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## GRAND CASINO CLUB NORTHERN CYPRUS CHOOSES ABBIATI TABLES

Grand Casino Club has selected Abbiati Casino Equipment tables for its new Casino in Nicosia. Abbiati has already fully equipped two Casinos for Grand Casino Club in 2007, Casino Mercure and Casino Merit, both with Abbiati deluxe American Roulette, Black Jack, Poker and Stud Poker tables. "The tables are a mixture of our two-level high-security blackjack and our single-level sit-down models. All the tables are in solid mahogany and are extra deluxe style, finished in piano polyester high gloss finish", said Terry Clarke, Abbiati Commercial Director.

Grand Casino Club Northern Cyprus has introduced a new corporate logo for all layouts used in its clubs and uses Abbiati high quality wool layouts personalized with a new embroidered Casino logo in gold and red metallic thread.

"We operate 110 Tables at all our Casinos. All the tables are from Abbiati and we will use Abbiati tables for our new Casino Merit Nicosia. Abbiati tables are the best for their elegance and design, security and luxury. We will continue to expand and are planning to open two more Hotels and Casinos in Kyrenia over the next few years", explained Nuh Yoldem, Gaming Director of Grand Casino Club.

Giorgio Abbiati, Abbiati's Managing Director, said: "We are extremely pleased by the repeated business of Grand Casino Club who have selected Abbiati as their table supplier, which proves that our high quality and attention to detail is essential to meet our customer's requirements and gain their continuity. We provide a total turnkey solution to international Casino operators and always supply the same quality and service in all our products, from roulette wheels, to tables, chips and accessories, all manufactured and designed in Italy".



Casino Mercure was equipped by Abbiati



Aydogan Turay, Managing Director of Grand Casino Club; Kemal Sagindik, Manager of Casino Mercure, and Nuh Yoldem, Gaming Director of Grand Casino Club

## CIRSA RECEIVES INTERNATIONALISATION PRIZE

The Cirsa Group was awarded the *Carlos Ferrer Salat 2008* prize by Fomento del Trabajo. The award was conceded in the internationalisation category, because of its expansion over several continents during 30 years of activity.

Group Chairman, Manuel Lao, accepted the prize on 28 April last, at a gala dinner at the Catalonian National Museum of Art, in front of over 700 guests.



Manuel Lao, Chairman of CIRSA, flanked by executives from Fomento del Trabajo, Joan Rosell, Chairman and Eusebi Cima, of the Executive Committee

## NOVOMATIC WINS AUSTRIAN EXPORT TRADE AWARD 2008

To mark the celebration of the 15th "Austrian Export Day" the country's Foreign Export Association nominated the most successful Austrian export companies. Dr Christoph Leitl, President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, and Dr. Martin Bartenstein, Minister of Economic Affairs, presented the prestigious awards that were founded by the Chamber of Commerce. The award in the category "Trade" was won by the Novomatic Holding, whose CEO Dr Franz Wohlfahrt was among the invited dignitaries. Novomatic, with more than 10,400 staff worldwide, a turnover of EUR 2.1 billion in 2007 and Europe's largest Gaming Group, was elected winner of the "Austrian Export Trade Award 2008".



Minister of Economic Affairs Dr. Martin Bartenstein, Novomatic CEO Dr. Franz Wohlfahrt, President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber Dr. Christoph Leitl

## NOVOMATIC WINS CASINO BARCELONA NOVO MULTI-ROULETTE™ RE-ORDER

Novomatic Gaming Spain has delivered and implemented a comprehensive electronic Roulette re-order at Casino Barcelona. The first Spanish Novo Multi-Roulette™ installation with 24 individual player terminals and a fully automated Roulette wheel was an instant success and became a definite favourite among the Casino's guests.

Accordingly, the Casino decided to extend its electronic table gaming offer and order a further 24 terminals and a second wheel.

