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**Senior Leadership Named for the Proposed New Fox**

**Lachlan Murdoch to Serve as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer**

**Rupert Murdoch to Assume Role of Co-Chairman**

**21st Century Fox CFO John Nallen to Take Broader Role as**

**New Fox's Chief Operating Officer**

NEW YORK, NY, May 16, 2018 21st Century Fox (21CF ; NASDAQ: FOXA, FOX) today announced that its Executive Chairman Lachlan Murdoch will serve as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the proposed new Fox, which will be formed after shareholder and regulatory approval of the proposed transaction between 21CF and The Walt Disney Company. The Company also announced that Rupert Murdoch will serve as Co-Chairman of the new Fox, alongside Lachlan Murdoch; and that John Nallen, 21CF's Chief Financial Officer, will take a broader role as new Fox's Chief Operating Officer.

The new Fox will be home to such iconic branded properties as Fox News Channel, Fox Business Network, Fox Broadcasting Company, Fox Sports, Fox Television Stations Group, and sports cable networks FS1, FS2, Fox Deportes and Big Ten Network. It will house the #1 cable news channel in the country, and a stations group in 9 of the 10 largest metro areas in the US. Its broadcasting and cable sports brands will have coveted, long-term sports rights to the NFL, MLB, World Cup soccer and NASCAR.

We have worked through the winter standing up a reimagined independent Fox. The strengths of the new company, a leader in News, Sports and Entertainment, present truly unique opportunities, said Lachlan Murdoch. I am also personally very pleased that John has agreed to take on the role of Chief Operating Officer, and together we look forward to making further announcements as to the management and structure of this new Fox as we get closer to closing our proposed transaction with Disney.

The new Fox will begin as the only media company solely focused on the domestic market; focused on what Americans love best sports, news and entertainment, built and delivered for a US audience, said Rupert Murdoch.

The opportunity to reshape a business strategy and an operational approach uniquely tailored to the new Fox is truly compelling, said John Nallen. I look forward to joining Lachlan as we begin to establish new Fox.

**Lachlan Murdoch** has served as Executive Chairman of 21st Century Fox since 2015. In this role, he works directly with the Company's senior management and Board of Directors in developing global strategies and setting the overall corporate vision.

Mr. Murdoch has spent the past two decades building, operating and investing in many of the world's most prominent television and publishing businesses. He also currently serves as Co-Chairman of News Corp and Executive Chairman of NOVA Entertainment, an Australian media company.

Prior to his current role, Mr. Murdoch served as Co-Chairman of 21st Century Fox beginning in March 2014 and has served the Company as a member of the Board of Directors since 1996, as well as in a number of senior executive roles from 1994-2005. From 2000-2005, Mr. Murdoch served as Deputy Chief Operating Officer of 21st Century Fox (previously known as News Corporation), a role in which he was directly responsible for the Company's U.S. television stations group and publishing assets. As part of his duties as Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Murdoch was Chairman of Fox Television Stations (FTS) and Publisher of the New York Post, and also oversaw HarperCollins and the Company's lines of business in Australia, including REA, Australia's leading online real estate business. He led the Company's purchase of a controlling stake in REA, which began with an original cash investment of approximately \$1 million and resulted in a corporate asset that is currently valued at more than \$5 billion. At FTS, Mr. Murdoch oversaw the Company's 35 owned-and-operated television stations, where he raised the bar on local news coverage across the nation, increasing the total number of local news hours across the group to more than 850 per week.

At the New York Post, he overhauled the tabloid and grew its circulation by more than 40 percent. During his tenure, the Post became the nation's fastest-growing newspaper and the seventh largest in the United States.

In 2005, Mr. Murdoch founded Illyria Pty, a successful private investment company. In 2009, Illyria acquired 50 percent of DMG Radio, a network of radio stations, which later was renamed NOVA Entertainment. After Mr. Murdoch became its Chairman in 2009, NOVA grew exponentially, nearly doubling in value during the first three years of his tenure, while its EBITDA rose more than threefold from \$16M in 2009 to \$52M in 2014. In 2012, Illyria purchased the remaining 50 percent and, under Mr. Murdoch's leadership, NOVA Entertainment became Australia's leading network of FM stations.

Mr. Murdoch holds a B.A. from Princeton University.

