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RBL appoints Barry Roche as its New Managing Director

Rosenblatt Limited ("RBL" or "the Firm"), one of the UK's pioneering law firms, and a leader in dispute resolution is pleased to announce that Barry Roche has been appointed as the Firm's new Managing Director.

Working alongside RBL's senior management team, Barry will report to RBG Holdings plc ("RBG") Group CEO, Nicola Foulston who previously held the role. In February 2020, Barry joined RBL as interim Chief Operating Officer to help lead the Firm's expansion. Alongside the five new partners hired in 2020/2021, taking the total to 23, Barry will be looking at new ways to develop the business. These include identifying new growth areas, enhancing the Firm's business development strategy, and boosting team performance through resource allocation, and skill development.

Barry brings considerable operational and management experience to RBL. He spent his early career in The Royal Marines. On leaving the Marines, Barry built a support services business from start-up becoming a market-leading national company, acquired in 2009 by PHS Group. In 2009 he was one of the founders of Protection Vessels International, a maritime security business. In 2012, he founded Protection Group International ("PGI") a Cyber Security and Intelligence business, which worked extensively with large corporates, UK, and international governments. He remains a non-executive director of both companies.

Barry will help the Firm in the next stage of its development after a strong 2020 which saw RBL achieve its best financial performance since it was founded in 1989. RBL successfully adapted its strategy to the market changes caused by the pandemic, including increasing its capacity in its Employment and Insolvency & Restructuring practices. The Firm's investment in IT infrastructure over the last two years meant a seamless transition to home working, which allowed performance and client service to be maintained.

RBL is part of RBG Holdings plc, the AIM-listed professional services group. As well as providing legal services through RBL, the Group also offers litigation finance in selected cases through a separate arm, LionFish Litigation Finance (UK) Ltd. LionFish finances litigation matters being run by other solicitors in return for a significant return. The Group also owns Convex Capital Limited, a specialist sell-side corporate finance boutique, based in Manchester.

Commenting on the appointment, RBG Holdings Group CEO, Nicola Foulston said: "RBL has gone from strength to strength in 2020 adapting brilliantly to the challenges presented by Covid. In his spell as Interim COO, Barry showed he fitted perfectly into the Firm's entrepreneurial culture and will help drive RBL's success over the coming years. We have identified lots of growth area, one of which is for RBL to work even more closely with the other businesses in the Group – LionFish and Convex Capital – to provide high-value services to our combined client base."

Barry Roche added "Since joining in February as Interim COO I have been hugely impressed with the quality of the people at RBL as well as the client base. 2020 was a challenging year and many lessons were learnt, RBL is in a strong position to continue its growth and I welcome the opportunity to be part of the team delivering the future success."

About Rosenblatt Limited (“RBL”)

RBL is one of the UK's pioneering law firms, and a leader in dispute resolution. RBL provides a range of legal services to its diversified client base, which includes companies, banks, entrepreneurs and individuals. Complementing this is the Company's increasingly international footprint, advising on complex cross-jurisdictional matters. RBL's practice areas include dispute resolution, financial crime, corporate, banking and finance, insolvency and financial restructuring, construction and projects, employment, financial services, IP/technology/media, real estate, regulatory and tax resolution.

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