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HACHETTE UK ACQUIRES KOGAN PAGE

London, UK — 1 May, 2026 — Hachette UK today announced the acquisition of Kogan Page, a leading publisher of award-winning business books by global experts. The sale is in accordance with the shareholders' agreement signed on 30 April 2026. As part of its ongoing strategic expansion, the acquisition now positions Hachette as the second-largest publisher of business books in the UK.

Founded in 1967, Kogan Page has built a reputation for publishing authoritative content across business, management, marketing, human resources, and professional development. With a strong international presence, an independent spirit, and a growing digital portfolio, Kogan Page complements Hachette UK's existing strengths and aligns with the longer-term strategy to diversify into specialist areas by acquiring publishers who are leaders in their field, including Welbeck, Paperblanks, Bookouture, Jessica Kingsley Publishers, Laurence King, Summersdale and Short Books.

David Shelley, CEO of Hachette UK, said: *'At Hachette, we like to acquire businesses which are exceptional at what they do - and Kogan Page absolutely fits this brief. With 60 years of top-class business publishing, we've admired them for a very long time. I'd like to thank Helen Kogan and her family for entrusting us with their storied business. I know it will thrive under the stewardship of Nick Davies and Sanphy Thomas, and I feel confident we will be able to find even more readers for this unique list.'*

Helen Kogan, Managing Director at Kogan Page, added: *'I couldn't think of a better home for Kogan Page than Hachette. After nearly sixty years of ownership by the Kogan family we are delighted to know that a new phase for the company will be with an organisation that shares many of our core values and aspirations for the company and its authors. Although it*

is with much sadness that our ownership is coming to an end, we are totally confident that the future remains very bright for the company within the John Murray Group.'

Nick Davies, Managing Director, John Murray Group, said: *'Sanphy and I have been fans of Helen and great admirers of the Kogan Page list for many years now. We're thrilled to welcome Kogan Page and their impressive stable of global authors to the John Murray Group. It feels like a perfect match!'*

Sanphy Thomas, MD of John Murray Specialist, said: *'I'm looking forward to welcoming the Kogan Page team. The John Murray Group brings together a diverse and highly respected portfolio of imprints from Jessica Kingsley and Sheldon Press to John Murray Business and Hodder Faith. Through deep engagement with our communities, we have built strong expertise in reaching global audiences, something Kogan Page does admirably as well, so I'm excited to see how far our collective strengths can take us.'*

Following the acquisition, Kogan Page will become part of the John Murray Group and continue to operate as a distinct publishing brand within the division, maintaining its market-leading focus while benefiting from Hachette's global distribution, marketing capabilities, and technological infrastructure.

Bertoli Mitchell advised the Kogan family shareholders in this transaction.

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About Kogan Page

Kogan Page is a leading independent publisher of award-winning business books and digital content from global experts, academics and specialist professionals. Founded in 1967, it supports individuals and organisations worldwide by publishing practical,

authoritative content that helps practitioners build skills, deepen industry knowledge and succeed in an evolving business world.

About Hachette UK

Our mission at Hachette UK is to make it easy for everyone to discover new worlds of ideas, learning, entertainment and opportunity.

We are the second-largest publishing group in the UK, with 10 autonomous divisions and over 50 imprints, each with a rich and dynamic history. We are the market leader in e-books and publish a range of bestsellers in audio format, the fastest-growing part of our business.

We publish thousands of new books across the group every year, and our authors include Rebecca Yarros, Alice Oseman, John Grisham, Adam Kay, Stephen King, David Nicholls, Ian Rankin, J.K. Rowling and Malala Yousafzai.

Our award-winning adult publishing divisions are Little, Brown, Orion, John Murray Group, Hodder & Stoughton, Headline, Bookouture and Octopus. Hachette Children's Group publishes a diverse range of books for children of all ages and Hachette Learning is a market leader in resources for both primary and secondary schools. In 2022, we welcomed Paperblanks, the second-largest premium stationery brand in the world, to our group.

We have offices across the UK, including our headquarters in London and the Hely Hutchinson Centre (HHC) in Didcot for distribution. We have thriving businesses in several other regions, including Australia, India, Ireland, Jamaica and New Zealand.