

## **Fintel Plc**

("Fintel", the "Company", the "Group" or the "Business")

### **Directorate Change**

#### **Appointment of Phil Smith as Non-Executive Director.**

Fintel (AIM: FNTL), the leading provider of Fintech and support services to the UK retail financial services sector, is pleased to announce the appointment of Phil Smith as Independent Non-Executive Director with immediate effect.

Following a robust process led by independent consultants, Phil was selected due to his industry knowledge, special expertise in digital delivery and alignment to the companies' values and strategic objectives. Phil brings with him 20 years of global experience across wealth management, asset management, brokerage, insurance and consulting.

Phil previously was the founder and Group CEO at Embark Group, where he built a £42bn AuA platform, pension and investment business prior to its sale to the Lloyds Banking Group in early 2022. He is currently a Non-Executive Chairman of UK Fintech businesses BEIQ and Kore Labs. His previous roles also include that of Managing Director and Global Management Committee member at Barclays Wealth, where he played a major role in the inception and development of the global infrastructure of this business line for Barclays Bank Plc. Phil has also held international senior executive positions at Fortis Investments, Arthur Andersen, Prudential M&G and Prudential Corporation Asia. During this time, he built up extensive experience of M&A and joint venture partnerships.

#### **Ken Davy, Non-Executive Chair, said:**

"I am delighted to welcome Phil to the Fintel Board. He brings a wealth of business transformation and industry experience and will complement the range of skills we currently have on the Board. We all look forward to working with Phil."

#### **Additional Information**

In accordance with Schedule 2(g) of the AIM Rules for Companies Phillip Smith (aged 53) holds, or has held in the past five years, the following directorships and partnerships:

#### **Current Directorships**

BEIQ Ltd

Denia Property Ltd

Equisolve Consulting Ltd

#### **Directorships held in last 5 years**

Embark Group Ltd

Embark Investment Services Nominees Ltd

Embark Investment Services Ltd

Embark Digital Studio Ltd

EBS Pensions Ltd

Embark Services Ltd

Rowanmoor Consultancy Ltd

Rowanmoor Executive Pensions Ltd

Rowanmoor Personal Pensions Ltd

Sterling ISA Managers (Nominees) Ltd  
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The Adviser Centre Ltd

Vested Employee Benefits Ltd

Baltic Renovations Ltd

Phillip holds no shares in the Company.

There is no further information on Phillip Smith required to be disclosed under Schedule Two, paragraph (g) of the AIM Rules for Companies.

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