiary of the Liberty Mutual Insurance Group. Prior to that he was finance director at Applied Systems Ireland and the Open and Direct Group.

Stephan Wilcke, who has been appointed as Non-Executive Chair of 3173's TopCo Board, brings experience as an Independent Director on a variety of company Boards. Aside from his role at 3173, Stephen is currently a Supervisory Board Member at Hamburg Commercial Bank, Chairman of the Audit Committee of SaarLB and a Senior Independent Director at LendInvest. Stephan has a professional background in financial services consultancy and has previously been CEO of HMT Asset Protection Agency and was Executive Chairman of Onesavings Bank up to the successful London Stock Exchange IPO.

**Brian Spence, 3173 CEO and co-founder, commented:** "Geoffrey and Stephan both bring a wealth of experience to 3173 and I am delighted to welcome them into our business. Geoff is a seasoned finance executive who brings wide-ranging expertise of working in a variety of sectors and I know he will prove invaluable across our three businesses.

"Stephan Wilcke's extensive Board-level experience at leading financial organisations makes him the ideal fit for his role as Chair of 3173's group Board, and I look forward to working with him to ensure that 3173 and the other companies in the group continue to build upon their positions within the pensions industry."

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