

**United Spirits Limited** 

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Dear Sirs,

## Sub: Intimation of unaudited financial results for the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 pursuant to Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

The Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held today have *inter-alia* approved the unaudited financial results (standalone and consolidated) of the Company for the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. The same is enclosed.

Further, the Limited Review Report received from the Statutory Auditors of the Company is also enclosed.

The meeting commenced at 14:00 hours IST and concluded at 17:59 hours IST. Also note that the aforesaid information will be available on our website <u>www.diageoindia.com</u>.

This is for your information and records.

Thank you,

For United Spirits Limited

Mital Sanghvi Company Secretary

Encl: as above



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## **UNITED SPIRITS LIMITED**



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## Unaudited Standalone Statement of Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2024

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			Quarter ended		Nine months ended		Year ended
	Particulars	December 31, 2024 (Unaudited)	September 30, 2024 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2023 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2024 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2023 (Unaudited)	March 31, 2024 (Audited)
1	Income						
	(a) Revenue from operations	7,731	6,671	6,949	20,231	18,995	25,389
	(b) Other income	190	34	46	256	106	335
	Total income	7,921	6,705	6,995	20,487	19,101	25,724
2	Expenses						
2	(a) Cost of materials consumed	1,493	1,460	1,309	4,041	3,896	5,254
	(b) Purchase of stock-in-trade	343	1,400	221	679	520	675
	(c) Changes in inventories of finished goods, work-in	545	155	221	075	520	075
	-progress and stock-in-trade	61	(97)	162	41	121	119
	(d) Excise duty	4,299	3,828	3,960	11,604	10,969	14,697
	(e) Employee benefits expenses	173	162	141	468	409	543
	(f) Depreciation and amortisation expenses	72	69	63	206	193	264
	(g) Others:				200	155	201
	(i) Advertisement and sales promotion	379	257	328	811	715	1,041
	(ii) Other expenses	395	359	338	1,034	1,019	1,352
	(h) Finance costs	20	25	16	67	47	76
	Total expenses	7,235	6,258	6,538	18,951	17,889	24,021
3	Profit before exceptional items and tax (1 - 2)	686	447	457	1,536	1,212	1,703
4	Exceptional items, net (refer note 5)	(65)	-	-	(65)	14	(17)
5	Profit before tax (3 + 4)	621	447	457	1,471	1,226	1,686
6	Income tax expense						
	(a) Current tax	158	104	115	368	297	403
	(b) Current tax relating to earlier years	(9)	-	(10)	(9)	(10)	(10)
	(c) Deferred tax charge / (credit)	(1)	8	5	5	11	(19)
	Total tax expense	148	112	110	364	298	374
7	Profit for the period (5 - 6)	473	335	347	1,107	928	1,312
8	Other comprehensive income A. Items that will be reclassified to profit or loss B. Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(i) Remeasurements of post-employment benefit					(7)	(2)
	plans (iii) Income tax credit relating to above	-	-	-	-	(7) 2	(3)
	(ii) Income tax credit relating to above Total other comprehensive income, net of income tax		-	-		(5)	1 (2)
	Total other comprehensive income, net of income tax	-	-	-	-	(3)	
9	Total comprehensive income (7 + 8)	473	335	347	1,107	923	1,310
10 11	Paid up equity share capital (Face value of ₹ 2/- each) Other equity	145	145	145	145	145	145 6,818
12	Earnings per share of ₹ 2/- each Basic and Diluted (in ₹)	6.50	4.61	4.79	15.22	12.75	18.04

