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## Löwen Entertainment: Start der Roadshow im März

Am 4. März beginnt die Roadshow 2025 von Löwen Entertainment im Berliner Olympiastadion. Laut Unternehmen werden drei weitere Events folgen: am 6. März in der Mewa-Arena in Mainz, am 12. März in der Veltins-Arena in Gelsenkirchen und am 20. März in der WWK-Arena in Augsburg.

#### Das erwartet Sie bei der Roadshow 2025

Bei der Veranstaltungsreihe wird das Binger Unternehmen unter anderem seine neue Softwaregeneration Novoline 2025 präsentieren. "Novoline ist seit Jahren ein Synonym für erstklassige Unterhaltung und Performance. Unsere neue Softwaregeneration unterstreicht diesen Anspruch einmal mehr", sagt Vertriebsdirektor Andreas Hingerl. Ein weiterer Fokus wird auf dem Spielgastkonzept myNovo VIP liegen. "In unserer Branche ist es wichtig, stets neue Impulse zu setzen. Und myNovo VIP hat ganz klar das Potenzial, unsere Branche zu revolutionieren", fügt Hingerl hinzu.

Auf den Roadshow-Events wird Löwen Entertainment auch seine digitalen Lösungen vorstellen. Bei jeder der vier Veranstaltungen bietet das Produktmanagement ein Info-Panel zur Unternehmenssoftware Casinonet. Hier können Unternehmerinnen und Unternehmer alles über die Vorteile der Allround-Lösung für Spielhalle und Gastronomie erfahren. Weitere Highlights sind laut Unternehmensangabe der HB10 von Löwen Dart, die Geldwechsler von Novo Cash sowie das Online-Partnerschaftsmodell Novoline.de.

"Einen besseren Rahmen als die Roadshow, um sich über das aktuelle Produktportfolio von Löwen Entertainment zu informieren, gibt es nicht. Das gilt auch für unsere besonderen Angebote: Denn die Roadshow markiert den Startschuss für ein Feuerwerk an attraktiven Aktionen und Konditionen", sagt Hingerl abschließend. Alle Besucherinnen und Besucher der diesjährigen Roadshow können ein unterhaltsames Rahmenprogramm sowie ein Gastgeschenk erwarten.

## intergameonline.com, 31.01.2025

## Novomatic Gaming UK 'thrilled' with new installations

January 31, 2025 by Richard Hollis









Novomatic Gaming UK declared that it was "thrilled" with the latest installations in collaboration with UK AGC operator City Gaming/Game Nation.



30 Black Edition II cabinets and 31 Thaumic cabinets, featuring B3 NovoLine and Magic Games Premium HD, have now been integrated across City Gaming/Game Nation's arcades.

"We are thrilled to enhance our offering with the installation," said Mark Jepp, CEO at City Gaming/Game Nation. "These products are delivering exceptional performance and have been warmly received by our

"Our partnership with NGUK continues to be invaluable, and this latest rollout further strengthens our commitment to providing the very best in gaming experiences across our AGCs. We look forward to continued success together."

Kevin Temple, director of sales at Novomatic Gaming UK said: "We have worked hard to establish B3 NovoLine integration with a strategy that has worked and is reaping rewards!"

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#### **TOOK PLACE JANUARY 20 - 22**

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In addition to showcasing its products from January 20 to 22, the company obtained four awards during ICE week. The participation also saw the presence of numerous Novomatic subsidiaries and technology partners — such as Novomatic Spain, Novomatic Gaming UK, Novomatic Italia, LÖWEN ENTERTAINMENT, APEX, and Ainsworth Gaming Technology — that showcased their latest products.

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## Greentube expandiert in Brasilien durch Partnerschaft mit bet365



Greentube, die Digital Gaming and Entertainment-Division von NOVOMATIC, hat ihre Präsenz auf dem brasilianischen iGaming-Markt durch eine neue Partnerschaft mit bet365, einem weltweit führenden Online-Gaming-Anbieter, gestärkt. Diese Zusammenarbeit stellt brasilianischen Spielern Greentubes umfangreiches Content-Portfolio vor, nachdem das Land in jüngster Zeit regulatorische Fortschritte im iGaming-Sektor erzielt hat.

Im Rahmen der Vereinbarung ist nun eine Auswahl der beliebten Spiele von Greentube auf der Plattform von bet365 verfügbar, darunter Titel aus der Piggy Prizes™-Reihe und der preisgekrönten Diamond Link™-Serie. Darüber hinaus wurden Klassiker wie Sizzling Hot™ Deluxe, Lucky Spin Jackpots und die Diamond Mystery™-Serie integriert, sodass eine breite Palette bewährter Spiele angeboten wird, die bei Spielern in der Region Anklang finden.

