



From the Director-General

5th October 2007

Peter Fincham

Dear Peter

Thank you for your letter.

It is with real sadness that I accept your decision to resign. Your decision to take responsibility demonstrates the integrity and conviction which has characterised your leadership of BBC One. I know my sadness today will be shared across the BBC and the wider broadcasting industry.

You have been an outstanding Controller. Under your leadership the channel has flourished and you have built an environment in which some of the most talented people in television have brought their best creative work to our audience. The decision by your peers at the Edinburgh Television Festival in August to name BBC One Channel of the Year shows how widely this view is shared.

I know you will continue to make an outstanding contribution to British television.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Thompson', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Mark Thompson
Director-General

