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#### GOODWOOD APPOINTS NEW MD OF ENTERTAINING & HOSPITALITY DIVISION

The Goodwood Estate today announces the appointment of Andrew Coggings as Managing Director Entertaining & Hospitality, effective 23 May 2017.

## Lord March, Executive Chairman of Goodwood, commented:

"I am delighted to be welcoming Andrew at such an exciting time for the Entertaining & Hospitality division. Ever since 1697, when Goodwood was bought by the first Duke of Richmond, the estate has had a reputation for the being a wonderful place to stay, to celebrate, to relax and to eat. Today, the way a guest is able to enjoy all our sports and events whilst also eating the food from our own organic farm is better than it has ever been. I am looking forward to Andrew building on this fantastic story further. I am also very pleased we have been able to attract someone of his calibre and leadership and I, along with the senior management team, look forward to welcoming him to the business."

Coggings will be heading up a division of the business in a period of sustained growth. Entertaining & Hospitality includes the Goodwood Hotel and Health Club, four restaurants, private members' club The Kennels and Hound Lodge, our 10-bedroom luxury retreat. The division also manages the relationship with Goodwood's catering partner rhubarb.

He brings with him a wealth of experience in both international and UK-based hotels and resorts. Following time in Dubai, South Africa and Malaysia, Coggings became the General Manager of Brown's Mayfair before taking on Slaley Hall, Northumberland and The Grand Hotel in Brighton. For the last 10 years, he has owned a business comprising two award-winning pubs and a restaurant in Brighton, which he sold 18 months ago. Since then he has been regional MD for Macdonald Hotels.

### **Andrew Coggings said:**

"Although there is already a world class offering at Goodwood, I believe there is still great potential for development and growth. I am very much looking forward to working with such a strong leadership team and creating the most wonderful experiences for the one million people who come to Estate each year."

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### **About Goodwood:**

Goodwood is a unique sporting Estate set in 12,000 acres of beautiful West Sussex countryside. Owned by the Dukes of Richmond since 1697, it is has become famous for its thrilling motorsport events and spectacular horse-racing.

Whilst these two sports are a fundamental part of the Estate's DNA, there is more to Goodwood than horses and cars: it includes an organic farm, four restaurants, two 18-hole golf courses, a sculpture park, a private members club, an aerodrome, a health club, a four-star hotel and a 10-bedroom luxury retreat.

Throughout its 300-year history, Goodwood has been a place where forward-thinking is celebrated and world-class entertainment comes naturally. It is a place that anyone can enjoy 365 days of the year. It really is British Estate like no other. <a href="http://www.goodwood.com">http://www.goodwood.com</a>

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