

Gambling Authorities grant SAZKA Group permission to acquire shares in Casinos Austria AG

Post closing of the acquisition of the additional shares, the indirect stake of the SAZKA Group in Casinos Austria increases to 34%

Vienna, 27 December 2017 – In December 2017, CAME Holding GmbH, a wholly owned subsidiary of the SAZKA Group, received the approvals of all outstanding national and international gambling authorities to acquire the indirect shares of LEIPNIK-LUNDENBURG INVEST Beteiligungs AG (LLI) and the UNIQA Beteiligungs-Holding GmbH (UNIQA) of Casinos Austria AG. SAZKA Group has received all the necessary regulatory approvals from authorities in Austria, Australia and Switzerland to complete the share purchase in Casinos Austria AG as agreed in January 2017. At close SAZKA Group will have an indirect stake of 34%.

A general assembly of Casinos Austria AG, which is legally required for the closing of the acquisition, has been convened for 15 January 2018. This general assembly marks the final step towards the complete settlement of the share transactions with LLI and UNIQA.

Robert Chvátal, CEO of the SAZKA Group said, "*Obtaining the approvals is an excellent end to a year of intensive work with the competent authorities and all shareholders of Casinos Austria AG. In our role as the largest and strategic shareholder, we look forward to continuing our record of successful cooperation with all other shareholders to secure the long-term financial success of the company.*"

Notes to editors

The SAZKA Group is one of Europe's largest lottery and gaming operators with household brands in Austria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Greece and Italy. The aggregate annual amount of bets placed with companies in which the SAZKA Group holds an ownership interest are in excess of EUR 16 billion served through over 62 000 points of sale and offered under respective licences. 100% of the SAZKA Group gaming revenue is regulated and subject to applicable gaming tax. The SAZKA Group is strongly committed to responsible gaming, player protection and corporate social responsibility. The Company is owned by two international investment groups, KKCG and EMMA Capital.

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