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**Bakkavor Group plc**

***Announcement of Offer Price***

***Offer Price set at 180 pence***

Further to the Update on Intention to Float announcement of 3 November, Bakkavor, a leading provider of fresh prepared food, today announces the successful pricing of its initial public offering ("**IPO**") of 144,856,397 Shares at 180 pence per Share (the "**Offer Price**"). Bakkavor has applied for admission of its Shares to the premium listing segment of the Official List of the FCA and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities (together, "**Admission**"). Admission and the commencement of unconditional dealings are expected to take place at 8.00am on 16 November 2017.

**Offer Highlights**

- The Offer Price has been set at 180 pence per Share equating to a market capitalisation of £1,043 million prior to the commencement of unconditional dealings
- The Offer represents approximately 25% of the Shares of the Company
- Immediately following Admission, the issued share capital of the Company will be 579,425,585 Shares
- Bakkavor will receive gross proceeds of £100 million from the Offer, which will be used primarily to enable the Group to further invest in the business and reduce its current leverage
- Following Admission, BP-PE5 L.L.C. will hold 24.8% of the Shares. Bakk AL Holdings Ltd., an entity in which Agust Gudmundsson and Lydur Gudmundsson each indirectly owns a 50% interest, will hold 50.2% of the Shares

**Simon Burke, Independent Non-executive Chairman of Bakkavor, said:**

*“The Board and I are delighted to welcome our new shareholders. It is particularly pleasing that our initial register has such a strong presence of well-respected long-term investors, reflecting an appreciation of the quality of the business and its long-term prospects.”*

**Agust Gudmundsson, CEO of Bakkavor, said:**

*“This IPO represents a significant milestone in the development of Bakkavor. Our passion for making the best tasting fresh prepared food, underpinned by our expertise and our focus on innovation, has made Bakkavor the clear leader in an attractive and fast-growing market. We are pleased that this has been recognised by the investor community and look forward to delivering further growth and success as a listed business.”*

**Admission and Dealings**

- Admission and the commencement of unconditional dealings are expected to take place at 8.00am on 16 November 2017 under the ticker "BAKK" (ISIN: GB00BF8J3Z99)

**Further Information**

- The Company will be subject to a 180 day lock-up following Admission. The Selling Shareholders will be subject to a 180 day lock-up arrangement in respect of their respective retained holdings of Shares following Admission. The Board of Directors (including Agust Gudmundsson and Lydur Gudmundsson) will be subject to a 365 day lock-up arrangement in respect of their respective retained holdings of Shares following Admission. Each of the lock-ups is subject to certain customary exemptions
- Following completion of the Offer, Bakkavor is expecting to be eligible for inclusion in the FTSE UK Index Series
- Full details of the Offer will be included in the Prospectus, expected to be published later today and available (subject to certain restrictions) on Bakkavor's website at [www.bakkavor.com](http://www.bakkavor.com)

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### **Expected Timetable of Principal Events**

Admission and commencement of unconditional dealings in the Shares on the London Stock

Exchange..... 8.00am on 16 November 2017

Crediting of Shares to CREST accounts .....16 November 2017

Despatch of definitive share certificates (where applicable) ..... From 16 November 2017

All times are London times. Each of the times and dates in the above timetable is subject to change without further notice.

### **Offer Statistics**

Offer Price (per Share) ..... 180 pence

Number of Shares in the Offer .....144,856,397

— New Shares .....55,555,555

— Existing Shares.....89,300,842

Percentage of the issued Ordinary Share capital being offered in the Offer .....25%

Number of Shares in issue following the Offer.....579,425,585

Market capitalisation of the Company at the Offer Price.....£1,043 million

Estimated net proceeds of the Offer receivable by the Company<sup>(1)</sup> .....£86 million

Estimated net proceeds of the Offer receivable by the Selling Shareholders<sup>(2)</sup> .....£158 million

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Notes:

(1) The estimated net proceeds receivable by the Company are stated after deduction of the estimated underwriting commissions and other fees and expenses of the Offer (including VAT) to be paid by the Company, which are currently expected to be approximately £14 million.

(2) The estimated net proceeds receivable by the Selling Shareholders are stated after deduction of the estimated underwriting commissions payable by the Selling Shareholders, which are currently expected to be approximately £3 million.

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