



**DANONE**

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## **Danone Receives Court Approval to Complete WhiteWave Acquisition**

*Transaction Expected to Close within 5 Business Days*

**Paris, France — April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017** — Danone is pleased to announce that the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia issued an order on April 5<sup>th</sup> which will allow for the completion of the company's acquisition of WhiteWave. Danone and WhiteWave expect the transaction to close within 5 business days as from the date of the court's order of April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

### **About Danone ([www.danone.com](http://www.danone.com))**

Dedicated to bringing health through food to as many people as possible, Danone is a leading global food company built on four business lines: Fresh Dairy Products, Early Life Nutrition, Waters and Medical Nutrition. Through its mission and dual commitment to business success and social progress, the company aims to build a healthier future, thanks to better health, better lives and a better world, for all its stakeholders—its 100,000 employees, consumers, customers, suppliers, shareholders and all the communities with which it engages. Present in over 130 markets, Danone generated sales of approximately €22 billion in 2016. Danone's brand portfolio includes both international brands (Activia, Actimel, Danette, Danonino, Danio, evian, Volvic, Nutrilon/Aptamil, Nutricia) and local brands (Oikos, Prostokvashino, Aqua, Bonafont, Mizone, Blédina, Cow & Gate). Listed on Euronext Paris and on the OTCQX market via an ADR (American Depositary Receipt) program, Danone is a component stock of leading social responsibility indexes including the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes, Vigeo, the Ethibel Sustainability Index, MSCI Global Sustainability, MSCI Global SRI Indexes and the FTSE4Good Index.

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