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## **Comptoir Group plc**

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

### **Comptoir Libanais continues international expansion with first Abu Dhabi restaurant**



Comptoir Group Plc (AIM: COM), the owner and/or operator of Lebanese, Middle Eastern and North African inspired restaurants, is delighted to announce the opening of a new Shawa restaurant at Zayed International Airport in Abu Dhabi on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Shawa is Comptoir's fast casual dining concept, providing a convenient food-to-go option, making it an excellent choice for passengers seeking a quick bite before their flight.

The restaurant is located in the airside departures area of Zayed International Airport. The second largest airport in the UAE, Zayed International receives an immensely high footfall of international visitors, serving over 80,000 customers daily and expects 27 million passengers this year. The 1,325sqft restaurant has capacity for 50 covers and is Comptoir's first restaurant in Abu Dhabi. Working in partnership with HMSHost, this is Comptoir's first franchised Shawa

restaurant and third franchised restaurant in the region, with Comptoir Libanais restaurants in Dubai and Doha airports.

Fresh, healthy and with something for everyone, Shawa is the perfect pre-flight meal. The restaurant will sell authentic Lebanese lamb and chicken shawarma wraps and platters as well as offering vegan and vegetarian plates with falafel and halloumi. The menu will also encompass a breakfast range of pastries, sandwiches and shakshuka dishes.

**Marco Cuglianich, Director at HMSHost, commented:** *"We are immensely proud of our ongoing partnership, which has culminated in sharing the soul of Shawa's unique flavours and hospitality at Zayed International Airport. This new outlet represents a seamless fusion of expertise and is a testament to our collective dedication to deliver unparalleled dining experiences. We eagerly anticipate welcoming guests and sharing our passion for exceptional food."*

**Nick Ayerst, CEO, added** *"We have long recognised Abu Dhabi's importance as an international air hub and are delighted to share Shawa's offering with international travellers. Our ongoing successful collaboration with HMSHost is delivering well-loved authentic Middle Eastern food and culture to customers around across the UK, Netherlands and Middle East."*

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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 [as well as Zayed International Airport]. Yalla-Yalla operates branches near Oxford Circus and in Soho, and entertainment venue Kenza, located in Devonshire Square, London.

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

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