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**Statement from Caprice Holdings Limited in response to recent allegations  
over J Sheekey serving endangered fish**

Caprice Holdings Limited wishes to vehemently deny that its restaurant J Sheekey, or any of its other properties have served fish from the “red list” of endangered species, contrary to what has appeared online and in the UK national press in recent days.

A survey published by More4 about fish sustainability, has accused a number of establishments, including J Sheekey, of serving threatened varieties of fish. Furthermore, Fish2fork.com, an online guide for food, has also criticised J Sheekey this week for offering Beluga caviar on its menu, which comes from wild sturgeon. This claim is untrue and the restaurant would never offer produce coming from a species that was under threat of extinction.

Caprice Holdings regularly scrutinises its fish suppliers and their suppliers to ensure that the produce that is purchased by the restaurants in the Group is sustainable and complies with conservation guidelines.

Des McDonald, Caprice Holdings CEO confirms, “We are committed at all our restaurants to serving sustainable fish to our patrons and we will react strenuously against these false claims made”.

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