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## **Comptoir Group Plc**

("Comptoir", the "Group" or the "Company")

### **Appointment of Finance Director Senior leadership team appointments**

Comptoir Group Plc (AIM: COM), the owner and/or operator of Lebanese, Middle Eastern and North African inspired restaurants is pleased to announce the appointment of James Fisher as Finance Director. James, who joins from Wahaca, will start at Comptoir in Summer 2024 and will be appointed to the Board.

James brings more than a decade of experience in senior financial roles across the consumer and hospitality sectors. Since September 2020, James held the role of Finance Director at Wahaca, and prior to that he was Financial Controller between 2018 and 2020. James was previously Senior Finance Manager at BT and the Group Reporting Manager at Inchcape. James is an ACA qualified accountant.

### **Senior leadership team appointments**

James' appointment finalises the restructure of the senior leadership team at Comptoir Group following the appointment of Travis Fish as Operations Director and Dominika Kurowska as People Director.

Most recently, Travis was Managing Director at Ballie Ballerson, the cocktail bar operator, and prior to that was co-founder of Middle Eastern QSR brand Bababoom. He has previous experience at Nando's and M&B. Dominika has most recently been consulting for brands in the hospitality sector and prior to that has held senior roles at contract caterers, CH&Co and Harbour & Jones.

### **Nick Ayerst, CEO of Comptoir, commented:**

*"We are excited to welcome James, Travis and Dominika to the Comptoir Group and*

*look forward to benefitting from their experience and sector expertise. This is a key time for Comptoir with both franchise and equity restaurant openings, and we are confident that these three senior appointments will help lead the business into the next phase of growth. We know there is strong demand for our brand of Lebanese, Middle Eastern & North African food and we are on a mission to further grow this market serving our great food and hospitality one dish at a time."*

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## **About Comptoir Group**

Comptoir Group PLC owns and operates 27 Lebanese restaurants, six of which are franchised, based predominately in the UK. The flagship brand of the group, Comptoir Libanais, is a collection of 22 restaurants located across London, nationwide and international Travel Hubs, including cities such as Manchester, Bath, Birmingham, Oxford and Dubai.

The name Comptoir Libanais means Lebanese Counter and is a place where guests can eat casually and enjoy Middle Eastern and North African food, served with warm and friendly hospitality and a bright vibrant environment.

The Group also operates Shawa, serving traditional shawarma through a counter service model in Westfield and Bluewater shopping centres, Yalla-Yalla near Oxford Circus and entertainment venue Kenza, located in Devonshire Square, London.

The group has expanded internationally with its franchise partners HMSHOST, with restaurants in the Netherlands and Middle East.

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