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			Quarter ended		Nine mor	nths ended	Year ended	
Particulars		December 31, 2024 (Unaudited)	September 30, 2024 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2023 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2024 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2023 (Unaudited)	March 31, 2024 (Audited)	
1	Income							
	(a) Revenue from operations	7,732	6,672	6,962	20,642	19,507	26,018	
	(b) Other income	72	54	52	161	114	225	
	Total income	7,804	6,726	7,014	20,803	19,621	26,243	
2	Expenses							
	(a) Cost of materials consumed	1,493	1,460	1,309	4,041	3,896	5,254	
	(b) Purchase of stock-in-trade	343	195	221	679	520	675	
	(c) Changes in inventories of finished goods, work-in-progress and stock-in-trade	61	(97)	162	41	121	119	
	(d) Excise duty	4,299	3,828	3,960	11,604	10,969	14,697	
	(e) Employee benefits expenses	174	163	142	472	412	547	
	<ul><li>(f) Depreciation and amortisation expenses</li><li>(g) Others:</li></ul>	72	69	63	213	202	275	
	(i) Advertisement and sales promotion	382	258	329	815	719	1,048	
	(ii) Other expenses	412	363	353	1,207	1,203	1,677	
	(h) Finance costs	20	25	16	67	47	76	
	Total expenses	7,256	6,264	6,555	19,139	18,089	24,368	
3	Profit before share of net loss of joint ventures, exceptional items and tax (1-2)	548	462	459	1,664	1,532	1,875	
4	Share of net loss of joint ventures	(3)	(2)	(0)	(6)	(1)	(1	
5	Profit before exceptional items and tax (3+4)	545	460	459	1,658	1,531	1,874	
6	Exceptional items, net (refer note 5)	(65)	-	-	(65)	14	(17	
7	Profit before tax (5 + 6)	480	460	459	1,593	1,545	1,857	
8	Income tax expense							
	(a) Current tax	155	111	125	437	344	450	
	(b) Current tax relating to earlier years	(9)	-	(10)	(9)	(10)	(10	
	(c) Deferred tax charge / (credit)	(1)	8	(6)	4	44	9	
	Total tax expense	145	119	109	432	378	449	
9	Profit for the period (7-8)	335	341	350	1,161	1,167	1,408	
10	Other comprehensive income							
	A. Items that will be reclassified to profit or loss							
	(i) Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	(5)	4	3	(2)	3	(1	
	<ul> <li>(ii) Share of other comprehensive income of joint ventures</li> <li>B. Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss</li> </ul>	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	(i) Remeasurements of post-employment benefit plans	-	-	-	-	(7)	(3	
	(ii) Share of other comprehensive income of joint ventures	_	-	-	-	- (7)	-	
	(iii) Income tax credit relating to above	-	-	-	-	2	1	
	Total other comprehensive income, net of income tax	(5)	4	3	(2)	(2)	(3	
11	Total comprehensive income (9+10)	330	345	353	1,159	1,165	1,405	
	Paid up equity share capital (Face value of ₹ 2/- each) Other equity	145	145	145	145	145	145 6,976	
13	Earnings per share of ₹ 2/- each:						0,570	
	Basic and Diluted (in ₹)*	4.72	4.80	4.93	16.35	16.42	19.83	

\*Note: In calculating the weighted outstanding equity shares during all the periods presented under Consolidated Statement of results, Company has reduced its own shares held by USL Benefit Trust (of which the Company is the sole beneficiary).

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#### Unaudited Consolidated Segment wise Revenue, Results, Assets and Liabilities for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2024

