**adidas RELEASE New Manchester United HOME jersey**

**JERSEY for 2016/17 season inspired by ICONIC 1878 NEWTON HEATH DESIGN**

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**Cape town, 23 JULY 2016:** adidas and Manchester United launches the club’s new home jersey for the 2016/17 season, taking inspiration from the club’s early years as Newton Heath LYR Football Club.

In the second year of the partnership with Manchester United, adidas has taken cues from the Club’s illustrious history, with a two tone red split design evoking the two-tone Newton Heath kit of 1878.

The official coat of arms for the City of Manchester was the basis behind the idea for the honeycomb graphic that knits together the two red block designs on the shirt. It was inspired by the worker bee which appears in the crest and originates from the Industrial Revolution, in which Manchester played a significant role. The strong work ethic of the city is also part of the club’s DNA, instilled in the players whenever they pull on the jersey and represent the Club.

The home jersey will be launched officially in China during Tour 2016 presented by Aon, a first for the club, and will be worn on pitch for the first time when United take on Manchester City in Beijing on 25th July.

The Man U jerseys will be available from today (23rd July) on adidas [ecommerce](http://www.adidas.co.za/football), Own retail, Studio 88, Cross Trainer, Total Sports and football specialist stores at a retail price of R899.

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