



GS HOLDINGS LIMITED

Press Release

GS Holdings beefs up global beverage expertise with new appointment

Independent Director Mr. Mark Neal Barnard to strengthen board industry expertise and add global corporate, consulting and beverage networks to GS Holdings.

Singapore, 10 November 2025 – GS Holdings Limited (“**GS Holdings**” or “**Company**”, and together with its subsidiaries, “**Group**”), a SGX-ST Catalist Board listed food and beverage (“**F&B**”) group, is pleased to announce that it has appointed Mr. Mark Neal Barnard as Independent Director with effect from 10 November 2025.



Above: Mr. Mark Neal Barnard

Mr. Barnard is a highly experienced veteran in the beverage business. He was previously the CEO of Octopus Distribution Networks Pte. Ltd. (“**ODN**”) from March 2015 to October 2019 and his understanding of ODN thus positions him well in exercising oversight of the Group’s businesses as an Independent Director.

Prior to his tenure at ODN, Mr. Barnard was the Chief Commercial Officer (Asia Pacific) of Diageo PLC from 2008 to 2011 and Global Chief Commercial Officer from 2011 to 2014. At Diageo, Mr. Barnard was responsible for the implementation of the transformation of Diageo’s Route to Consumer across the world that led to significant incremental sales and supply chain savings. Prior to joining Diageo, Mr. Barnard’s experience included Senior Vice President of Customer Development for Asia, Africa, Middle East and Turkey region at Unilever, Vice President of Global Customer Development at Walmart and other senior positions globally in customer development, trade marketing, accounts management and logistics within the Unilever group.

Mr. Barnard was a board member and shareholder of IQPS, a marketing and distribution company in Cambodia from 2017, that was subsequently acquired by InterBrew Pte. Ltd. to form a joint venture under BevFood Holdings Pte. Ltd., where Mr. Barnard remained as a board member and shareholder to-date. Mr. Barnard was also Chairman of Harvest Health & Recreation Inc., a Canada listed medical company from 2018 to 2020. Harvest Health & Recreation Inc. was acquired by another listed company in 2021.

Since 2014, Mr. Barnard had also held various advisory positions at some of the world's leading management consultancy and asset management firms, which included The Blackstone Group and CVC Capital Partners. Mr. Barnard was also a Global Senior Advisor at McKinsey & Co. Ltd and most recently, he took on the role as a Bain Consulting Advisor.

Mr. Barnard is a "Keeper of the Quaich", an international society that recognizes those who have shown outstanding commitment to the Scotch Whisky industry. Mr. Barnard has a Bachelor of Commerce in Industrial and Organisation Psychology from the University of Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

Mr. Hopkins, Group CEO of GS Holdings, remarked *"We are delighted to welcome a leader of such calibre to our board. Mr. Barnard's global commercial and advisory experience will bring fresh perspectives and strategic insights, positioning GS Holdings to capture new opportunities in a dynamic market. We are now better equipped to accelerate our regional expansion and deliver greater value to our stakeholders. His appointment reflects our commitment to building a board with the vision and expertise to guide GS Holdings into its next phase of growth."*

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About GS Holdings Limited

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