

Damian Gammell to Succeed John F. Brock as Chief Executive Officer of Coca-Cola European Partners

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Coca-Cola European Partners plc (CCEP) (ticker symbol: CCE) today announces the appointment of Damian Gammell as the company's Chief Executive Officer, effective 28 December, 2016. He is expected to be appointed to the Board of Directors in December. Gammell will succeed John Brock, who has decided to retire after the successful merger to create Coca-Cola European Partners and a distinguished international career in the consumer goods industry.

Gammell is currently Chief Operating Officer of Coca-Cola European Partners. Prior to this, he served as Chief Executive Officer of Anadolu EFES (ticker symbol: EFES), one of the world's largest beverage companies and Chief Executive Officer of Coca-Cola Icecek (ticker symbol: CCOLA), the world's fourth largest Coca-Cola bottler. During his 25-year career with the Coca-Cola system, Gammell served as head of The Coca-Cola Company's operations in Germany and Russia, and worked in parts of Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Australia.

"The Board of Directors would like to thank John Brock for his leadership in establishing the strong foundation from which our new business operates," said Sol Daurella, Chairman. "John and Damian were both instrumental in the creation of Coca-Cola European Partners. Damian is an exceptional leader who has the vision, experience and dynamism we need to transform and grow the business into the future. Our Board of Directors has every confidence in him and his ability to drive long-term growth and shareowner value. Together, John and Damian will ensure a smooth transition, and we have the right leadership to ensure Coca-Cola European Partners is well placed to realise its potential."

"The non-alcoholic ready-to-drink beverage category in Western Europe represents significant potential for growth. We have created the platform to capture that opportunity and already begun to see benefits coming from the merger. I know that with Damian as its leader, the company is ready to build on this momentum and realize the opportunities that lie ahead," said John Brock, Chief Executive Officer.

"Driven by the needs of our customers and focused on how we serve our local markets, Coca-Cola European Partners will unlock the opportunity that exists in this category and win in Western Europe," said Damian Gammell, Chief Operating Officer. "It will be an honour to lead this company and work alongside some of the best people in the business and the world's most loved brands, aligned behind one roadmap for success."

About John Brock

John Brock is an international beverage industry leader with a wealth of experience in the Western Europe market. He joined Coca-Cola Enterprises in Atlanta, Georgia, as Chief Executive Officer in April 2006, before becoming company Chairman in April 2008. Under Brock's leadership, Coca-Cola Enterprises sold its North American operations to The Coca-Cola Company and acquired bottling operations in Norway and Sweden, forming the world's third-largest independent Coca-Cola bottler in 2010. Prior to joining Coca-Cola Enterprises, Brock was CEO of InBev, a global brewer, and COO of Cadbury Schweppes, an international beverage and confectionery company.

About Damian Gammell

Prior to Coca-Cola European Partners, Damian Gammell was appointed Chief Operating Officer of Coca-Cola Enterprises in October 2015. Before that, he was President and Chief Executive Officer of the Anadolu Beverage Group, one of the world's largest beverage organisations with both a Coca-Cola division and a beer division (in partnership with SAB Miller). He was also previously Chief Executive Officer for Coca-Cola businesses in Russia, Germany, Eastern Europe and Australia.

About Coca-Cola European Partners

Coca-Cola European Partners plc (CCEP) is a leading consumer packaged goods company in Europe, producing, distributing and marketing an extensive range of nonalcoholic ready-to-drink beverages and is the world's largest independent Coca-Cola bottler based on revenue. Coca-Cola European Partners serves a consumer population of over 300 million across Western Europe, including Andorra, Belgium, continental France, Germany, Great Britain, Iceland, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, and Sweden. The company is listed on Euronext Amsterdam, the New York Stock Exchange, Euronext London, and on the Spanish stock exchanges, and trades under the symbol CCE. For more information about CCEP, please visit www.ccep.com and follow CCEP on Twitter at @CocaColaEP.

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