

## PRESS RELEASE

## Godrej Consumer Products Limited recognised as an FTSE4Good constituent

**Mumbai, February 6, 2017:** Godrej Consumer Products Limited (GCPL) has been recognised as an FTSE4Good constituent in the FTSE4 Good Emerging Index. GCPL has been highly rated for corporate governance and environmental practices as part of the Index. Inclusion in FTSE4Good indexes is recognised globally as a mark of best practices observed by companies in making their businesses socially and environmentally responsible.

In December 2016, FTSE Russell launched the FTSE4Good Emerging Index, which covers over 20 emerging countries. This Index is an extension to the FTSE4Good Index series, which provides a multi-dimensional measure of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) exposure and practice. It is designed to help investors integrate environmental, social and governance factors into their investment decisions. The indices identify companies that better manage ESG risks and are used as a basis for tracker funds, structured products and as a performance benchmark. The ESG ratings are used by investors who wish to incorporate ESG factors into their investment decision-making processes, or as a framework for corporate engagement and stewardship.

**Commenting on this recognition, Mr. Vivek Gambhir, Managing Director, Godrej Consumer Products Limited, says,** "We are delighted to be recognised as an FTSE4Good Emerging Index constituent company. For us at the Godrej Group, it has always been most important that besides our strong financial performance and innovative, much loved products, we remain a good company. This has held us in very good stead for nearly 120 years now.

We have always actively championed social responsibility and are deeply committed to driving the social progress of our communities. In fact, 24 per cent of our holding company is in a trust that invests in the environment, health and education.

Many global companies, including ours, have adopted a 'shared value' approach to business growth and innovation. The idea is to link business success with social progress - to find ways to create business value that also create social value. So, through our Good & Green strategy, we are committed to creating a more employable workforce, building a Greener world and innovating for good and green products."

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## **About Godrej Consumer Products Limited**

Godrej Consumer Products is a leading emerging markets company. As part of the 119-year young Godrej Group, we are fortunate to have a proud legacy built on the strong values of trust, integrity and respect for others. At the same time, we are growing fast and have exciting, ambitious aspirations.

Today, our Group enjoys the patronage of 1.1 billion consumers globally, across different businesses. In line with our 3 by 3 approach to international expansion at Godrej Consumer Products, we are building a presence in 3 emerging markets (Asia, Africa, Latin America) across 3 categories (home care, personal wash, hair care). We rank among the largest household insecticide and hair care players in emerging markets. In household insecticides, we are the leader in India, the second largest player in Indonesia and are expanding our footprint in Africa. We are the leader in serving the hair care needs of women of African descent, the number one player in hair colour in India and Sub-Saharan Africa, and among the leading players in Latin America. We rank number two in soaps in India and are the number one player in air fresheners and wet tissues in Indonesia.

But for us, it is very important that besides our strong financial performance and innovative, much-loved products, we remain a good company. 24 per cent of the holding company of our Group is held in a trust that invests in the environment, health and education. We are also bringing together our passion and purpose to make a difference through our 'Good & Green' approach to create a more inclusive and greener world.

At the heart of all of this, is our talented team. We take much pride in fostering an inspiring workplace, with an agile and high performance culture. We are also deeply committed to recognising and valuing diversity across our teams.

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