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ESS and the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity Celebrate Platinum Partnership and Cookbook Success

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ESS Defence, part of Compass Group UK & Ireland, has been recognised as a Platinum Partner of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity (RNRMC).

ESS enjoys a longstanding relationship with the RNRMC which is the principal charity of the Royal Navy, and exists to support sailors, marines and their families for life. This was marked at a recent event held at HMS President in London which celebrated the partnership alongside a successful collaborative project between the two organisations – the Galley cookbook.

Galley showcases the skill and talent of 20 chefs with a connection to the Royal Navy. Each has shared a starter, main and dessert, some from competition-winning menus, alongside their journey through active service and beyond.

ESS Executive Chef, Ryan Hopper, ESS Chef Manager, Stephen Benn and Compass Group UK & Ireland Culinary Director, Nick Vadis, are all Royal Navy veterans who proudly contributed to the project.

The evening paid tribute to all those who supported the cookbook and guests had the opportunity to sample some of the exciting dishes contained within it.

All proceeds from the sale of Galley go towards supporting the RNRMC's essential work.

Adrian Bell, Chief Executive at RNRMC, said: "We are thrilled to welcome ESS into our Platinum Corporate Partnership Tier. ESS has been crucial in aiding our important work helping the Royal Navy community and



their families, and we have thoroughly enjoyed working together with them. We are confident that our relationship will continue to flourish as we take these positive next steps."

Bob Gray, Managing Director at ESS Defence, said: "We're delighted to have been recognised as a Platinum Partner of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity (RNRMC). We've enjoyed a fabulous relationship with the organisation to date, collaborating on a number of exciting projects including the 'Galley' cookbook and selling of RNRMC merchandise in our retail stores, as well as working together to provide essential food boxes to beneficiaries of the RNRMC.

"The charity does such important work to support serving and former sailors, marines and their families and we are very proud to contribute to this. I look forward to our partnership going from strength to strength."

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