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„Casino-Oscars“ für Novomatic

Im Rahmen der weltweit größten Gaming-Messe, der ICE in Barcelona, erhielt Novomatic gleich vier Auszeichnungen bei den begehrten European Casino Awards; sie würdigen jährlich herausragende Leistungen in Produktentwicklung, technologischen Lösungen und branchenweiter Verantwortung. Novomatic

überzeugte dabei als einziges Unternehmen gleich in vier Kategorien - „Beste Slotmaschine“, „Bestes Softwareprodukt“, „Bestes elektronisches Spieltischprodukt“, „Beste Nachhaltigkeitsinitiative“ - und positioniert sich damit erneut als strategischer Vorreiter der internationalen Gaming-Branche. „Diese Auszeichnungen sind eine großartige Bestätigung für unsere kontinuierlichen Investitionen in Innovation,



Stefan Krenn (2.v.l.) und Alexandra Lindlbauer übernahmen die Auszeichnung.
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Technologie und nachhaltige Unternehmensführung“, freute sich Stefan Krenn, Vorstand der Novomatic AG. Sein Dank galt „unseren Kunden und

Partnern sowie dem gesamten Novomatic-Team. Sie alle haben durch ihr großes Engagement diesen Erfolg erst möglich gemacht“.

Paisley Jones, head of marketing at Novomatic Gaming UK

Considering she has spent just over six years in the gaming industry, Paisley Jones has left quite a mark on it. First joining Novomatic Gaming UK as a marketing and content editor, she has worked her way up to become the gaming giant's head of marketing.

When asked what attracted her to the industry, she said it was how "dynamic and fast-paced the industry is." Jones continued: "No two days are ever the same. It's an environment that challenges you to keep learning, adapt quickly and think creatively, which really suited me from the outset. I was very grateful to start and continue my journey in this industry as part of the Novomatic group, the support from my colleagues and the freedom to be creative is unmatched."

She highlighted the energy and variety of the industry as her favourite parts of it. "I love the excitement and constant evolution of the industry," she said, "but above all it's the connections I've made."

"I've built strong relationships and friendships with people across the globe. While we may all be working towards our own individual organisational goals, there's a shared, overarching aim of building a sustainable, regulated and fair industry. Collaborating with different stakeholders including operators, regulators and even competitors to work towards that goal is incredibly rewarding."

Jones says that merely placing women in positions of power isn't enough, they have to empower other women through their work. She said: "For me, it's not simply about having women in positions of power it's about women



in leadership roles who encourage others, lead by example and create inclusive environments where everyone can thrive. Visible leadership helps show what's possible and ensures that different perspectives are represented at decision-making levels, which ultimately leads to better outcomes for both organisations and the industry as a whole."

For any woman looking to break into the gaming industry, Jones advises: "Be confident in

what you bring to the table and don't be afraid to step outside your comfort zone. The industry values curiosity, collaboration and a willingness to learn. Build your network, people are genuinely supportive and approachable. Most importantly, be yourself, trust your judgement and enjoy the journey; it's a dynamic and rewarding industry to be part of, and one I'm incredibly passionate about through my role at Novomatic Gaming UK."



Novomatic auf der ICE: „Spektakuläre Innovationen“

Eine positive Bilanz zur ICE zieht Novomatic. Das Unternehmen war auf der Messe, die vom 19. bis 21. Januar in Barcelona stattfand, mit einem über 4.500 Quadratmeter großen Stand der größte Aussteller und mit zahlreichen Tochterunternehmen vertreten. Unter anderem waren Novomatic Gaming Spain, Novomatic Gaming UK, Novomatic Italia, Löwen Entertainment, Apex und Ainsworth vertreten und präsentierten ihre Innovationen.

Innovationen bei Hard- und Software

Der Fokus der Präsentation lag laut Pressemitteilung unter anderem auf dem Gehäuseportfolio. Hier unterstreiche Novomatic die „Expertise in den Bereichen Hardwareentwicklung, Ergonomie und audiovisueller Immersion“. Internationale Beachtung fanden unter anderem die Vorstellungen des V.I.P. Galaxy 2.65 und der V.I.P. Galaxy Lounge 2.65. Zudem wurde mit dem Diamond X Quattro 1.55J eines der Flaggschiffe der Marke präsentiert. Auch auf der Software-Seite hatte Novomatic Neuerungen im Gepäck. Unter anderem feierte Vision Link, eine neuartige Jackpot-Mechanik, Premiere. Ein weiteres Highlight bot Extension Link Volume 5. Rising Treasures II erweitert die etablierte Marke um neue Themen und Bonus-Strukturen. Zudem wurden die neuen Spielepakete Gaminator X5 und Impera Line HD Edition 10 vorgestellt.