Die Partnerschaft unterstreicht Greentubes laufende Strategie, seine Präsenz in regulierten Märkten in Lateinamerika zu erweitern. Durch das Angebot einer Vielzahl von Spielen, die auf unterschiedliche Spielerpräferenzen zugeschnitten sind, möchte Greentube dem brasilianischen Markt ein erstklassiges Spielerlebnis bieten.

Diese Zusammenarbeit stellt sowohl für Greentube als auch für bet365 einen bedeutenden Meilenstein dar, da Greentube seine hochwertigen Inhalte einem neuen Publikum in Brasilien vorstellen und gleichzeitig weiterhin innovative und ansprechende iGaming-Lösungen für Betreiber weltweit entwickeln kann.

David Bolas, Commercial Director bei Greentube, sagte: "Wir freuen uns, mit einem wichtigen Partner wie bet365 am ersten Tag dieses neu regulierten Marktes an den Start zu gehen. Diese Zusammenarbeit wird es uns ermöglichen, unsere Gaming-Präsenz in Brasilien weiter auszubauen.

"Das neue regulatorische Umfeld stellt eine spannende Gelegenheit dar, weiterhin unsere erstklassigen Gaming-Inhalte anzubieten und gleichzeitig den Spielern ein sicheres und unterhaltsames Erlebnis zu garantieren."

Ein Sprecher von bet365 fügte hinzu: "Wir freuen uns über die Partnerschaft mit Greentube und darüber, deren vielfältiges Spieleangebot auf unsere Plattform in Brasilien zu bringen.

"Greentubes Ruf, Inhalte höchster Qualität zu liefern, passt perfekt zu unserem Engagement, unseren Kunden das beste Spielerlebnis zu bieten. Wir freuen uns auf eine erfolgreiche Partnerschaft, um unser Angebot in diesem spannenden neuen Markt zu erweitern"

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### See also: <u>Greentube renames Ineor subsidiary to Greentube SI</u>

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The operator's global brand is powered by more than 9000 employees with offices in the UK, Brazil, USA, Gibraltar, Malta, Australia, Colombia and Bulgaria.

## casino.org, 27.01.2025

## Deutsche Unternehmen zufrieden mit Auftritt auf der Glücksspielmesse ICE 2025

Die in der vergangenen Woche in Barcelona durchgeführte <u>Glücksspielmesse ICE 2025</u> erfuhr von Besuchern einen großen Zuspruch. Zufrieden äußerten sich auch deutsche Unternehmen wie die Merkur Group und Löwen Entertainment, die auf der ICE 2025 als Aussteller präsent waren.



Aussteller Merkur wertet die ICE 2025 als vollen Erfolg (Bild: Merkur Group)

Die in Bingen am Rhein beheimatete Anbieter Löwen Entertainment unterstrich in einer Abschlussbilanz den Erfolg der Messe. Die vom 20. bis zum 22. Januar durchgeführte ICE habe eine ideale Plattform zur Präsentation von Produkten und Innovationen geboten, so Löwen Entertainment.

Das zum österreichischen Glücksspielkonzern Novomatic gehörende Unternehmen berichtete, auf der ICE eine ideale Plattform gefunden zu haben. Demnach seien die ausgestellten Highlights des aktuellen Portfolios auf ein breites Interesse der Besucher gestoßen.

Entsprechend zufrieden äußerte sich Löwen Entertainments Leiter Produktmanagent, Arthur Stelter:

Die ICE bot uns die Möglichkeit, viele gute Gespräche zu führen. Besonders die Themen Cash Management und Darts fanden beim Fachpublikum großen Anklang. Wir sind begeistert von der Resonanz, die wir erfahren haben.

Den Erfolg unterstützt haben dürfte die Messepräsenz im Umfeld des Mutterkonzerns. So war Löwen Teil der von Novomatic angemieteten Messefläche. Dort präsentierte sich die Unternehmensgruppe mit einem neuen Standdesign, das nach eigenen Aussagen größer als jemals zuvor" gewesen sei.

## Auch Merkur Group zeigt sich sehr zufrieden

Ähnlich positiv wie bei Löwen Entertainment fällt das Fazit des deutschen Wettbewerbers Merkur Group aus. Der ehemals unter dem Namen <u>Gauselmann</u> firmierende Konzern berichtet, dass die hohen, an die ICE gestellten Erwartungen deutlich übertroffen worden seien.

Auch die Merkur Group war mit einem großen Stand auf insgesamt 2.500 Quadratmetern auf der Messe vertreten gewesen. Dieser war nötig, da Merkur mit elf Tochtergesellschaften angereist war.

Dominik Raasch, Mitglied der Geschäftsleitung Merkur Vertrieb, betonte den positiven Aspekt für die gesamte Glücksspielbranche:

Dieser Erfolg hat der gesamten Branche Mut und Optimismus für die kommenden Monate und Jahre gegeben. Die Entscheidung für den Standort Barcelona war für die internationale Glücksspielbranche zweifellos die richtige.

