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Responsible Gambling Trust announces new trustee

Peter Brooks, President and Chief Operating Officer of Genting UK plc is to join the Responsible Gambling Trust as a trustee and company director. He replaces Carl Leaver, Chief Executive of GalaCoral who stepped down in September.

Neil Goulden, Chairman of the Responsible Gambling Trust said: "We are delighted to have Peter join our already strong Board of Trustees. It is important that we have the right balance of skills and experience to ensure we always act in the best interests of the charity and its beneficiaries, and Peter's experience of operating casinos in Britain allied to a very successful legal career will be particularly helpful."

"The Responsible Gambling Trust understands the need to generate widespread trust and credibility in its independence and integrity, particularly in view of the investment of both fundraising and commissioning functions in a single, industry-funded body. Peter's appointment will help to give further confidence in our ability to achieve this."

Peter Brooks said: "The Responsible Gambling Trust has put in place robust governance arrangements including appointing wholly independent trustees. However, it is equally important to ensure that the industry has full confidence in the charity and its objectives, and I very much hope that my experience of the British gambling industry in particular will be helpful in this regard."

Peter will take up his new role from 1 October.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

- The Responsible Gambling Trust is the leading charity in the UK committed to minimising gambling-related harm. As an independent national charity funded by donations from the gambling industry, the Responsible Gambling Trust funds education, prevention and treatment services and commissions research to broaden public understanding of gambling-related harm. The aim is to stop people getting into problems with their gambling, and ensure that those that do develop problems receive fast and effective treatment and support. (www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk).
- Peter Brooks is President and Chief Operating Officer of Genting UK plc, a wholly owned subsidiary of Genting Maylasia and one of the largest operators of casinos in the UK. Genting UK plc employs 4,000 staff in more than 40 clubs including Crockfords in London, the oldest private members' gaming club in the world, and has begun work on its Resorts World Birmingham leisure and entertainment development at the NEC in the West Midlands. A former leading corporate lawyer, Peter is also a director of Genting Alderney Limited which owns and operates gentingcasino.com
- The Responsible Gambling Trust raises a minimum of £5million each year from the gambling industry operating in Britain within a voluntary (donation based) system and funds research, education, prevention and treatment services. Funding priorities are guided by the national strategy advised by the [Responsible Gambling Strategy Board \(RGSB\)](#) and endorsed by the Gambling Commission. The latest [strategy](#) was published in December 2012.
- The Responsible Gambling Trust understands the need to generate widespread trust and credibility in its independence and integrity, particularly in view of the investment of both fundraising and commissioning functions in a single, industry-funded body. The Responsible Gambling Trust has put in place robust governance arrangements including:
 - Appointing wholly independent trustees
 - Inviting the Government, the Gambling Commission and the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board (RGSB) to observe Responsible Gambling Trust board and committee meetings
 - Publishing details of how funds will be distributed each year guided by the RGSB's three-year rolling strategy as endorsed by the Gambling Commission
 - Ensuring research is commissioned via an independent research committee in consultation with the RGSB
 - Seeking advice from external experts in collaboration with the RGSB