



1 January 2018

**Dominic Blakemore**

Richard Cousins retirement was planned for 31 March 2018. As a result of his sad death in a plane accident on 31 December 2017, Dominic Blakemore's appointment as Chief Executive will be advanced from 1 April 2018 to 1 January 2018.

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The Board has, accordingly, withdrawn resolution 6 to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 8 February 2018.

Notes to Editors: Compass Group PLC is the world's leading food service company, which generated annual revenues of £22.6 billion in the year to 30 September 2017. It operates in around 50 countries, employs over 550,000 people and serves over 5.5 billion meals a year. The Company specialises in providing food and a range of support services across the core sectors of Business & Industry, Healthcare & Seniors, Education, Sports & Leisure and Defence, Offshore & Remote, with an established brand portfolio.