



Tortilla appoints new Operations Director

Stephen Clark is newest hire at rapidly expanding Mexican restaurant brand

London, 15 December 2021: Tortilla, the UK largest fast-casual Mexican restaurant brand, is delighted to announce the appointment of Stephen Clark as its new Operations Director.

Stephen joins Tortilla as an experienced senior hire, as the business continues its rapid expansion and solidifies its management team for future growth. Stephen will oversee all operational elements of the business's strategy and help to lead the business on its impressive growth trajectory.

Most recently, Stephen led Retail Operations as a Director at pub group Young's, with responsibility for 72 hotels and pubs based in London and the South West of England. There, he led the Group's strategy for driving sales in the accommodation business, successfully led the integrations of several major acquisitions, and was responsible for the divisional capital programme of multiple key projects.

Prior to this, Stephen was Regional Operations Director at Costa Coffee, where he created a scalable format for Drive Thru and delivered a strong pipeline of new store openings. He also worked on the management board for the company's innovation group, including as operational lead on Pronto, Costa's fast delivery store concept. He began his career with Corney & Barrow running wine bars in the City.

Richard Morris, CEO of Tortilla, commented:

"Stephen is the newest senior hire we have made for the business, and he brings a raft of experience that will be extremely beneficial to Tortilla as we position ourselves strongly to achieve our significant growth potential."

"I would also like to wish our existing Operations Director, Matt Chapman, the best of luck as he takes on his new role as Franchise Director. His support will be crucial as we manage this growing part of the business and continue to optimise our sector-leading portfolio."

Stephen Clark, Operations Director, commented:

"I can't wait to get started. I have admired the Tortilla brand and its products for many years, and very much look forward to contributing to its exciting future growth."

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About Tortilla

Founded in October 2007 by Brandon and Jen Stephens, Tortilla is the UK's largest fast-casual Mexican restaurant brand with a fully customisable and authentic California-style Mexican menu.

Tortilla operates more than 50 eat in and take away locations across the UK and through nationwide partnerships with Just Eat and Deliveroo. Internationally, Tortilla operates in the Middle East, with 10 stores in Dubai and Saudi Arabia through an exclusive franchise partnership.

Food provenance and quality is a critical component of the brand's proposition and its success to date, with all fillings for its burritos, tacos and quesadillas prepared fresh daily and without artificial flavours of preservatives. In 2020, the brand served more than 4.4 million customers.

The brand is headquartered in London and employs more than 700 people.

More details at <https://tortillagroup.co.uk/>