



Tragus recognised for outstanding growth in The Sunday Times Deloitte Buyout Track 100

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Tragus Limited (Tragus), one of the largest mid-market restaurant chain operators in the UK, is pleased to announce it has been ranked number 59 in The Sunday Times Deloitte Buyout Track 100. The inaugural league table recognises the UK's 100 private equity-backed mid-market companies in order of the fastest-growing profits (EBITDA) over two years.

Acquired by Blackstone Group Limited in December 2006 and formerly owned by Legal & General Ventures, Tragus reported EBITDA growth over two years of 75%. The company has over 160 sites across the country serving over 12 million meals every year. It has a strong all-day dining offer through its leading Café Rouge and Bella Italia chains, and recently launched the new Ortega tapas concept.

Graham Turner, CEO of Tragus, said: "We are delighted to be recognised for our excellent performance, which is a reflection of the enduring popularity of our core brands. We look forward to entering the next stage of our development as we continue to invest in the future growth of the company."

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Notes to Editors

Tragus Limited (Tragus) is one of the largest mid-market restaurant chain operators in the UK, with 163 restaurants across the country serving over 12 million meals every year. Tragus operates primarily under the Café Rouge and Bella Italia formats in the UK. www.tragusholdings.com

Café Rouge (87 sites), www.caferouge.co.uk

Café Rouge is the UK's only established national French restaurant brand, with sites designed to provide the look and feel of a classic Parisian bistro and a menu that includes steak frites, moules and tarte tatin. Café Rouge is predominantly a high street brand but it also operates successfully within a retail and concessionary environment.

Bella Italia (68 sites), www.bellaitalia.co.uk

Bella Italia is an all-day Italian trattoria with a rustic ambience. Its restaurants are in prime locations predominantly on the high street but it also operates from leisure park sites. In addition to classic pizzas and pasta its broad menu also includes a range of grill, main courses, sandwiches and salads.

Ortega (4 sites), www.ortegatapas.co.uk

Ortega is a tapas bar and cantina with a unique atmosphere that captures all the passion and spirit of eating and drinking in Spain. Ortega offers an extensive and authentic tapas offering along with delicious paellas, steaks and seafood main courses. The bar serves traditional Spanish drinks such as Sangria alongside a selection of wines, lagers and classic cocktails.

Brasseries (4 sites)

Tragus also operates 4 brasseries under the brands Amalfi, Oriol and Abbaye.