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ALMR AGM & Annual Conference

On Tuesday 25 April, the *ALMR* will be hosting its 14th principal annual business event at The Brewery in Chiswell Street. The event takes place in the company of an audience of 350 comprising of the leading retail entrepreneurs, the most influential observers and the best suppliers of key products and services.

AGM

The day will start with the Annual General Meeting where five new members will be officially welcomed onto the *ALMR* Council. The new Council Members are Rupert Clevley of Geronimo Inns, Chris Compton of CCT Group, James Crawford-Porter of the Tadcaster Pub Co, Philip Lay of SA Brain and Gary McManus of McManus Taverns.

Chief Executive, Nick Bish said "The addition of these five members to the *ALMR* Council very much reflect the direction and energy of the Association – we hope and expect their drive and experience to lead the *ALMR* forward in the coming months and years. "

Conference

The Conference itself will look at the key issues affecting today's multiple operators. The presence of the Government Minister responsible for Licensing, James Purnell MP and Ted Tuppen of Enterprise Inns headline a top quality line up. They will outline and explore the importance of the multiple companies and the pivotal role they have played in the post Beer Orders structure.

Nick Bish commented "The Conference is designed to remind the industry and financial audience that it is the entrepreneurial retailers that have been, and will continue to be, the force for innovation, improvement and commercial success in our sector".

Operations Manager of the Year Award *(See separate press release for further details)*

Following the Conference and a hearty lunch, the day will move onto the Operations Manager of the Year Award. This renowned event looks to reward the best managers in the industry – and hopefully act as a spur to the contenders' career. Often overlooked, operations managers is a crucial level of management that supports retail excellence and delivers corporate success.

Nick Bish remarked that "The *ALMR* is proud to trumpet the role and importance of operations managers. All of the contenders are of the highest calibre and have substantially contributed to their respective companies' success. I congratulate them all - and just hope that if any of them progress to owning their own estates, they will bring their skill and drive to the *ALMR*!"

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Notes for Editors

1. The Association of Licensed Multiple Retailers (*ALMR*) is the only national trade body dedicated to representing the interests of on-trade retailers – principally pub, bar, club and restaurant operators. Unlike other trade bodies it does not represent producer interests. The focus and drive of the Association is therefore the small-scale entrepreneurial and innovative operator, and we are keen to ensure that this is reflected in the way in which our audiences view us.
2. Currently, just fewer than 100 companies are in membership, between them operating more than 30,000 outlets – around half the UK pub and bar estate. Member companies include the major tenanted pub companies such as Punch Taverns and Enterprise Inns, the retail arms of regional brewers such as Fuller Smith & Turner and Charles Wells and major managed operators like Laurel However, the bulk of our membership is derived from small independent companies operating 50 outlets or less under their own branding - niche operators such as Glendola Leisure, Massive and Inventive Leisure.
3. For Further information please contact Nick Bish on 020 8579 2080