Zudem war Novomatic bei den [European Casino Awards](#) erfolgreich. Novomatic habe als einziges Unternehmen gleich in vier Kategorien überzeugen können, heißt es aus Gumpoldskirchen. Damit positioniere man sich erneut als strategischer Vorreiter der internationalen Gaming-Branche. Die Awards erhielt Novomatic in der Kategorie Best Slot Machine für Diamond X Quattro 1.55J und in der Kategorie Best Electronic Table Gaming Product für Novo Unity Pro. Des Weiteren wurde das Unternehmen in der Kategorie Best CMS/Software Product für Novovision und mit dem Sustainability Award für Photovoltaic Systems ausgezeichnet.

„Weiterer Meilenstein“

Stefan Krenn, Mitglied des Vorstands der Novomatic AG, betont: „Die ICE 2026 markierte einen weiteren Meilenstein für Novomatic. Die internationale Anerkennung, die wir erhalten haben, spiegelt die Konsequenz unseres strategischen Kurses und die Leistungsfähigkeit unserer Technologiелösungen wider. Unser preisgekröntes Portfolio an Gehäusen, Spielen, ETG-Plattformen und Systemintelligenz verdeutlicht die Breite und Integration unseres globalen Angebots. Wir möchten unseren Kunden und Partnern weltweit für ihr anhaltendes Vertrauen danken – und unseren mehr als 26.000 Mitarbeitenden, deren Professionalität und Engagement unseren nachhaltigen Erfolg vorantreiben.“

Thomas Schmalzer, VP Global Sales und VP Product Management der Novomatic AG, ergänzt: „Die Resonanz auf unsere Innovationen bei der ICE 2026 hat bestätigt, dass wir die Anforderungen der heutigen Gaming Floors punktgenau erfüllen. Wir schätzen die enge Zusammenarbeit mit unseren Kunden und Partnern weltweit sehr, deren Feedback es unseren Teams ermöglicht, State-of-the-Art-Produkte und -Lösungen zu liefern, die sowohl die Spielerzufriedenheit als auch die Performance der Betreiber steigern. Wir blicken einem erfolgreichen Jahr für die Branche entgegen und freuen uns auf ein Wiedersehen bei der ICE 2027 sowie bei weiteren internationalen Veranstaltungen in den kommenden Monaten.“

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NOVOMATIC AG formiert Aufsichtsrat neu

Mit Birgit Wimmer übernimmt erstmals eine Frau den Vorsitz des Aufsichtsrats.



Aufsichtsrat der NOVOMATIC AG – v.r.n.l.: Birgit Wimmer, Haig Asenbauer, Martina Flitsch sowie Robert Hofians.

In der Hauptversammlung der NOVOMATIC AG wurde Birgit Wimmer in den Aufsichtsrat berufen und in der konstituierenden Sitzung zur Vorsitzenden des Aufsichtsrats gewählt. Sie folgt damit auf Bernd Oswald, der dem Aufsichtsrat der NOVOMATIC AG rund zehn Jahre angehörte und in der Unternehmensgruppe eine andere Funktion einnehmen wird.

Birgit Wimmer ist als Mitgesellschafterin seit vielen Jahren in zentralen Organfunktionen innerhalb der Topholding-Gesellschaften tätig, unter anderem als Verwaltungsratspräsidentin der Schweizer Holdinggesellschaften sowie als Geschäftsführerin der NOVO Invest GmbH. Sie verfügt über umfassende internationale Investment- und Managementenerfahrung sowie über einen langjährigen Hintergrund im Bankwesen.

„Ich freue mich darauf, als Aufsichtsratsvorsitzende gemeinsam mit meinen Aufsichtsratskollegen sowie dem Vorstand die weitere Entwicklung des Konzerns strategisch, nachhaltig und erfolgreich mitzugestalten“, betont Birgit Wimmer.