The comprehensive electronic Roulette installation, based on the server-based Novo Unity™ multiplayer platform, now features two fully automated Roulette wheels, each with 24 individual

Slant Top touchscreen terminals, four of which have been positioned in a separate smoking area.



Casino Barcelona's Slot Director Eduardo Cuenca and Jordi Pedragosa, Sales Director Novomatic Gaming Spain

## RECORD NUMBER OF VISITORS AT HOLLAND CASINO

In 2007 Holland Casino welcomed a total of 7.5 million visits, almost 8% up on 2006. However, net operating turnover was EUR 85.6 million, 4.1% down on 2006. This is due mainly to the facts that visitors are spending less money and, to a greater extent, on increased taxation. In 2007 Holland Casino paid a total of EUR 268.2 to the Dutch treasury.



Casino Eindhoven, Holland Casino

## SUZO-HAPP GROUP ACQUIRES SUZO POLSKA

Suzo-Happ Group has completed the acquisition of Suzo Polska, located in Wysogotowo, Poland. Suzo Polska, a distributor of parts and components for gaming equipment in Poland, has grown very rapidly during the last several years. The company will operate as part of Suzo International, the European arm of the Suzo-Happ Group, with the same local leadership responsible for its recent growth. The Suzo Polska facility will be expanded in 2008. Suzo Polska is the eighth company to become part of the Suzo-Happ Group. All eight companies combine to strengthen Suzo-Happ's position as the leading global supplier of amusement and gaming parts and accessories with over 30,000 SKUs, customers in 80 countries, and more than 600 employees in 14 locations.



Tomasz Andrzejewski, General Manager Suzo Polska, and Marcel Oelen, Managing Director of Suzo International

## CASINO GRAN MADRID AT THE FOREFRONT OF EUROPEAN POKER

Casino Gran Madrid has hosted several major international poker tourists during the month of May. First up was the "Eurocity Poker Tour-Madrid 2008", with 200 of the current best players of Texas Hold'em No Limit. Another event was the "Unibet Open Madrid", with 300 players from 19 countries. One of the biggest names was Russian chess Grand Master Alexander Grischuk, finalist in the last absolute World Championship and world fast game champion. The tournament paid out prizes totalling €450,000. Both tournaments were a massive success, with a great many players and a high level of competition. Another success for Spain's major Casino.



Diva's bar, Casino Gran Madrid

## AECJ INCREASES ITS REPRESENTATION

The Spanish Casinos, Gaming and Betting Association has joined the Spanish Casinos Association (AECJ), and now represents the interests of 26 Casinos. This is 85% of the sector, employing some 5,500 professionals. The AECJ is headed by Mr. Angel Maria Escolano.

During his mandate the association has achieved great achievements for the Spanish Casino Industry.

"New challenges, such as remote games and foreign macro-investment, with freer and more agile business models, require serious reflection on the design of the sector. This can only be done when the sector is represented by a single organisation. Joining this association will give us a single voice to represent the interests of Casino operators", explained Heliodoro Giner, General Secretary of the AECJ.



Ángel Maria Escolano, AECJ Chairman and General Manager of Casino Gran Madrid, Casino Torrequibrada and Casino Cartagena.

## EUROPEAN UNION REJECTS ITALY'S ONLINE GAMING PROJECT

The European Commission has rejected the draft bill presented by Italy to regulate online gaming, as it considers the requirements demanded from operators to be excessive. Other matters with which the European Commission disagreed included the licence fee of €300,000, considering it too high, and the requirement that the operator is to remain in contact with a Government-provided central system or an official data centre. According to the European Commission, these conditions limit the entry of foreign operators.

## CARO DÉVELOPPEMENT, CUSTOM SOLUTIONS FOR CASINOS!

A manufacturer of gaming equipment in France since 1816, Caro Développement continues to add to its know-how in Casino equipment right down to the last detail. Its positioning lays great emphasis on research and development, in order to continue to extend its range of



Millenium Poker

products and offer made-to-measure finishes, always paying careful attention to achieving a high level of quality.

