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**ALMR membership up by 20%**

ALMR today confirms that its membership has increased by 19.7% which is no fewer than 16 new companies, and through these new members by 11.2% in representation of individual managed pubs, clubs, bars and restaurants.

Will Clayton, owner of Gresham Inns says *“We are a new and ambitious company and it’s very reassuring that ALMR covers the compliance issues for us - as well as representing the mainstream operations in our industry so well”*.

And Ian Payne, Chairman of Stonegate adds *“Stonegate is excited to be a new and significant player in the sector - and it’s logical to be joining ALMR as the natural home for managed operators.”*

Nick Bish, Chief Exec of ALMR responds, *“This significant addition to membership is really gratifying. The ALMR works to add value to the collective voice of great companies, small and large, North and South and each with their special place in the market. The experience, passion and energy of the individual operators all help convince Government that we are a mature and valuable industry well worth recognising and supporting.”*

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**Notes for Editors**

1. The following companies have joined ALMR in the first 4 months of 2011

<b>Company</b>	<b>units and operating area</b>
Ashperry Ltd	7- Bristol & Cardiff
Atmosphere Bars	28- Nationwide
Be At One	10- London
Capital Pub Company	29- London and South East
The Chapman Group Ltd	34- Sussex
Gordons Wine Bars	1- London
Gresham Inns Ltd	4- London
Indigo Pub Company	12- East Sussex
Oakman Inns & Restaurants	6- Hertfordshire
Quicksilver Management	3- Staffordshire
PLS Management Ltd	2- Surrey
Spirit House Ltd	3- Berkshire
Snug Bars Ltd	4- Cambridge
Startmore Pub Co	119 -nationwide
Stonegate Pub Company	333- Nationwide

2. *The Association of Licensed Multiple Retailers (ALMR) is the only national trade body dedicated to representing the interests of pub and bar operators and providing their companies with business support and advice. There are currently 88 companies in membership, between them operating 15,000 outlets – of which just fewer than 6,000 are managed operations. The bulk of ALMR membership is drawn from small independent companies operating 50 outlets or fewer under their own branding*

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