



# WestRock Chairman John Luke Named 2018 Outstanding Director

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ATLANTA, Feb. 22, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- WestRock Company (NYSE:WRK) Chairman John A. Luke, Jr. has been named Outstanding Director of the Year by the Financial Times Outstanding Directors Exchange (FT-ODX).

Nominated by their peers, FT-ODX Outstanding Directors of the Year are recognized for the key role they have played within their boardrooms, for going above and beyond the call of duty, and for demonstrating judgment and integrity while acting in the interests of shareholders.

Luke has served as non-executive chairman of WestRock, a leading provider of differentiated paper and packaging solutions, since 2015. He is the former chairman and chief executive officer of MeadWestvaco Corporation. He also serves on the boards of directors of BNY Mellon, Dominion Energy Midstream Partners, LP and The Timken Company.

In recognizing Luke, FT-ODX said: "John Luke has made the often perilous transition from chairman and CEO to non-executive chair of the newly formed WestRock board in rare style, supporting a model merger integration, a new management team and the interests of all shareholders."

"John's leadership and stewardship have been incredibly valuable to me and the entire WestRock board as our company has successfully grown into a global paper and packaging leader," said Steven C. Voorhees, chief executive officer of WestRock. "On behalf of everyone at WestRock, I congratulate him on this richly deserved honor."

## **About WestRock**

WestRock (NYSE:WRK) partners with our customers to provide differentiated paper and packaging solutions that help them win in the marketplace. WestRock's 45,000 team members support customers around the world from more than 300 operating and business locations spanning North America, South America, Europe, Asia and

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