		Quarter ended		Nine mor	(₹ in Crores) Year ended	
Particulars	December 31, 2024 (Unaudited)	September 30, 2024 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2023 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2024 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2023 (Unaudited)	March 31, 2024 (Audited)
1 Segment revenue						
Beverage Alcohol	3,432	2,843	2,989	8,627	8,026	10,692
Sports	1	1	13	415	515	635
Total net segment revenue	3,433	2,844	3,002	9,042	8,541	11,327
Inter segment elimination	-	-	(0)	(4)	(3)	(6
Net segment revenue	3,433	2,844	3,002	9,038	8,538	11,321
Add: Excise duty (Beverage Alcohol)	4,299	3,828	3,960	11,604	10,969	14,697
Revenue from operations	7,732	6,672	6,962	20,642	19,507	26,018
2 Segment results - Earning before interest, tax, depreciation and exceptional items (EBITDA)	583	511	493	1,552	1,349	1,707
Beverage Alcohol	(15)	(9)	(7)	231	318	294
Sports Total segment results	568	502	486	1,783	1,667	2,001
Other income	72	54	52	161	114	225
Depreciation and amortisation expenses Beverage Alcohol	(72)	(69)	(63)	(206)	(193)	(264
Sports	-	-	-	(7)	(9)	(11
Finance costs	(20)	(25)	(16)	(67)	(47)	(76
Exceptional items net gain/(loss) - Beverage Alcohol	(65)	-	-	(65)	14	(17
Share of net loss of joint ventures Profit before tax	(3) 480	(2) 460	(0) <b>459</b>	(6) <b>1,593</b>	(1) <b>1,545</b>	(1 1,857
3 Segment assets						
Beverage Alcohol	12,413	11,282	10,410	12,413	10,410	10,598
Sports	516	674	591	516	591	657
Total segment assets	12,929	11,956	11,001	12,929	11,001	11,255
Inter-segment elimination	(2)	(1)	(0)	(2)	(0)	(6
Total assets	12,927	11,955	11,001	12,927	11,001	11,249
4 Segment liabilities						
Beverage Alcohol	4,801	4,131	3,980	4,801	3,980	3,777
Sports	164	193	150	164	150	357
Total segment liabilities	4,965	4,324	4,130	4,965	4,130	4,134
Inter-segment elimination	(2)	(1)	(0)	(2)	(0)	(6
Total liabilities	4,963	4,323	4,130	4,963	4,130	4,128

\*Refer Note-1

#### **United Spirits Limited**

### Notes to the Standalone and Consolidated Statements of Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2024

 United Spirits Limited ('USL' or 'the Company' or 'the Holding Company') is engaged in the business of manufacture (including through third-party manufacturing facilities), purchase and sale of beverage alcohol (including franchising of some of its brands in certain states), and other allied spirits. In addition, Royal Challengers Sports Private Limited, a 100% subsidiary of the Company, has rights to operate sports franchise.

The Executive Committee has been identified as the Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM). The CODM assesses performance and allocates resources for the following two business segments of the group:

- Beverage alcohol Manufacture, purchase, franchise and sale of beverage alcohol and other allied spirits.
- Sports Rights to operate sports franchise.
- 2. The consolidated financial results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2024 includes the following subsidiaries and a trust controlled by the Company ('the Group'):

#### Indian subsidiary:

• Royal Challengers Sports Private Limited

#### **Overseas subsidiaries:**

- Asian Opportunities and Investments Limited
- McDowell & Co. (Scotland) Limited
- Palmer Investment Group Limited
- Shaw Wallace Overseas Limited
- United Spirits (Great Britain) Limited
- United Spirits (UK) Limited
- USL Holdings Limited
- USL Holdings (UK) Limited

#### Trust controlled by the Company:

USL Benefit Trust

The consolidated results also include the Group's share of total comprehensive income (comprising loss and other comprehensive income) of the following joint ventures:

- Nao Spirits & Beverages Private Limited
- Inspired Hospitality Private Limited
- V9 Beverages Private Limited, with effect from September 26, 2024
- Indie Brews and Spirits Private Limited, with effect from September 27, 2024
- The Standalone and Consolidated Statements of Financial Results have been prepared in accordance with the applicable Indian Accounting Standards notified under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 (the "Act") [Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (as amended)] and other accounting principles generally accepted in India.

Notes to the Standalone and Consolidated Statements of Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2024 – Contd.

#### 4. Historical Matters

#### (a) Additional Inquiry and other regulatory matters

As disclosed in each of the annual financial statements commencing from year ended March 31, 2014, upon completion in April 2015 of an inquiry into past improper transactions ('Initial Inquiry') which identified references to certain additional parties and certain additional matters, the then MD & CEO, pursuant to the direction of the Board of Directors, carried out an additional inquiry into past improper transactions ('Additional Inquiry') which was completed in July 2016. The Additional Inquiry prima facie identified transactions indicating actual and potential diversion of funds from the Company and its Indian and overseas subsidiaries to, in most cases, Indian and overseas entities that appeared to be affiliated or associated with the Company's former non-executive chairman, Dr. Vijay Mallya, and other potentially improper transactions. All amounts identified in the Additional Inquiry have been provided for or expensed in the financial statements of the Company or its subsidiaries in the respective prior periods. The Company has filed recovery suits against relevant parties and individuals identified pursuant to the Additional Inquiry. Additionally, the Company has also filed a suit for recovery of excess managerial remuneration amounting to ₹13 crores paid to the former Executive Director and CFO (ED & CFO) for the year ended March 31, 2015. The receivable recorded for excess managerial remuneration has been fully provided for.