With this in mind, Caro Développement has just launched a new mother-of-pearl effect finish for its wooden tables, available in ten main colours, which gives texture to the material and plays in the light. This mother-of-pearl finish has already seen great success with customers: two English roulette tables in blue mother of pearl were sold to Casino Barrière at Enghien, 19 poker tables in grey, cream and black are about to be delivered to ACF

and two tables in grey are already in the Casino in Carry-Le-Rouet.

Additionally, Caro Développement is working on a new range of tables to be released shortly, the design of which will rival its New Millennium range. The company has decided to widen its area of activity and to diversify in the near future by offering Casinos a range of "turnkey" furniture for hotels, restaurants, bars, etc.

New horizons, therefore, for this company whose aim is to respond to its customers requirements and those of the market.



Millenium Black Jack Double



Casinos Austria board

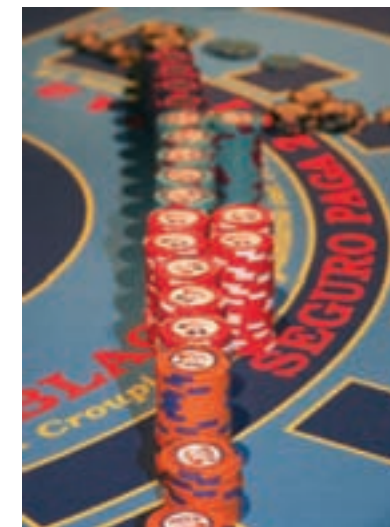
## CAI REPORTS RECORD RESULTS FOR 2007

Casinos Austria International (CAI) announced record results for the year 2007. Aggregate revenues (win, registered tips, entrance) at the 66 Casino operations around the globe wholly or partly owned and/or managed by CAI rose by 10.7 % year-on-year to a record EUR 1.1 billion (2006: EUR 990 million), exceeding the EUR 1 billion mark for the first time in the company's 30-year history. Guest numbers for the period at these Casinos increased by 5.4 % to 17.5 million (2006: 16.6 million).

## RITZIO OPENS ITS FIRST GAMING CLUB IN SERBIA

Ritzio International has opened its first gaming club in Serbia. The company has launched a 330-square-meter facility featuring 51 gaming machine and entertainment services in the country's capital, Belgrade.

"In Serbia we follow the same development strategy we have been using across Europe. We intend to build a nationwide network of modern gaming clubs for those who enjoy social life", says Vitaly Veselko, Ritzio CEO. The Company's most immediate plans include opening two more clubs in Belgrade in June. At present, Ritzio International operates over 570 venues including Casinos, gaming clubs and entertainment centres in fifteen countries in Europe, the CIS, and Latin America.



## BIG EARNINGS FOR SWISS CASINOS

The 19 Casinos (7 Class A and 12 Class B) operating in Switzerland took a gross total of EUR 660 million last year. In 2007, average taxes collected were 61% of total gross takings.



## ENGLAND BINGO HALLS COULD BE TURNED INTO MINI CASINOS

Bingo halls could be turned into mini casinos under government plans to revive the industry. Owners will be able to install eight fruit machines with £500 jackpots to try to attract new customers. The move follows record numbers of halls closing - 100 have shut since 2004. There are now 600. Sports minister Gerry Sutcliffe said: "The machines will provide much needed help to struggling clubs. The clubs play a crucial role in many communities." Bingo Association boss Paul Talboys welcomed the news. He said: "Ministers have at last recognised the valuable role that bingo clubs play".

## HIT CASINOS GROUP CHOOSES BALLY SOLUTIONS FOR ITS GAMING CENTRES IN SLOVENIA

Bally Technologies has announced that the Hit Group has selected Bally's Networked Floor of the Future systems solutions for its high-speed, Ethernet gaming floors at its gaming and entertainment centres in Slovenia. Bally will install its full Casino management and slot management systems solutions along with its iVIEW network that will ultimately deliver interactive player content to each of the Hit Group's 3,300 gaming machines.

