### ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE AQSE GROWTH MARKET

### **APPLICANT NAME:**

Silverwood Brands PLC (the "Company")

## APPLICANT REGISTERED OFFICE, PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS (IF DIFFERENT) AND TELEPHONE NUMBER:

200 Strand, London United Kingdom WC2R 1DJ

### **DIRECTORS AND PROPOSED DIRECTORS (IF APPLICABLE):**

### **Andrew Gerrie** (Executive Director)

In 1994 Andrew co-founded Lush and then co-managed the business alongside the other founders.

Today Lush generates just under £1bn in retail sales from approx. 1,000 stores and online channels, supported by 8 manufacturing facilities across the globe.

Andrew has been Non-Executive Chairman of Hotel Chocolat plc since 2015

Andrew holds stakes in a number of consumer businesses, including Balmonds, Mambo, Greenback Recycling & Ginger Teleporter.

Andrew holds a B.Com degree from Auckland University, New Zealand.

### **Paul Hodgins** (Non-Executive Director)

Paul is CEO and co-founder of Ginger, the leading British micro e-mobility operator. Prior to Ginger, he spent 12 years in large scale telecoms, with wide ranging lead roles in product development, operations, customer experience, and marketing in Virgin Media. Paul led major organisational transformation in customer installations, introduction of wi-fi, voice of the customer, and B2B commercial analytics.

At the same time, Paul has been a local government councillor for over 15 years, and was former Leader and Cabinet Member of the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames.

Paul is an experienced entrepreneur with a proven ability to identify and develop disruptive technologies at an early stage, having founded and sold one of the first UK internet streaming companies well before the emergence of today's major streaming services.

Paul started his career in Sony's R&D labs in Tokyo, following his Masters in Electrical Engineering from the University of Toronto and a Bachelors from Queen's University. Paul also has an MBA from the London Business School.

### **Andrew Tone** (Non-Executive Director)

Andrew has been based in Japan since 1995 where he has built numerous businesses. In 1998 he co-founded and grew Lush Japan to \$160M turnover and 160 stores and built local manufacturing that also supported most of Lush's Asian business. Additionally, under the Lush group Andrew created a buying business in Hong Kong that sourced and provided material logistics for the Lush Group.

In 2005, Andrew created a brand incubation business in Hong Kong to focus on building consumer brand concepts. Through that venture he co-founded the skincare brand Steamcream, which he runs today, as well as several other brands, some which went on to be sold.

In addition to the beauty industry, Andrew has built and sold a marketing technologies business he founded in 1999 and sold in 2004.

## James Wilson (Non-Executive Director)

Shortly after gaining his master's degree in engineering from Durham University, James joined for the paneuropean equity team at Aviva Investors. He gained the CFA designation at Aviva and covered multiple sectors including a focus on the power of consumer brands and habitual products.

James joined PhoenixAsset Management in 2013 and became a partner shortly after. He has represented Phoenix on the board of Hornby PLC and Dignity PLC. He now manages The Huginn Fund which is a global

unconstrained strategy. The portfolio has extensive investments in branded jewellery, luxury and other consumable products following more than a decade of research into the sustainable pricing power for such lasting brands.

The profile of the board adviser, upon Admission, is set out below:

## **Angus Thirlwel**l (Board Adviser)

Angus co-founded Hotel Chocolat in 1993 and serves as CEO for the company. He has a particular focus on brand strategy, product and channel models, marketing and creative.

Angus attended Cranfield School of Management Business Growth Programme and is a committee member for the Academy of Chocolate.

### **APPLICANT SECTOR:**

Consumer brands

# **DESCRIPTION OF THE APPLICANT AND ITS ACTIVITIES:**

The Company is an Investment Vehicle created to identify investment opportunities and acquisitions of consumer facing brands including, but not limited to, in the food, organic food, wellness, lifestyle and leisure sectors. The Company has raised £961,000 through the issue of 2,745,714 Ordinary Shares pursuant to the Founders Subscription and will raise a further sum through the issue of Ordinary Shares pursuant to the Admission Subscription.

## NAME OF AQSE CORPORATE ADVISER:

**VSA Capital Limited** 

## NUMBER, CLASS AND PAR VALUE OF SECURITIES TO BE ADMITTED:

[TBC] Ordinary Shares of 10 pence each

SECURITIES IN PUBLIC HANDS AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SECURITIES IN ISSUE (excluding securities held in treasury):

[TBC]

SHAREHOLDERS HOLDING MORE THAN FIVE PER CENT OF THE APPLICANT'S SHARE CAPITAL OR VOTING RIGHTS PRE- AND POST-ADMISSION:

	As at the date of	f this Document	Immediately following Admission		
Name of Shareholder	Number of Ordinary Shares held	Percentage of Issued Share Capital	Number of Ordinary Shares held	Percentage of Issued Share Capital	
Andrew Gerrie	1,428,571	52.03	[TBC]	[TBC]	
Fushia Investments PTE LTD	571,429	20.81	[TBC]	[TBC]	
Angus Thirlwell	571,429	20.81	[TBC]	[TBC]	
[TBC]	[TBC]	[TBC]	[TBC]	[TBC]	

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TIMETABLE FOR ANY OF	FER OF TRANSFERABLE S	<b>ECURITIES TO THE PUB</b>	BLIC:	
18 October 2021 at 09:00	)am to 25 October 2021 a	at 23:59pm GMT		
THE EXPECTED ADMISSION	ON DATE:			
8 November 2021				
WEBSITE ADDRESS WHEI	RE INVESTOR INFORMAT	TION WILL BE AVAILAB	LE FOR INSPECTION:	
[TBC]				
In respect of a fast-track	applicant, the following i	nformation should also	be included:	
NAME OF MARKET ON W	/HICH THE APPLICANT'S	SECURITIES ARE CURR	ENTLY TRADED:	
N/A				
ARRANGEMENTS FOR TH	IE SETTLEMENT OF TRAN	ISACTIONS IN THE APP	LICANT'S SECURITIES:	
<b>DETAILS OF ANY LOCK-IN</b>	ARRANGEMENTS:			
DETAILS OF THE LEGAL O REGARDING THE CONDU WHICH THE APPLICANT I	CT OF TAKEOVERS AND		CANT'S HOME COUNTRY SIGNIFICANT VOTING RIGH	ITS TO
also be disclosed as follow	vs:		the original announcemen	t should
UPDATE TO A PRIOR APP	LICATION ANNOUNCEM	IENT RELEASED ON:		
N/A				