As disclosed in each of the annual financial statements commencing from the year ended March 31, 2014, in relation to the above-mentioned Initial Inquiry and Additional Inquiry and the matters arising out of the settlement agreement dated February 25, 2016 entered into by the Company with Dr. Vijay Mallya pursuant to which, inter alia, the Company and Dr. Vijay Mallya agreed a mutual release in relation to matters arising out of the Initial Inquiry ('Agreement'), the Company received letters and notices from the Securities Exchange Board of India ('SEBI') during the year ended March 31, 2016 to which the Company has responded. There has been no further communication with SEBI on these matters since the Company's response in October 2017.

As disclosed in each of the annual financial statements commencing from the year ended March 31, 2014, in connection with the investigations carried out by the Directorate of Enforcement ('ED') under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, the Company received letters and notices from ED during the year ended March 31, 2016, to which the Company responded. During the year ended March 31, 2016, to which the Company responded. During the year ended March 31, 2022, the Company received a notice from the ED requesting for information, which the Company has provided. The Company has also received queries from its authorized dealer (AD) banks, based on queries from the Reserve Bank of India ('RBI'), with regard to remittances made in the prior years by the Company to its overseas subsidiaries, past acquisitions and Annual Performance Reports ('APR') for prior years, to which the Company has responded and is in process of filing the required forms.

As disclosed in each of the annual financial statements commencing from the year ended March 31, 2019, with the objective of divesting its non-core assets, the Company reviewed its subsidiaries' operations, obligations, and compliances, and recommended a plan for rationalisation through sale, liquidation or merger ("Rationalisation Process"). After receiving approval from the Board, the Company has been taking steps to implement this plan. The Rationalisation Process for the existing subsidiaries is subject to regulatory and other approvals (in India and overseas). If any historical non-compliances are established during the Rationalisation Process, the Company will consult with its legal advisors, and address any such issues including, if necessary, considering filing appropriate compounding applications with the relevant authorities. At this stage, it is not possible for the management to estimate the financial impact on the Company, if any, arising out of potential non-compliances with applicable laws, if established.

# Notes to the Standalone and Consolidated Statements of Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2024 – Contd.

#### (b) Preparation of financial statements of subsidiaries on liquidation basis

Consequent to the Rationalisation Process, the financial information of the following subsidiaries included in the consolidated financial results have been prepared on a liquidation basis (i.e. "break up" basis) i.e. (i) USL Holdings Limited, (ii) USL Holdings (UK) Limited, (iii) United Spirits (UK) Limited, (iv) United Spirits (Great Britain) Limited, (v) McDowell & Co. (Scotland) Limited, (vi) Shaw Wallace Overseas Limited and (vii) Asian Opportunities and Investments Limited. Accordingly, assets and liabilities of such subsidiaries have been recognized at their fair values that approximate their carrying values at December 31, 2024. Such remeasurements did not have any material impact on the consolidated financial results.

#### (c) Loan to United Breweries (Holdings) Limited ('UBHL')

As disclosed in each of the annual financial statements commencing from year ended March 31, 2015, the Company had pre-existing loans/ deposits/ advances/ accrued interest that were due to the Company and its subsidiaries from UBHL and its subsidiaries aggregating to ₹ 1,337 crores and that were consolidated into, and recorded as, an unsecured loan through an agreement entered into between the Company and UBHL on July 3, 2013 ('Loan Agreement'). UBHL defaulted on its obligations to pay any amounts under the Loan Agreement. The Company had made provision in prior financial years for the entire principal amount due of ₹ 1,337 crores, and for the accrued interest of ₹ 85 crores up to March 31, 2014. The Company has not recognised interest income on said loan after March 31, 2014 which cumulatively amounts to ₹ 1,313 crores up to December 31, 2024. The Company has cumulatively offset ₹ 206 crores payable to UBHL arising under a trademark license agreement against the principal amount of loan and interest accrued thereon.

