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**Dominic Harrison, Gala Group Trading Director, appointed to Board**

Gala Group Ltd ('Gala'), one of the UK's leading gaming company, today announces the appointment to the Group Board of Dominic Harrison, Gala's Trading Director.

Dominic joined Gala in June 2004. Having qualified as a Chartered Accountant with KPMG in 1988, he joined Grand Metropolitan plc in Corporate Finance before career development took him into Marketing and Brand Management on Haagen-Dazs, Green Giant and Pillsbury in the UK and Europe. In 1997 he moved to Bass plc as International Marketing Director for Bass Brewers before moving into General Management as Director and General Manager in Bass Leisure Retail. He then took the role of Commercial Director at Ladbrokes – the betting and gaming division of Hilton Group plc.

**Commenting on today's announcement, Neil Goulden, Gala Group Chief Executive, said:**

*"Dominic's appointment to the Board not only recognises his significant contribution to the Group's development over the last year but also underpins Gala's commitment to maximising the opportunities in a modernised gaming environment and identifying new areas of growth open to us. This appointment further strengthens our Board and we are looking forward to the continued benefit from Dominic's experience and judgement in the future."*

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**Notes to editors:**

Gala Group, one of the UK's leading leisure operators, is headquartered in Nottingham and has over 10,000 employees. The Group's principal business is the operation of bingo clubs and casinos. Gala Bingo operates 166 UK bingo clubs with over 6 million members. Gala Casinos has 28 sites in the UK, in addition to casinos on the Isle of Man and Gibraltar.

Gala Group was formed after a management buy-in from Bass in 1997. Candover and Cinven acquired the Group in January 2003 for £1.24 billion. In August 2005 Permira bought a stake in Gala valuing the company at £1.89bn. [www.galagroup.co.uk](http://www.galagroup.co.uk)