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Compass Group joins forces with Women in Hospitality's Travel and Leisure 2020 initiative

Compass demonstrates its commitment to improving gender diversity through its support for the industry-wide initiative

Compass Group, the global leader in food service, today announces it has become a lead supporter of WiH2020, a cross-industry initiative dedicated to increasing women's representation in leadership positions across the hospitality, travel and leisure sectors. Compass has also signed up to the Diversity in Hospitality, Travel and Leisure Charter, a ten-point action plan designed to put diversity and inclusion at the heart of leading businesses in the sector.

As part of the WiH2020 initiative, employers in the sector meet regularly, share best practice and identify tangible actions for collaboration.

Dominic Blakemore, CEO of Compass Group, said:

"Compass Group has nearly 600,000 colleagues working in 55,000 client locations across around 50 countries. Our strength comes from our inclusive and welcoming environment, where we recognise that the experiences and perspectives that make us unique, come together in our shared values and vision. We believe it is critical that the diversity of our workforce truly mirrors the societies we operate in and the communities we serve. I am delighted to become a Lead Supporter of WiH2020 and am excited about the possibility of increased collaboration across our dynamic and exciting sector which will be for the benefit of us all."

Tea Colaianni, Founder and Chair of WiH2020, commented:

"We are delighted to announce that Compass Group PLC has become a Lead Supporter of WiH2020 and signed the Diversity in HTL Charter. Compass' commitment to investing in training and development for female chefs and their progressive workplace practices will continue to inspire women to consider a career in the hospitality, travel and leisure industry and help create truly diverse and inclusive work environments."

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About Compass Group

Compass Group PLC is the world's leading food service company, which generated annual revenues of £23.2 billion in the year to 30 September 2018. It operates in around 50 countries, employs over 600,000 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.

About WiH2020

WiH2020 is devoted to increasing women's representation and diversity as a whole in leadership positions across Hospitality, Travel and Leisure. It aims to amplify the impact of individual diversity initiatives through thorough collaboration and bring a bigger, louder voice into the HTL industry.