Since UBHL had defaulted on its obligations under the Loan Agreement, the Company sought redressal of disputes and claims through arbitration under the terms of the Loan Agreement. In April 2018, the arbitral tribunal passed a final award against the Company. The reasons for this adverse award were disputed by the Company, and the Company obtained leave from the High Court of Karnataka to challenge this arbitral award. In July 2018, the Company filed a petition challenging the said award before the Jurisdictional Court in Bangalore (the "Court"). The Court issued notice pursuant thereto to the Official Liquidator (OL). The Company filed its claim with the OL. Notwithstanding the arbitral award, based on management assessment supported by an external legal opinion, the Company has offset payable to UBHL under the trademark license agreement against the balance of loan receivable from UBHL. During the quarter ended June 30, 2023, the OL filed an application before the High Court of Karnataka, seeking avoidance of setoff by the Company of the above license fee payments and recovery of the entire license fee payable under trademark license agreement with interest. Based on the Management assessment supported by external legal opinions, the Company continues to believe that it has a good case on merits. The Company is contesting the application filed by the OL and filed its statement of objections during the quarter ended September 30, 2023. The OL subsequently filed its rejoinder during the quarter ended March 31, 2024. The Official Liquidator (UBHL) filed another claim before the High Court of Karnataka, purportedly as loans and advances repayable to UBHL by the Company, without substantiating the basis of such a claim. USL has denied this purported debt and is contesting this claim. The Company believes it has a good case on merits.

#### (d) Dispute with IDBI Bank Limited

As disclosed in each of the annual financial statements commencing from year ended March 31, 2015, during the year ended March 31, 2014, the Company prepaid a term loan taken from IDBI Bank Limited (the "bank") in earlier years which was secured by certain property, plant and equipment and brands of the Company as well as by a pledge of certain shares of the Company held by the USL Benefit Trust (of which the Company is the sole beneficiary). The bank disputed the prepayment, following which the Company filed a writ petition ("WP") in November 2013 before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka ('High Court') challenging the actions of the bank.

# Notes to the Standalone and Consolidated Statements of Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2024 – Contd.

In February 2016, following the original maturity date of the loan, the Company received a notice from the bank seeking to recall the loan and demanding a sum of ₹ 46 crores on account of outstanding principal, accrued interest and other amounts as also further interest till the settlement date as per the security documents. The Company challenged this notice in the pending writ proceedings during which the High Court directed that, subject to the Company depositing ₹ 46 crores with the bank in a suspense account, the bank should not deal with any of the secured assets including the shares until disposal of the writ petition. The Company deposited the full amount, and the bank was restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets.

In June 2019, a single judge bench of the High Court dismissed the Company's writ petition, amongst other reasons, on the basis that the matter involved an issue of breach of contract by the Company and was therefore not maintainable in exercise of the court's writ jurisdiction. The Company filed an appeal against this order before a division bench of the High Court, which was admitted and interim protection on the secured assets was reinstated. The writ appeal is pending.

Based on management assessment supported by external legal opinions, the Company continues to believe that it has a strong case on merits and therefore continues to believe that the aforesaid amount of ₹ 46 crores remains recoverable from the bank.

In a separate proceeding before the Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT), Bengaluru, initiated by a consortium of banks (including the bank) for recovery of loans advanced by the consortium of banks to Kingfisher Airlines Limited (KAL), the bank filed an application for attachment of the pledged shares belonging to USL Benefit Trust. DRT dismissed the said application of the bank and the bank filed an appeal against this order before the Debt Recovery Appellate Tribunal ('DRAT'), Chennai in September 2017. The bank's appeal is pending for final hearing by the DRAT.

