University of Gastronomic Sciences Partners with Compass Group

January 2015 - The University of Gastronomic Sciences of Pollenzo and Compass Group PLC, one of the world's leading food and support services companies, have signed a new strategic partnership to share and develop best practice in the food industry.

Under the exclusive agreement, the two organisations will work together on research projects, exploring and analysing new trends in the food industry and bringing the latest thinking direct to organisations and consumers. Two of the initial projects they will work on will look at how people can maximise their energy levels, and therefore their productivity, throughout the day, and to increase education around the supply chain.

The partnership will also offer the students and employees of both organisations a range of training and development opportunities, including an annual scholarship and dedicated training courses.

The partnership is welcomed by Carlo Petrini, President of the University of Gastronomic Sciences and of Slow Food International: "*We are delighted to have formed a partnership with Compass Group. This new venture will help to boost our research activities and it is a new step in our goal o supporting global companies that are interested in working with quality foodstuffs, environmental sustainability, and social ethics.*"

Peter Cinelli, Director of International Clients and Market Development at Compass Group, said: "*Compass and its sector operating brands have a long-standing reputation for quality food and service, attracting the very best industry talent. We believe the University's experience and approach are the perfect match for our organisation, and we look forward to working together as we anticipate the future needs of our clients, consumers and employees. This partnership will give us access to new research and insights into the next generation of food service innovators.*"

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About the University of Gastronomic Sciences

The University of Gastronomic Sciences, located in Pollenzo, Italy and accredited by the Italian government, was founded in 2004 as a Slow Food initiative and is currently celebrating its 10 year anniversary. It has affirmed gastronomic science as a new discipline of study that combines the humanities and sciences, focusing on traditional producers and artisans and bridging the gap between small-scale producers, agro-food companies, territories and traditional cultures.
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