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**Rank appoints Mark Jones as managing director of Mecca Bingo**

The Rank Group Plc ('Rank' or the 'Group') has appointed Mark Jones as managing director of Mecca Bingo, its British bingo clubs business.

Jones, 48, has held a number of senior management posts in the leisure industry, including chief executive of Pizza Hut UK (while at Whitbread PLC), chief executive of Yates Group plc and most recently as executive chairman of Premium Bars and Restaurants PLC.

Commenting on the appointment, Rank chief executive, Ian Burke said: "Mecca Bingo has faced a number of challenges in recent years but, having stabilised performance we are now seeking to move forward, broadening our customer reach through product and service innovation. Mark's extensive experience in the leisure retail sector will be invaluable to us as he leads Mecca Bingo into this new phase in its development."

Mecca Bingo operates 103 licensed bingo clubs in Great Britain, serving approximately 900,000 customers each year. The brand is also available online via [meccabingo.com](http://meccabingo.com), which is operated by Rank Interactive.

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Rank is a leading European gaming business, head-quartered in the UK and listed on the London Stock Exchange (RNK.L). The Group's principal activities are the operation of bingo clubs and casinos in the UK with complementary on-line gaming and bookmaking services. For more information about The Rank Group, visit [www.rank.com](http://www.rank.com).