- 5. During the quarter ended December 31, 2024, the Company has recognised a charge of ₹65 crores under exceptional items, towards severance costs relating to a closed unit, in the standalone and consolidated statements of financial results.
- 6. During the quarter ended December 31, 2023, the Company received a claim from one of its institutional customers, amounting to ₹ 365 crores inclusive of penalty. The claim pertains to a historical matter regarding differential trade terms and was disclosed in the annual financial statements for the years ended March 31, 2017, March 31, 2018, March 31, 2021 and March 31, 2022. The impact of the settlement was accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements for the earlier years. Management's assessment is that the claim from the customer is unreasoned, arbitrary in nature and is in violation of the principles of natural justice. Management is of the view that the matter was resolved and settled in full in the prior years. Management has therefore not acknowledged the claim from the customer and has chosen to litigate as per the legal remedies available. The Company filed a petition under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 (the "Act") before the Bombay High Court, seeking interim relief of releasing the withheld payments and to not withhold payments pending constitution of the arbitration tribunal. Further, the Company has also filed an application under Section 11 of the Act before the Bombay High Court, seeking the appointment of an arbitrator. The High Court heard both the applications under Section 9 and Section 11 of the Act together, and the court appointed a sole arbitrator to preside over the matters. On August 12, 2024, the Court directed that the Section 9 Petition (for interim relief before the court) be converted into a Section 17 Application (for interim relief before the arbitrator). Both parties have filed their section 17 pleadings. The hearing of the section 17 application was held on December 8, 2024, and the application is reserved for the interim award. The Company has filed its Statement of claim on January 6, 2025, in accordance with the Arbitral Order dated December 8, 2024. Management, supported by external legal opinion, believes that it has a good case on merits with a high probability of success in realising the withheld payments. Management has also determined that the receivable from the customer as at December 31, 2024 is good and recoverable.

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Notes to the Standalone and Consolidated Statements of Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2024 - Contd.

7. The Statement of Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2024, have been reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Company and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their meetings held on January 23, 2025.

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For and on behalf of the Board of Directors



**Place: Bangalore** Date: January 23, 2025 Hina Nagarajan **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer** 

**Review Report** 

To The Board of Directors United Spirits Limited UB Tower #24 Vittal Mallya Road Bengaluru 560 001

- 1. We have reviewed the consolidated unaudited financial results of United Spirits Limited (the "Holding Company"), its subsidiaries and trust controlled by it (together referred to as the "Group"), and its share of the net loss after tax and total comprehensive income of its joint ventures (refer Note 2 to the Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results) for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2024 which are included in the accompanying 'Unaudited Consolidated Statement of Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31 2024, together with the notes thereon (hereinafter referred to as the "Consolidated Financial Results"). The Consolidated Financial Results is being submitted by the Holding Company pursuant to the requirement of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended (the "Listing Regulations, 2015"), which has been digitally signed by us for identification purposes.
- 2. This Consolidated Financial Results, which is the responsibility of the Holding Company's Management and has been approved by the Holding Company's Board of Directors, has been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in Indian Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" ("Ind AS 34"), prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013, and other accounting principles generally accepted in India. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the Consolidated Financial Results based on our review.
- 3. We conducted our review of the Consolidated Financial Results in accordance with the Standard on Review Engagements ('SRE') 2410 "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity", issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. This Standard requires that we plan and perform the review to obtain moderate assurance as to whether the Consolidated Financial Results is free of material misstatement. A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.
- 4. We also performed procedures in accordance with the circular issued by the SEBI under Regulation 33 (8) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended, to the extent applicable.



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Price Waterhouse & Co. (a Partnership Firm) converted into Price Waterhouse & Co Chartered Accountants LLP (a Limited Liability Partnership with LLP identity no: LLPIN AAC-4362) with effect from July 7, 2014. Post its conversion to Price Waterhouse & Co Chartered Accountants LLP, its ICAI registration number is 304026E/E300009 (ICAI registration number before conversion was 304026E)

5. The Consolidated Financial Results includes the results of the following entities:

#### **Holding Company**

United Spirits Limited

#### **Indian Subsidiaries**

Royal Challengers Sports Private Limited

#### **Overseas subsidiaries**

- Asian Opportunities and Investments Limited
- McDowell & Co. (Scotland) Limited
- Palmer Investment Group Limited
- Shaw Wallace Overseas Limited
- USL Holdings Limited
- United Spirits (Great Britain) Limited
- United Spirits (UK) Limited
- USL Holdings (UK) Limited