Das habe sich an dem großen Andrang auf dem Messestand gezeigt. Die positive Atmosphäre und das große Aussteller- sowie Besucherinteresse hätten dazu beigetragen, dass Merkur schon jetzt der ICE 2026 gespannt entgegenblicke.

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## Novomatic plant Übernahme der Vikings Casino Gruppe

Die Novomatic AG hat eine Vereinbarung zur Übernahme der französischen Casinogruppe Vikings Casinos SAS unterzeichnet, vorbehaltlich bestimmter Bedingungen wie behördlicher Genehmigungen, heißt es in einer Mitteilung. Mit dem geplanten Erwerb des Unternehmens setze Europas Marktführer seine internationale Wachstumsstrategie fort.

#### Wachstum und Weiterentwicklung

Mit diesem strategischen Schritt führe das österreichische Unternehmen seine internationale Wachstumsstrategie auf dem französischen Markt fort und erweitere das Portfolio in einer der größten Glücksspielregionen Europas. Die Vikings Casinos Gruppe, mit Sitz in Falaise, sei laut Pressemitteilung eine der führenden französischen Casino-Ketten. Dazu würden mehr als zehn Live-Game-Casinos in ganz Frankreich gehören, unter anderem an der Côte d'Azur.

"Mit dem Erwerb von Vikings Casinos setzen wir unsere internationale Wachstumsstrategie konsequent fort und stärken unsere führende Position am europäischen Gaming-Markt. Denn mit diesem Schritt haben wir erfolgreich den Grundstein für weiteres nachhaltiges Wachstum in Frankreich gelegt", erklärt Stefan Krenn, Vorstand von Novomatic. Die Übernahme durch Novomatic eröffne für Vikings Casinos neue Möglichkeiten für Wachstum und Weiterentwicklung. "Wir sind zuversichtlich, dass die Integration in ein so erfahrenes und erfolgreiches Unternehmen wie Novomatic uns helfen wird, unsere Position auf dem französischen Markt weiter zu stärken. Diese Veränderung wird es uns ermöglichen, noch effizienter zu arbeiten und von den Ressourcen und der Expertise des neuen Eigentümers zu profitieren", betont Luc Le Borgne, CEO von Vikings Casinos.

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## @ G2E Las Vegas

Casino Slots NOVOMATIC

Novomatic was playing things 'Street Smart' at G2E Las Vegas, with a booth that was squarely focused on the US route market. Novomatic is doubling down on its No.1 position in the European market in street gaming, showcasing its expansion into the VGT market, while solidifying its position as a provider of casino and sports betting products.

NOVOMATIC has identified Illinois, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, West Virginia, and Georgia skills markets as key targets this year into next. NOVO LINE and Magic HD are destined for Puerto Rico, Magic HD for West Virginia and Pennsylvania, and Magic HD for Georgia skill. And for Illinois, both NOVO LINE Concurve and Magic HD are expected to redefine street gaming in those markets.

One of the biggest casino launches from NOVOMATIC at G2E was Piggy Prizes - Wand of Riches, a game that has its origins in online, starting out as a Greentube title from NOVOMATIC's online division. According to Patrick Hass. International Product Manager, Novomatic, we're going to see more game launches into land-based from the online sector as the speed of implementation is increasingly



exponentially. The game itself is an intriguing title that's turning heads with a 'thick' series of bonus features, with wins and surprises granting prizes with its Magic Rewind events and free games.

Xtension Link is the international sensation from NOVOMATIC, which is rebranded Globe Link for the US market. Globe Link I and 2 were shown at G2E with two new games for the US and Latin American markets, including Globe Link Space Booster, and additional Thunder Cash Gold games, such as Charming Lady Explosion, Charming Lady's Boom Coins, Fiesta of the Dead, Butterfly Quest Coins, and the Red Amazon Explosion..

International visitors to G2E would have recognised the enormous 85ins. NOVOMATIC VIP cabinets and the luxurious Galaxy Chair. Xtension Link - Cash Flood is another new game, as too were Golden Link and Cash Connection, Gods and Legends. In total, the booth was ram-packed with more than 25 additional titles from last year's exhibit as NOVOMATIC doubles down on its US focus into 2024.

Speaking of focus, NOVOVISION was also key visitor attraction on the booth in Vegas as the company seeks to raise engagement with its casino management solution. The system elevates every facet of casino operations, offering a comprehensive suite of features beyond traditional accounting, jackpots, player tracking, Cashless and TITO functionalities. What sets NOVOVISION apart is its biometric technology, revolutionising the player journey through fast and secure player recognition and access management, as well as sophisticated loyalty features and a single wallet functionality that encompasses the whole venue.