**John P. Nallen** is Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for 21st Century Fox, a role which he assumed in 2013. Mr. Nallen oversees all of the Company's financial aspects including capital market and merger and acquisition transactions. He previously served as Executive Vice President and Deputy Chief Financial Officer, a position he held starting in 2001. Mr. Nallen joined the Company (previously known as News Corporation) nearly 25 years ago from Arthur Andersen where he was a partner in their Media and Entertainment practice.

## About 21st Century Fox

21st Century Fox is one of the world's leading portfolios of cable, broadcast, film, pay TV and satellite assets spanning six continents across the globe. Reaching more than 1.8 billion subscribers in approximately 50 local languages every day, 21st Century Fox is home to a global portfolio of cable and broadcasting networks and properties, including FOX, FX, FXX, FXM, FS1, Fox News Channel, Fox Business Network, FOX Sports, Fox Sports Network, National Geographic Channels, Star India, 28 local television stations in the U.S. and more than 350 international channels; film studio Twentieth Century Fox Film; and television production studios Twentieth Century Fox Television and a 50 per cent ownership interest in Endemol Shine Group. The Company also holds approximately 39.1 per cent of the issued shares of Sky, Europe's leading entertainment company, which serves nearly 23 million households across five countries. For more information about 21st Century Fox, please visit [www.21CF.com](http://www.21CF.com).

## **Important Information About the Transaction and Where to Find It**

This communication relates to the proposed transaction between The Walt Disney Company ( Disney ) and Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc. ( 21CF ). In connection with the proposed transaction, Disney has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) a registration statement on S-4 (File No. 333-224335) (the Form S-4 ), which has not yet been declared effective. The Form S-4 includes a preliminary joint proxy statement of Disney and 21CF also constituting a prospectus of Disney (the joint proxy statement ), which joint proxy statement will be mailed or otherwise disseminated to stockholders of Disney and 21CF. 21CF will also file with the SEC a registration statement for a newly formed subsidiary ( New Fox ), which is contemplated to own certain assets and businesses of 21CF not being acquired by Disney in connection with the proposed transaction. 21CF and Disney may also file other documents with the SEC regarding the proposed transaction. This document is not a substitute for the joint proxy statement/prospectus or registration statement or any other document which 21CF or Disney may file with the SEC.

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21CF, Disney and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding 21CF's directors and executive officers, including a description of their direct interests, by security holdings or otherwise, is available in 21CF's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2017 and its proxy statement filed on September 28, 2017, which are filed

with the SEC. Information regarding Disney's directors and executive officers, including a description of their direct interests, by security holdings or otherwise, is available in Disney's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2017 and its proxy statement filed on January 12, 2018, which are filed with the SEC. A more complete description will be available in the registration statement on Form S-4, the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus and the registration statement of New Fox.

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laws, rules or regulations, including tax laws, rules and regulations, that could delay or prevent completion of the proposed transaction or cause the terms of the proposed transaction to be modified, (xvi) the risk that New Fox, as a new company that currently has no credit rating, will not have access to the capital markets on acceptable terms, (xvii) the risk that New Fox may be unable to achieve some or all of the benefits that 21CF expects New Fox to achieve as an independent, publicly-traded company, (xviii) the risk that New Fox may be more susceptible to market fluctuations and other adverse events than it would have otherwise been while still a part of 21CF, (xix) the risk that New Fox will incur significant indebtedness in connection with the separation and distribution, and the degree to which it will be leveraged following completion of the distribution may materially and adversely affect its business, financial condition and results of operations, (xx) the ability to obtain or consummate financing or refinancing related to the transaction upon acceptable terms or at all, (xxi) as well as management's response to any of the aforementioned factors. These risks, as well as other risks associated with the proposed transaction, are more fully discussed in the preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus that is included in the Form S-4 that was filed with the SEC on April 18, 2018, in connection with the proposed transaction, and will be more fully discussed in the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus and in the registration statement that will be filed with respect to New Fox. While the list of factors presented here and in the joint proxy statement/prospectus included in the Form S-4, and the list of factors to be presented in the registration statement of New Fox are, considered representative no such list should be considered to be a complete statement of all potential risks and uncertainties. Unlisted factors may present significant additional obstacles to the realization of forward looking statements. Consequences of material differences in results as compared with those anticipated in the forward-looking statements could include, among other things, business disruption, operational problems, financial loss, legal liability to third parties and similar risks, any of which could have a material adverse effect on 21CF's or Disney's consolidated financial condition, results of operations, credit rating or liquidity. Neither 21CF nor Disney assumes any obligation to publicly provide revisions or updates to any forward looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, should circumstances change, except as otherwise required by securities and other applicable laws.

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