#### Trust controlled by the Holding Company

USL Benefit Trust

The Consolidated Financial Results also includes the Group's share of total comprehensive income (comprising loss for the period and other comprehensive income) of the following joint ventures:

- Nao Spirits & Beverages Private Limited
- Inspired Hospitality Private Limited
- Indie Brews and Spirits Private Limited
- V9 Beverages Private Limited
- 6. Based on our review conducted and procedures performed as stated in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying Consolidated Financial Results has not been prepared in all material respects in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in the aforesaid Indian Accounting Standard and other accounting principles generally accepted in India and has not disclosed the information required to be disclosed in terms of Regulation 33 of the Listing Regulations, 2015 including the manner in which it is to be disclosed, or that it contains any material misstatement.
- 7. We draw your attention to the following matters:
  - a. As explained in Note 4(a) to the Consolidated Financial Results which explains the uncertainties post completion of the Initial Inquiry, which identified references to certain Additional Parties and certain Additional Matters, the then MD and CEO of the Holding Company, pursuant to the direction of the Board of Directors of the Holding Company, had carried out an Additional Inquiry that revealed transactions indicating actual and potential diversion of funds from the Holding Company and its Indian and overseas subsidiaries to, in most cases, Indian and overseas entities that appear to be affiliated or associated with the Holding Company's erstwhile non-executive Chairman and other potentially improper transactions. Post completion of Additional Inquiry certain regulatory notices and communications were received from Securities and Exchange Board of India, Directorate of Enforcement and Authorised Dealer ('AD') banks to which the Company has responded and is in the process of filing certain forms with the AD. Subsequently, the Holding Company commenced the rationalization process for divestment/liquidation/merger of certain overseas subsidiaries including step down subsidiaries and completion of the above rationalization process is subject to regulatory approvals in India and overseas.



The Holding Company has filed suits for recovery of certain amounts against relevant parties and individuals identified in the Additional Inquiry, including excess managerial remuneration paid to the former Executive Director and CFO which have been fully provided for or recognised as expense in prior years. The management is currently unable to estimate the financial impact on the Holding Company, if any, arising out of potential non compliances with applicable laws as above.

- b. As explained in Note 4(d) to the Consolidated Financial Results, which describes the uncertainty relating to the final outcome of litigations with a bank ("the bank") that continues to retain the pledge of certain assets of the Holding Company and of the Holding Company's shares held by USL Benefit Trust (of which the Holding Company is the sole beneficiary) despite the Holding Company prepaying the term loan to that bank along with the prepayment penalty and further depositing an additional sum of INR 46 crores demanded by the bank and as directed by the High Court of Karnataka (the "Court"). Based on management assessment supported by external legal opinions, the Holding Company has disclosed the aforesaid amount of INR 46 crores under 'Other Non-current financial assets' as recoverable from the bank pending the final outcome of the litigation. In a separate proceeding before the Debt Recovery Appellate Tribunal, the bank's appeal against the judgement awarded by Debt Recovery Tribunal in favor of the Holding Company in respect of attachment of the aforesaid pledged shares for recovery of the loans advanced by the bank to Kingfisher Airlines Limited is pending disposal.
- 8. The Consolidated Financial Results includes the financial information of 8 subsidiaries and a trust controlled by the Group which have not been reviewed by their auditors, whose interim financial information reflect total revenue of Nil and Nil, total net profit/(loss) after tax of INR (0 crore) and INR 13 crores and total comprehensive income of INR (0 crore) and INR 13 crores for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2024, respectively, as considered in the Consolidated Financial Results. The Consolidated Financial Results also includes the Group's share of net profit/(loss) after tax of INR (3 crores) and INR (6 crores) and total comprehensive income of INR (3 crores) and INR (6 crores) and total comprehensive income of INR (3 crores) and INR (6 crores) for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2024, respectively, as considered in the Consolidated Financial Results, in respect of joint ventures, based on its financial information which has not been reviewed by their auditors. According to the information and explanations given to us by the Management, these financial information are not material to the Group.

