JOHN LEWIS AT HOME TUNBRIDGE WELLS

John Lewis at home Tunbridge Wells will open its doors to customers at 10am on **Thursday 11 November 2010**.

The eagerly anticipated shop is located off the Longfield Road and will focus exclusively on furniture, furnishing accessories, homeware and electrical and home technology. The shop will be the fourth branch of John Lewis's exciting new 'at home' format.

John Lewis at home Tunbridge Wells branch manager, Gabby Armstrong, said:



"As a local resident and long standing John Lewis Partner, I'm absolutely thrilled to be bringing the new at home concept to Tunbridge Wells with my team of 190 Partners, many of whom have been recruited from the local community.

"The opening of the new John Lewis at home branch is perfectly timed to meet the needs of customers in the lead up to Christmas. Whether you're looking for inspirational gifts for all the family or festive furnishings and spectacular decorations to bring seasonal cheer to your home, there's going to be something for everyone. In addition, shoppers will be able to choose from our quality product assortment that includes ranges from some of the country's leading designers, such as Orla Kiely, Designer's Guild, Clarissa Hulse and Sir Terence Conran."

The new John Lewis at home Tunbridge Wells shop spans 40,000sq ft including a relaxing café and an exclusive 161-space car park. Shoppers will also benefit from the 'click & collect' service where they can order products from the full John Lewis online assortment including fashion, beauty and nursery and collect at the branch the next day or opt for home delivery.

John Lewis at home Tunbridge Wells is located at Kingstanding Way, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN2 3UP. Customers can keep updated with all the news in the lead up to the opening day by visiting branch manager Gabby Armstrong's blog at: <u>www.johnlewis.com/tunbridgewells</u>

About the John Lewis Partnership

The John Lewis Partnership - The John Lewis Partnership operates 30 John Lewis shops across the UK (28 department stores and two John Lewis at home), johnlewis.com and 231 Waitrose supermarkets. The business has an annual turnover of over £7.4bn. It is the UK's largest example of worker co-ownership where all 70,000 staff are Partners in the business.

John Lewis - John Lewis, 'Britain's favourite retailer 2009'* and 'Multiple Department Store of the Year 2009' ** typically stocks more than 350,000 separate lines in its department stores. The website stocks over 100,000 products focused on the best of fashion, beauty, home and giftware and electrical items including online exclusives. johnlewis.com is consistently ranked one of the top online shopping destinations in the UK. (<u>www.johnlewis.com</u>). John Lewis Insurance will offer a range of comprehensive insurance products - home, car, wedding and event, travel and pet insurance and life cover - delivering the usual values of expertise, trust and customer service expected from the John Lewis brand.

* Verdict consumer satisfaction index, January 2010

** The Drapers Awards for fashion retail, October 2009

Waitrose - Waitrose has shops in England, Scotland and Wales. Its strong performance has been driven by the success of the essential Waitrose range, an unmatchable top tier of products including the new Duchy Originals from Waitrose and free delivery driving rapid online growth. Regularly voted 'Britain's favourite supermarket'*, Waitrose combines the convenience of a supermarket with the expertise and service of a specialist shop - dedicated to offering quality food that has been responsibly sourced combined with high standards of customer service. (<u>www.waitrose.com</u>)

Telegraph Magazine Shop Awards - Best for Food & Drink; BBC Watchdog - Britain's Favourite Supermarket; *Good Housekeeping* Awards - Favourite Supermarket; *Grocer* Gold Awards - Grocer of the Year.

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