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**The sale of Harry Ramsden's**

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SSP Group has announced that it has sold the Harry Ramsden's fish and chip shop restaurant chain. The brand has been purchased by private investment company Boparan Ventures Limited. BVL is the private investment vehicle of Ranjit Boparan.

Commenting on the deal, SSP CEO Andrew Lynch said; 'We took the decision to sell Harry Ramsden's some time ago to enable us to focus on our core business in travel locations, and we are delighted that this deal has now been completed. Harry Ramsden's is an iconic brand with an impressive heritage. We're certain that its success will continue under its new owners, who have plans to further develop the brand in the future.'

The deal was completed on 19<sup>th</sup> January. SSP will continue to operate a small number of outlets in travel locations as a franchise partner.

SSP, the Food Travel Experts, is the leading dedicated operator of food and beverage brands in travel locations worldwide, with over 2,300 stores operating in over 140 airports and 250 railway stations in 32 countries. Its unparalleled portfolio of international, national and speciality food and beverage brands includes Starbucks, Caffè Ritazza, Burger King, M&S Simply Food, Bonne Journée, Caviar House & Prunier, Pizza Hut and Upper Crust. SSP has operations in airports, railway stations, motorway service areas, retail and leisure parks and conference centres.

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