

## The Restaurant Group Environmental Policy

### Purpose:

TRG is a responsible business, and as part of our Preserving the Future programme we are working to conserve resources and reduce our impact on the environment. As a founding member of the Zero Carbon Forum, we are aligned with the hospitality sector 2040 net zero target, and are committed to environmental protection. This policy sets out our approach to managing our environmental impact, including the management of energy, water and waste.

This Policy sets out the baseline standards for The Restaurant Group's UK-based operations. Individual divisions or brands within the Group may choose to adopt further policies and procedures, or implement additional requirements, provided they are not inconsistent with this Policy.

This Policy commits us to:

- Take action to use energy and natural resources more efficiently.
- Develop our environmental management processes to monitor, improve and report on our environmental performance.
- Identify and comply with all relevant environmental legislation and compliance obligations.
- Reduce GHG emissions generated in our own operations and in our value chain in line with the sector 2040 net zero target.
- Reduce, reuse and recycle as much waste as possible, including food waste.
- Improve the sustainability of new restaurant fit outs and refurbishments.
- Engage with our suppliers and other stakeholders on environmental issues.
- Raise awareness of our environmental objectives with colleagues and customers, encouraging action through education and communication.

### Energy:

- Energy (including purchased electricity, gas, and LPG), is an essential requirement for our operations. The group procures renewable energy\*, bio gas\*, and bio LPG for all nationally contracted supplies\*\*. All new supplies will be aggregated onto these contracts at the earliest opportunity.
- The group commits to control and reduce energy use where it is operationally viable. This will be done by, but is not limited to: the use of granular meter data to highlight wastage/opportunities for reducing consumption; behavioural change programmes; and investment in efficient equipment and energy saving devices. We will set energy usage reduction targets annually.
- The group will design new buildings and refurbishments using: lower intensity material where possible; efficient equipment (including catering equipment, refrigeration, and LED lights); optimised insulation, heat loss and solar gain; and sufficient controls for high loads such as lighting and HVAC.
- Where we are not in direct control of supply, over time, we will work with landlords to understand their position on renewable sourcing and volume control.
- The group will report at least annually on total kWh usage and total CO2e for Scope 1 and 2 emissions, using an intensity ratio and comparison to previous year.

*\* These are always fully backed by equivalent REGOs and RGGOs and over time may progress to specific CPPAs, private wire and/or on-site generation.*

*\*\* This excludes supplies where we are not the counter party to supply agreement e.g. airports, shopping centres and other landlord supplies. It will also include the periods of time where we inherit an incumbent supply.*

#### **Water:**

- The group will minimise water use whilst maintaining operational viability, and the hygiene needs of guests and team members.
- The group will review water conservation technology to build on what has already been installed. Not limited to harvesting, flow restriction, push taps, efficient ware washing equipment, metering, waterless urinals if appropriate by brand and location.
- The group will review site level usage to identify wastage and opportunity for savings including leaks, and drive efficiency through best practice behaviours.
- The group will report at least annually on total volumes in m3.
- The emissions associated with our measurable water use will be included in our Scope 3 footprint and decarbonisation targets.

#### **Waste:**

- The group commits to manage waste responsibly and divert all possible waste from landfill where we control the waste services\*. This is achieved by segregating as much waste as possible in order to minimise general waste.
- Applying the hierarchy of waste, the group commits to reduce and prevent waste as far as possible, including through supplier engagement to reduce packaging, reviewing portion sizes and dish specifications, and stock and order control.
- We commit to, wherever possible, segregate the following waste for recycling: card, dry mixed recycling, food, and glass.
- Wherever possible the remaining general waste will be used as fuel to create energy.
- The group commits to identify opportunities for supporting a circular economy. This includes but is not limited to: recycling of delivery packaging, using food waste for our renewable energy/gas feedstock, and creating compost for raw material crops.
- The group will report at least annually on: total directly controlled waste in metric tonnes, total food waste, total recycled percentage, and total percentage diverted from landfill.

*\*The exception to this is landlord / locally controlled services such as airports and shopping centres. Over time we wish to get a better understanding of how waste is managed in these locations.*

#### **Supply Chain**

- The group commits to engaging with suppliers on an ongoing basis to improve environmental performance, including regarding carbon emissions, packaging, and sustainable sourcing.
- Suppliers must have environmental policies and management systems in place to ensure compliance with local and national legal requirements. These must show plans for continuous improvement.
- The group requires all suppliers to review the packaging format of cases delivered to TRG to ensure that packaging is minimised whilst remaining functional, and that where possible packaging is reusable, made from recycled materials and recyclable.
- The group requires suppliers to consider their impact and dependencies on nature and align to best practice with regards to supporting biodiversity and ecosystem health.
- For further details on sustainable sourcing activities (including in relation to palm oil, soy, and sustainable seafood), please see our responsible sourcing policies.

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