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Island Hotels Group is pleased to announce the appointment of Group CEO Andrew Whittaker. Andrew's role will lead the implementation of the Group's growth strategy for the Edgewater Resort and Spa and Club Raro Resort. With Island Hotels Group's leading tourism businesses the CEO appointment continues to develop a prosperous future for the properties with a 3 year growth strategy focusing on sustainable business practices, product development and improving the visitor experience at the Resorts

Andrew previously worked for Millennium and Copthorne Hotels in NZ and in his 17 year tenure with the Millennium group he worked in Rotorua, Dunedin and most recently Bay of Islands as the Regional Manager for Copthorne Hotel and Resort Waitangi and Kingsgate Hotel Paihia. He brings a strong background in leadership and a passion for the tourism Industry achieving high standards having established the Qualmark Environmental Gold for Copthorne Bay of Island.

"One of my assets is to be able to give people a chance. I strongly believe in people management. Get to know your staff and their mana. Celebrate in their success no matter how little or great it is. I was an Executive member of Business Paihia, Creator of the Bay of Islands Taste of the North Food, Wine and Craft Beer festival, Committee Member of the Otago Chamber of Commerce and President of the Dunedin Technical Association Football Club (AFC)," says Andrew.

Andrew and his wife Debbie are excited by what the Cook Islands has to offer and the opportunity to make a difference. He is looking forward to the challenges of leading the teams at two Iconic Cook Islands Resorts and the journey of implementing the Island Hotels Group's Strategic Roadmap into the future.

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