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**HOME & DECOR HOLDINGS ACQUIRES ADAIRS & DUSK**

Home & Decor Holdings Pty Ltd (“HDH”) has today completed the acquisition of two leading specialty retail businesses, being Adairs Retail Group (“Adairs”), and Dusk Australasia (“Dusk”). Both businesses are currently majority owned by BB Retail Capital (Brett Blundy).

HDH is a newly formed company which is majority owned by funds managed by Catalyst Investment Managers. HDH’s other substantial shareholders are BB Retail Capital and the senior management of Adairs and Dusk.

The businesses in the HDH group will continue to be independently managed, and led by their highly experienced existing management teams. Brett Blundy will also remain actively involved as a substantial shareholder and director of HDH.

Adairs ([www.adairs.com.au](http://www.adairs.com.au)) is Australia’s leading speciality retailer of manchester & soft furnishings in the Australian market with annual sales in excess of \$120m and over 110 stores. David MacLean (Managing Director) will continue to lead the business from their Melbourne head office. Adairs is growing quickly and will continue to roll out stores across Australia.

Dusk ([www.dusk.com.au](http://www.dusk.com.au)) is Australia’s leading speciality retailer of candles, home fragrance & giftware products, with over 70 stores and sales in excess of \$55m. Greg Milne continues as Managing Director of Dusk, which is based in Perth. Dusk also has a strong track record of growth, and will continue to roll out stores across Australia.

HDH and its shareholders will continue to build on the success of each business in the Group, and may look to acquire other specialty retail businesses in the home and decor segment in Australasia.

The Board of HDH includes Brett Blundy, David MacLean, Greg Milne, Michael Cherubino, and representatives of Catalyst.

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**About Catalyst.**

Catalyst Investment Managers is a leading Australasian private equity firm with offices in Sydney & Melbourne. The firm makes investments in market leading businesses, and partners with exceptional management teams. Catalyst has developed significant experience investing in a wide range of industries in Australia and New Zealand, including retail. Catalyst has approximately \$1bn in funds under management.

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