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To the Members, Board and Staff of FC United of Manchester,



“Since the very first days in 2005, FC United have blazed a trail for a democratic, sustainable, community-focused way of running a football club. ‘Doing things differently’ has not simply been a slogan, it has defined every one of FC’s activities, on and off the pitch. You’ve inspired like-minded clubs and supporters’ groups alike, and the FC United story is one that we at SD Europe draw upon time and time again as part of our mission to promote the member-run model across the continent. From raising finance, to building partnerships in the local community, to ensuring active member involvement in the day-to-day life of the club – FCUM are truly pioneering a better way for our game, and we’re proud to consider you part of the network of member-run clubs and supporters’ groups. FC United embodies the type of football we are all fighting for – onwards and upwards!” – **SD Europe**

And also from our friends across Europe:



“Warm wishes from Associação de Adeptos Sportinguistas on FCUM's tenth anniversary! Your history stands out as an example of how our dreams should guide our lives. You are a lasting reference to everyone who loves our game. Long live FCUM! Greetings from Portugal.” – **Associação de Adeptos Sportinguistas**



“Leaving your club after it’s been boarded by the cold power of money, without a doubt, leaves a scar on a fan’s heart. Building your own club with your entire community, you have softened the edges of that scar to the extent that your heart now beats with an even greater joy than before. What you have accomplished is no less than an inspiration to fans throughout the world: you don’t own your club, FC United of Manchester, you are your club! Your own new ground will take this fan experience to the next level. Congratulations! The lads from ACT as ONE, pioneering for fans in Royal Antwerp FC” – **ACT As ONE**



“Many congratulations to you and all people involved at FC United of Manchester with the promotion to the Conference North! A true inspirational force for all fan-owned clubs in the UK and across Europe. Success on the pitch with the promotion and off the pitch with the new stadium. It doesn't come easy, we know that already. A truly magnificent achievement which made fans of all fan-owned clubs proud. We hope to visit Broadhurst Park next season.” – **YB SK Beveren**



"What you've achieved is inspiring for thousands of Spanish football fans who believe in supporters' ownership as the proper way to manage our game. We wish you all the best in your new home in Moston, which in some way will also be our new home." – **FASFE**



"Israfans send our best regards to FC United. Building your own home is an amazing reason for celebrating (second to winning promotion)." – **Israfans**



"FC United is a symbol and role model to the supporters trusts. We wish you the best." – **The Green Heart Trust**



Dear FC United of Manchester fans: We would like to congratulate you on your new stadium and wish you long hours of happy football, beer and friendship on Saturdays. Cheers" – **Beitar Nordia Jerusalem**



To our friends at FC United of Manchester: Best wishes on this very proud day. Here's hoping the next 10 years are even better! – **The Board, Staff and Supporters of Cork City FC**



"We wish you a great time inside your new "Wohnzimmer"! Hopefully it will be witness of a glory and prosperous upcoming future of FC United!" – **Unsere Kurve**



"FC United of Manchester! What a great idea. A dream come true! All the best!" HFC Falke e.V



"Our sincerest congratulations to FC United of Manchester on the day of the opening of your new stadium on the day marking the victory in the 1968 European Cup Final. As a democratically run football club, supporter owned, and now with Broadhurst Park as your very own stadium... you are the pride of England. We from the land of the 50 + 1 rule, where all supporters own their clubs, congratulate you on your day and wish you many happy and prosperous times." – **Svenskafotbollssupporterunionen**



"FCUM is a model for supporters trust in Italy. We believe that owning your own football club is the best way and safest way to guarantee it in the long-term, since the fans are the heart of the game. FCUM is a best practice that give Italian fans a hope for the future, based on the values of supporters' participation, democracy, transparency, recognition, and respect. We wish you all the best." – **Supporters in Campo**

Yours in friendship,



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YB SK Beveren; ACT As ONE (Belgium)  
 Conseil National des Supporters (France)  
 Unsere Kurve; HFC Falke e.V (Germany)  
 Cork City FC; The 1895 Trust (Ireland)  
 Israfans; The Green Heart Trust; Beitard Nordia Jerusalem (Israel)  
 Supporters in Campo; Cava United (Italy)  
 Supporterscollectief FC Groningen (Netherlands)  
 Wielka Polonia (Poland)  
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