The company will complete its first installation at the Hit Group's largest gaming and entertainment centre, the Perla Hotel & Casino in Nova Gorica, in the first quarter of 2009.



Perla Hotel & Casino in Nova Gorica

## INTERVISION GAMING EXPANDING THROUGHOUT EUROPEAN MARKET

Intervision Gaming UK has announced the successful approval of their application for an adult gaming centre license (type-A) and gaming machine technical license (type-

A) by the United Kingdom gaming board. These licenses will allow Intervision Gaming to operate, manufacture, commercialize and repair gaming machines. These licenses were applied for under the new legislation covering the English gaming industry. Intervision Gaming UK is looking forward to its positive contribution to the English gaming industry and to introducing a new and exciting range of products.

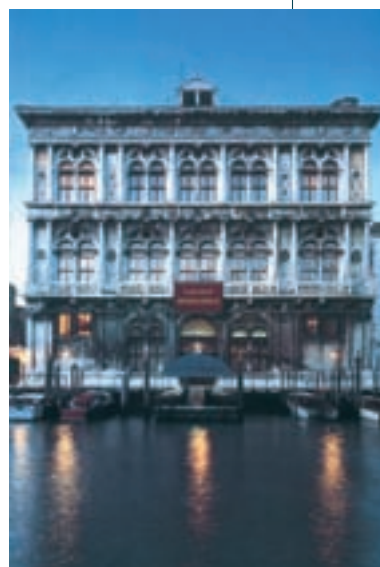


Intervision Gaming executives

## 2008 EUROPEAN DEALER CHAMPIONSHIP A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

Top dealers from 16 European countries demonstrated their skills at the Blackjack and American Roulette tables in the Finals of the European Dealer Championship held at Casinò di Venezia in Italy from 2-3 April. The competition remained captivating right to the end, with Mauro Zaia from Casinò di Venezia in Italy finally emerging the winner in an intense final round and taking home the top prize of a trip to Las Vegas. Runner-up was Bob van der Heul (Holland Casino, the Netherlands), closely followed by Klara Kiss (Casino Cosmopol, Sweden) in third place.

The 2009 European Dealer Championship will be held from 21-22 April 2009 in Casino Cosmopol, Sweden.



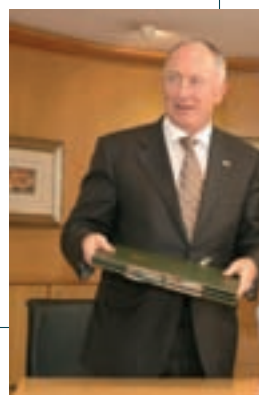
Casinò di Venezia



Casino St. Gallen

## BULGARIANS PLACE SUBSTANTIAL ORDERS FOR POKERPRO

Aristocrat Technologies has confirmed a series of contracts for significant numbers of PokerPro tables in Bulgaria. The contracts cover the 23 tables that are currently installed along with several more to be installed in the coming months.



Dermot Ahern, Irish Minister for Justice

## MORE CONTROL FOR IRISH CASINOS

Dermot Ahern, Irish Minister for Justice, has come down in favour of loosening gaming laws in order to legalise Casinos and to create a new regulatory body for games of chance. "The current laws are out of date", he said, although he indicated that no changes will be made until there is agreement between the parties and the population has been consulted. Ahern considers that the almost 50 private member clubs operating in the country must be regulated as fairly as possible. The Irish Parliament has also approved a law against money laundering, under which clubs will be governed by European accountancy standards, with checks to detect money laundering and possible sanctions of up to 14 months imprisonment. In 2006, the 10,105 licenses for prize slots paid EUR 2,778,377 million to the State in taxes. The figures for 2007 are not yet available, although government spokespeople say they will be even higher.