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Diageo announces that Deirdre Mahlan is to be appointed President, Diageo North America

Diageo recently announced that Larry Schwartz, President North America would retire by the end of this calendar year. Today, Diageo has announced that Deirdre Mahlan, currently Chief Financial Officer, is to be appointed President Diageo North America. Deirdre's replacement will be announced in due course and until that time she will continue in her current role as CFO of Diageo.

Ivan Menezes, Chief Executive said:

"Diageo North America is a strong business and we are determined to deliver on that strength. Today we announced a number of organisational changes in Diageo North America and I am delighted that we can also announce that Deirdre will be leading this change. Deirdre has been an exceptional CFO and has the skills, together with experience of the market, to lead the next stage of growth in North America".

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