

PRESS RELEASE:

Novomatic AG and Sazka Group agreed on a sale of Novomatic's shares in Casinos Austria AG.

Sazka Group invites ÖBAG to form long term strategic partnership. Best solution for CASAG.

Vienna, December 10, 2019: Novomatic AG reached today an agreement with regards to the sale of its 17,19 % shares in CASAG to Sazka Group, subject to certain conditions precedent including regulatory approvals and rights of other CASAG shareholders. This transaction is in the best interest of CASAG to has key and long-term shareholders aligned.

The last six months have shown that clear ownership is essential to successful business.

Novomatic AG will further keep its 11% shares in Österreichische Lotterien GmbH.

Sazka Group publicly assures and promises to OBAG fair Supervisory and Management Board representation for the future, regardless of size of Sazka Group shareholding in CASAG.

Harald Neumann, Novomatic AG CEO says:

"The previous ownership structure has led to no satisfactory development of Casinos Austria. As the smallest major shareholder, we have therefore decided to sell our CASAG shares in order to allow CASAG a clear ownership structure. It is important to enable a stable and sustainable shareholder structure that secures the company in the long term for the future challenges of national and global markets".

Robert Chvatal, Sazka Group CEO says:

„We believe it is the best solution for the company. We want to ensure stable positive development for CASAG in a long-term partnership of its two biggest shareholders.

We are committed to work jointly with OBAG and CASAG team to achieve well-being for its customers, employees and communities we do business with. We are prepared to focus on CASAG business and bring innovations to the market.“