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## ROYAL WARRANT FIRM IN CATERING MERGER

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*Bill Toner and Adam Elliott*

Reading-based hospitality caterer and Royal Warrant holder CH&Co has merged with Concerto Group.

The acquisition increases CH&Co Group's turnover to £300m and it will now provide catering at more than 750 sites across the UK and Ireland, employing in excess of 6,200 staff.

CH&Co's portfolio of specialist divisions works with brands and organisations across the business, heritage, leisure, education and healthcare sectors.

CH&Co Group chief executive Bill Toner said: "CH&Co Group and Concerto Group are both well-known and respected players achieving great things in the events market so our union is a very positive development.

"Both companies bring a great mix of talent, expertise, creativity, resources and assets to the party, and together we create a really attractive proposition in this highly competitive arena. It also gives us an introduction into the hotel sector. This new territory for CH&Co Group is an area I know well and it's a very exciting prospect."

Adam Elliott, the chief executive who will continue to head up the Concerto Group, added: "For our clients and our teams it's very much business as usual. As we enter what is perhaps the busiest time of the year for the events industry, our clients will enjoy the great food and service that our reputation is built on.

"Looking forward, we will be working closely with our new colleagues to pool resources and expertise to maximise the strength of the partnership and capitalise on the new growth potential available to us. The year ahead is going to be very exciting."