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Rank appoints new casinos director

The Rank Group Plc ('Rank' or the 'Group') has appointed Chris Hopkins to the newly created role of operational and commercial director for the Group's Grosvenor Casinos business.

As the Grosvenor casino business expands, lead by the growth in the G casino brand, Chris will be responsible for continuing to develop new innovative offerings to customers and looking at ways to drive commercial growth.

Chris, 44, has held a number of senior operations positions within the travel and leisure sector, including commercial director at Whitbread, Scottish & Newcastle and most recently Arriva.

Phil Urban, managing director of Grosvenor Casinos, said: "In recent years we have made considerable progress in broadening the scope of what we offer to customers. Chris is an experienced and skilled leisure retailer and his arrival adds greater depth to what is already a very strong team as we seek to drive our business forward."

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About The Rank Group Plc

The Rank Group Plc is a leading European gaming and betting business, based in the UK and listed on the London Stock Exchange (RNK.L). Its principal activities are the operation of bingo clubs and casinos with complementary interactive gaming and bookmaking services.

Rank's operations comprise:

- **Grosvenor Casinos** – 35 casinos in Great Britain; two casinos in Belgium
- **Mecca Bingo** – 103 bingo clubs in Great Britain
- **Top Rank Espana** – 11 bingo clubs in Spain
- **Rank Interactive** – online and mobile gaming and betting. Branded websites include bluesq.com, meccabingo.com and gcasino.com.

In 2008, Rank's businesses received more than 20 million customer visits and the Group employed around 8,000 team members.

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