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## Graham Sims joins HKS Holdings Ltd as Non-Executive Chairman

**Graham Sims has been appointed Non-Executive Chairman, of one of the UK's largest independent retail and petrol station owner and operators, HKS Holdings to lead a new accelerated investment, growth and development strategy.**

Formerly Head of Retail at BP, Graham's expertise lies in transformation changes within businesses. Graham's extensive experience extends across a range of corporate and private equity backed businesses in a number of industries including oil, retail and hospitality.

His cohesive approach, brings a new method previously demonstrated across sectors; blending brands together to create a new offerings for businesses, retailers and customers alike. During his time at BP, Graham integrated a number of household brand partners into BP forecourts across the UK and globally. He currently holds a number of Chair positions and works in private equity businesses in the UK, Europe and the US.

Family-owned HKS, is set to move into a new stage of accelerated investment, development and growth which Graham will lead, broadening the business into other consumer sectors.

The group will continue the development of its existing portfolio, enhancing its convenience retailing offer and pursuing partnering options with other brands in food and convenience into new concepts as well as actively seeking new property to add to its network of forecourt sites.

### Graham Sims says:

*"I am truly delighted to be joining HKS and working with the Thakrar's whom I have known for many years. As someone who has played a part in all areas of this marketplace, I was highly impressed with their determined aspirations, growth and development plans so far.*

*In my mind, they are one of the most progressive businesses in this sector and I wanted to join them so I could be a part of it and help their aspirations come into reality.*

*The key aspect for me is utilising and leveraging my past, external experience and working with them to build accelerated investment and development options for the business."*

### Shane Thakrar, Chief Executive at HKS Holdings Ltd says of Graham's appointment:

*"On behalf of the entire company and the Thakrar family, we're pleased to announce the appointment of Graham Sims as Non-Executive Chairman within HKS Holdings.*

*Following the strong growth of HKS in recent years, we're looking at an increased focus on a growth strategy and Graham's appointment will be the catalyst for the increasing the pace of our business, bringing with him the years of experience and expertise to guide our development forward.*

*We're looking forward to seeing the implementation of various ideas and concepts backed by Graham, moving into varying consumer opportunities and increasing our offering to customers."*

Making waves in the industry, HKS have been showcasing their heightened growth, purchasing a number of sites across the UK from Shell last year and acquiring £120m turnover Brobot Group Limited. The group's portfolio currently stands at almost 60 sites, with a number of transactions about to take this further in the coming weeks.

The sites now owned by HKS position them nationwide, increasing their presence in the North, through to London and the M25 region.

With the conclusion of recent deals HKS expects annualised turnover to reach £250m, representing growth of over 150%.

Graham Sims joins HKS Holdings as Non-Executive Chairman effective immediately, driving forward HKS' new stage of investment, growth and development across the UK, and further afield.

For more information on HKS Holdings Ltd, please visit: [www.hksretail.co.uk](http://www.hksretail.co.uk)

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