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## **EG Group appoints Roland Smith as Chairman**

**January 19, 2026** – EG Group is pleased to announce the appointment of Roland Smith as Chairman to succeed Lord Stuart Rose, effective today. Stuart will remain a member of EG Group's Board as a Non-Executive Director to provide continued strategic counsel to the business.

Roland is a highly experienced senior executive in the consumer industry having served over 25 years as President and Chief Executive Officer of both public and private companies and Chairman of numerous boards. Roland most recently served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Office Depot OfficeMax, Inc, the world's second-largest office supply chain. Prior to this role, he held a series of senior executive positions at leading food-to-go and leisure operators, including roles as President & Chief Executive Officer of Wendy's International, Inc, Chief Executive Officer of Arby's Restaurant Group, Inc, President and Chief Executive Officer of American Golf Corporation, and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of AMF Bowling Worldwide, Inc. He also previously served as Chairman of 24 Hours Fitness, Inc, Chairman of Carmike Cinemas, Inc, and a Director of Dunkin' Brands, Inc.

Roland is currently Chairman of Jack's Family Restaurants L.P., a chain of fast-food restaurants in the Southern United States, and a Director of Tropical Smoothie Café, LLC, a café franchise chain which operates across the United States.

During his five-year term as Chair of EG Group, Stuart has played an important role in the Group's corporate activity, including the sale of EG UK to Asda in 2023, and its recent sale of EG Italy, as part of its strategy to focus on its core growth markets globally and deleverage its balance sheet. He has also overseen a transformation in the Group's corporate governance, updating its framework and systems, as well as overseeing the appointment of independent Non-Executive Directors on the Board. Stuart's counsel and strategic vision have ensured that EG Group is well positioned to take advantage of the growth opportunities ahead.

**Russ Colaco, CEO of EG Group, said:** *"Roland is a highly respected and experienced executive with deep consumer industry and boardroom experience. Attracting an industry leader of Roland's calibre and expertise will strengthen our Board as we execute on our growth strategy across convenience retail, foodservice and fuel offerings."*

*"I would like to thank Stuart for his significant contribution to EG Group over his five-year term as Chairman, including putting in place the governance structures and strategic foundations for future success. We have all benefited from Stuart's wisdom and counsel and look forward to that continuing in the future."*

**Roland Smith, Chairman of EG Group, said:** *"EG Group is an outstanding business with promising growth prospects, and I am delighted to join its Board as Chairman. I look forward to working with the Board, Russ and the wider management team on the company's strategic vision and to further develop EG Group's leading positions in its core markets in the United States and Europe."*

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### **About EG Group**

Founded in 2001, EG Group is a leading independent convenience retailer, which has established partnerships with global brands, and a focused portfolio of proprietary brands.

The Group currently has operations in eight countries, with its single biggest market by revenue being the USA, followed by Europe, including Germany, France, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Belgium and the United Kingdom, as well as Australia.

EG Group currently employs c.33,000 colleagues working in more than 4,300 high-quality sites across its markets – and delivers a world-class grocery & merchandise, foodservice and fuel retail proposition to nearly one billion customers each year.

The Group partners with global brands, and also has its own proprietary brands, including Cumberland Farms, Fastrac, Kwik Shop, Quik Stop, Sprint, Tom Thumb, and Turkey Hill in the USA, and Go Fresh in Europe.

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