

## British American Tobacco p.l.c. (No. 3407696) Performance Summary 2017: Cautionary statement and other information

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