



Compass Group Acquires Caterine Restauration in France

Compass Group PLC announces an important acquisition in France.

We are pleased to announce today the acquisition of Caterine Restauration S.A.S from Industries & Finances Partenaires S.A.S., other financial investors and management. The gross assets of the business acquired were €34m as at 31 August 2009 with revenue for the 12 months to 31 August 2009 of €41.8m.

The company is a significant player in the foodservice industry in France, specialising in the provision of services in the Education and Healthcare sectors. Caterine Restauration provides an excellent platform for Compass to continue its growth in these important sectors and offers many synergies with Compass's existing foodservice business.

Richard Cousins, Compass Group CEO said: "We are delighted with this acquisition. Caterine Restauration provides an excellent opportunity for us to extend our presence in one of our key markets, as well as broadening our capabilities in food services."

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Notes to editors:

About Compass Group PLC

Compass Group is the world's leading foodservice company. We specialise in providing food, vending and related services on our clients' premises and we generated annual revenues of over £13 billion in the year to 30 September 2009. The company operates across the following core sectors of Business & Industry, Defence, Offshore & Remote Site, Healthcare, Education, Sports & Leisure and Vending with an established brand portfolio. For more information visit www.compass-group.com

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