Our conclusion on the Consolidated Financial Results is not modified in respect of the above matters described in paragraphs 7 and 8 above.

For Price Waterhouse & Co Chartered Accountants LLP Firm Registration Number: 304026E/ E300009 Chartered Accountants

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Place: Bengaluru Date: January 23, 2025

**Review Report** 

To The Board of Directors United Spirits Limited UB Tower #24 Vittal Mallya Road Bengaluru 560 001.

- 1. We have reviewed the unaudited financial results of United Spirits Limited (the "Company") for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2024 which are included in the accompanying 'Unaudited Standalone Statement of Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2024', together with the notes thereon (the "Standalone Financial Results"). The Standalone Financial Results has been prepared by the Company pursuant to Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended (the "Listing Regulations, 2015"), which has been digitally signed by us for identification purposes.
- 2. This Standalone Financial Results, which is the responsibility of the Company's Management and has been approved by the Board of Directors, has been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in Indian Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" ("Ind AS 34"), prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013, and other accounting principles generally accepted in India. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the Standalone Financial Results based on our review.
- 3. We conducted our review of the Standalone Financial Results in accordance with the Standard on Review Engagements (SRE) 2410, "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity" issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. This Standard requires that we plan and perform the review to obtain moderate assurance as to whether the Standalone Financial Results is free of material misstatement. A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.
- 4. Based on our review conducted as above, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Standalone Financial Results has not been prepared in all material respects in accordance with recognition and measurement principles laid down in the aforesaid Indian Accounting Standard and other accounting principles generally accepted in India and has not disclosed the information required to be disclosed in terms of Regulation 33 of the Listing Regulations, 2015 including the manner in which it is to be disclosed, or that it contains any material misstatement.



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#### 5. We draw your attention to the following matters:

- a. As explained in Note 4(a) to the Standalone Financial Results which explains the uncertainties post completion of the Initial Inquiry, which identified references to certain Additional Parties and certain Additional matters, the then MD and CEO, pursuant to the direction of the Board of Directors, had carried out an Additional Inquiry that revealed transactions indicating actual and potential diversion of funds from the Company and its Indian and overseas subsidiaries to, in most cases, Indian and overseas entities that appear to be affiliated or associated with the Company's erstwhile non-executive Chairman and other potentially improper transactions. Post completion of Additional Inquiry, certain regulatory notices and communications were received from Securities and Exchange Board of India, Directorate of Enforcement and Authorised Dealer ('AD') banks to which the Company has responded and is in the process of filing certain forms with the AD. Subsequently, the Company commenced the rationalisation process for divestment/ liquidation/ merger of certain overseas subsidiaries including step down subsidiaries and completion of the above rationalisation process is subject to regulatory approvals in India and overseas. The Company filed suits for recovery of certain amounts against relevant parties and individuals identified in the Additional Inquiry, including excess managerial remuneration paid to the former Executive Director and CFO which have been fully provided for or recognised as expense in prior years. The management is currently unable to estimate the financial impact on the Company, if any, arising out of potential non compliances with applicable laws as above.
- b. As explained in Note 4(d) to the Standalone Financial Results, which describes the uncertainty relating to the final outcome of litigations with a bank ("the bank") that continues to retain the pledge of certain assets of the Company and of the Company's shares held by USL Benefit Trust (of which the Company is the sole beneficiary) despite the Company prepaying the term loan to that bank along with the prepayment penalty and further depositing an additional sum of INR 46 crores demanded by the bank and as directed by the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka (the "Court"). Based on management assessment supported by external legal opinions, the Company has disclosed the aforesaid amount of INR 46 crores under Other Non-current financial assets as recoverable from the bank pending the final outcome of the litigation. In a separate proceeding before the Debt Recovery Appellate Tribunal, the bank's appeal against the judgement awarded by Debt Recovery Tribunal in favour of the Company in respect of attachment of the aforesaid pledged shares for recovery of the loans advanced by the bank to Kingfisher Airlines Limited is pending disposal.

Our conclusion is not modified in respect of the above matters.

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