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Claim No: CFI 066/2024

THE DUBAI INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE COURTS

IN THE COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE

BETWEEN:

(1) KLESTA ESHJA

(2) HAIR CREATORS SALON LLC

Claimants

and

(1) SALAH MASRI a.k.a SALAH MOHAMED ADEL AL MASRI

**(2) HAIR CRAFTERS COMPANY LTD (TRADING NAME THE GROVE SALONS) a.k.a
HAIR BY SALAH**

(3) LULIIA VALIULLINA

(4) HAIR BY ROJIN SALON LTD

Defendants

ORDER OF H.E. JUSTICE THOMAS BATHURST

UPON hearing counsel for the Claimants and counsel for the Defendants at the Case Management Conferences held before H.E. Justice Thomas Bathurst on 3 March 2025, 17 July 2025 and 31 July 2025

AND UPON the Second and Third Defendants' Amended Defence dated 4 August 2025

AND UPON the First Defendant's Amended Defence with Counterclaim dated 5 August 2025

AND UPON the Order of H.E. Justice Thomas Bathurst dated 7 August 2025

AND UPON the Defendants' Application No. CFI-066-2024/6 dated 12 August 2025, seeking permission to file an amended statement of defence

AND UPON the Claimants' Application No. CFI-066-2024/7 dated 25 August 2025, seeking permission to (i) strike out the Amended Defence and Counterclaim of the First, Second and Third Defendants (the "Strike Out Application") and (ii) security for costs (the "Security for Costs Application")

AND UPON hearing counsel for the Claimants, counsel for the First, Second and Third Defendants, and counsel for the Fourth Defendant at the Case Management Conference before H.E. Justice Thomas Bathurst on 28 August 2025

AND UPON review of all submissions on the Court file

AND UPON reviewing the Rules of the DIFC Courts

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Strike Out Application is granted. The Amended Defences filed by the First, Second, and Third Defendants are struck out.
2. The First, Second, and Third Defendants are granted liberty to re-plead. Any proposed amended Defence shall be filed in draft form and shall not be formally accepted unless and until approved by the Court.
3. The time for the First, Second, and Third Defendants to provide their draft Defences is extended to **4pm on Wednesday, 24 September 2025.**
4. Any amended Defence filed by the First, Second, and Third Defendants shall be accompanied by an Affidavit sworn by their instructing solicitor:
 - (a) confirming that the pleading has not been drafted with the assistance of Artificial Intelligence; or

- (b) to the extent Artificial Intelligence has been used, identifying the areas in which it has been used and confirming that the accuracy of such material has been verified.
5. The First, Second, and Third Defendants shall pay the Claimants' costs of the Strike Out Application. The Claimants are to file a statement of costs of no longer than 3 pages by no later than **4pm on Monday, 8 September 2025**.
 6. The Fourth Defendant shall file and serve his Defence, such filing being without prejudice to his stated intention to apply to strike out the Claim against him, by no later than **4pm on Wednesday, 24 September 2025**.
 7. A further Case Management Conference shall be listed on a date to be determined by the Court and convenient to the parties (the "Fifth CMC").
 8. The issue of discovery, to the extent the Claimants regard it as inadequate, is stood over to the Fifth CMC. The Claimants are invited, prior to the Fifth CMC, to submit any specific request to produce the material they consider remains undisclosed or inadequate.
 9. The Security for Costs Application is deferred.
 10. The parties are encouraged to consider engaging in mediation prior to the Fifth CMC.

Issued by:
Hayley Norton
Assistant Registrar
Date of issue: 4 September 2025
At: 10am

