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The Quarto Group consolidates Australia and New Zealand distribution with Allen & Unwin Group

The Quarto Group is delighted to announce that the leading independent publisher and distributor in Australia and New Zealand, Allen & Unwin Group, will be distributing the combined imprints of Quarto Publishing Group USA and Quarto Publishing Group UK together in both countries for the first time.

This move, which takes place on 1 March 2015, incorporates the distribution of all the adult trade imprints within The Quarto Group and The Quarto Group children's imprints of Wide-Eyed Editions, QED, words & pictures and Walter Foster Jr.

Robert Gorman, CEO, Allen & Unwin Group commented: "The right partnerships are what make the difference in business today. We are thrilled to be working with The Quarto Group. Their publishing is as sharp and savvy as it comes. We greatly look forward to helping them succeed with booksellers and retailers in the Australian and New Zealand marketplace."

David Inman, Managing Director of Quarto Publishing Group UK commented: "We are looking forward immensely to a successful and creative partnership with such a long established distributor in the ANZ market."

Ken Fund, CEO, Quarto Publishing Group USA commented: "We are thrilled to be teaming up with Murdoch Books and Allen & Unwin, as the leading independent publisher in the marketplace we could not be in better hands to grow our business together."

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About The Quarto Group:

The Quarto Group (LSE: QRT) is the leading global illustrated book publisher and distribution group and is listed on the London Stock Exchange. Quarto employs about 400 talented and creative people in four distinct but complementary businesses - Quarto International Co-Editions Group; Quarto Publishing Group USA; Quarto Publishing Group UK and Books & Gifts Direct, Australia & New Zealand.

The Group is well positioned in resilient segments of book publishing with rich reserves of Intellectual Property. Quarto is uniquely positioned for growth as the industry adapts to new means of marketing, sales and routes to market. The Group's headquarters are in London where the Company was founded in 1976.

About Allen & Unwin Group:

Allen & Unwin is Australia's leading independent publisher and has been voted "Publisher of the Year" twelve times including the inaugural award in 1992 and ten times since 2000. Allen & Unwin commenced publishing in Australia in 1976 as part of the UK company George Allen & Unwin Ltd established in 1914. In July 1990, following the sale of the UK company, Allen & Unwin's Australian directors effected a management buy-out and the company became fully independent, owning the Allen & Unwin imprint throughout the world.