Zum stellvertretenden Vorsitzenden des Aufsichtsrats wurde Haig Asenbauer gewählt, ein international erfahrener Rechtsanwalt mit ausgewiesener Expertise in länderübergreifenden M&A-Transaktionen, Unternehmensrestrukturierungen und komplexen Beteiligungsstrukturen.

Martina Flitsch bleibt weiterhin Mitglied des Aufsichtsrats – sie verfügt über langjährige Erfahrung in internationalen Konzernstrukturen sowie in der strategischen und rechtlichen Begleitung von Unternehmensbeteiligungen.

Ebenfalls weiterhin dem Aufsichtsrat angehörig ist Robert Hofians, ein ausgewiesener Finanz- und Kapitalmarktexperte, der als Lehrbeauftragter und Wirtschaftsprüfer auch über umfassende Erfahrungen in den Bereichen Governance und Regulierung verfügt.

Novomatic präsentiert spektakuläre Innovationen auf der ICE 2026

Das international gefeierte VIP X Galaxy 2.65 sorgte am Novomatic-Stand für Aufsehen.

Mit einem über 4,500 m² großen Stand präsentierte Novomatic auf der ICE Barcelona sein umfassendes 360-Grad-Portfolio und stellte die neuesten Fortschritte in der Gaming-Technologie und integrierten Lösungen in den Mittelpunkt.

Ein wichtiger Schwerpunkt der ICE 2026 war **Novomatic** Das Portfolio an Premium-Gehäusen wird kontinuierlich weiterentwickelt und unterstreicht die technische Expertise der Gruppe in den Bereichen Hardwareentwicklung, Spielerergonomie und audiovisuelle Immersion. Das international gefeierte VIP X Galaxy 2.65 sorgte für großes Aufsehen, und sein Premium-Komfortkonzept wurde durch die weltweite Markteinführung des VIP X Galaxy Lounge 2.65 nochmals erweitert. Diese Version des Gehäuses bietet dank der Mamba-Sitzlösung ein beeindruckendes immersives Erlebnis auf kompakterem Raum.



Der Stand von Novomatic auf der ICE

Novomatic Außerdem wurde der DIAMOND X Quattro 1.55J präsentiert, das Flaggschiff-Gehäuse der Gruppe und eines der erfolgreichsten Konzepte auf dem internationalen Markt. Mit ihrer hochmodernen Displaytechnologie, dem eleganten Glas-Touch-Deck und der optimierten Klangqualität beeindruckten die DIAMOND X-Modelle mit imposanten Werbeflächen, die den Messestand dominierten. Die skalierbare DIAMOND X-Gehäusefamilie unterstützt verschiedene Spielformate, Linked Progressives und wirkungsvolle Jackpot-Installationen und ermöglicht so spektakuläre Flaggschiff-Aufbauten.

Novomatic präsentierte unter dem Dach von XTENSION WORLD eine beeindruckende Auswahl neuer Linked Progressives und Multiple Feature Games. Zu den wichtigsten Premieren zählte VISION LINK, eine neue Generation von Jackpot-Mechaniken und Spielerbindungsmodellen, die auf maximale Verweildauer und optimale Performance ausgelegt sind. Ein weiteres Highlight war XTENSION LINK Volume 5, das eine der international erfolgreichsten Spielfamilien von Novomatic um ein leistungsstarkes Portfolio an funktionsreichen Titeln erweitert, die für anhaltende Spielerbindung sorgen. IMPERA PROLINK 2, eine weitere Ergänzung des Multi-Feature-Portfolios, bietet fortschrittliche Jackpot-Mechaniken und ein funktionsorientiertes Gameplay, das die Performance in verschiedenen Märkten steigern soll.

Auf der NOVO LINE-Plattform erregte RISING TREASURES II großes Aufsehen und erweiterte die etablierte Marke um neue Themen, verbesserte Bonusstrukturen und ein hohes Gewinnpotenzial, das auf die sich wandelnden Spielerpräferenzen zugeschnitten ist. NOVOMATIC präsentierte im Rahmen der Präsentation seine neuesten Spielmischungen, darunter den hochgradig anpassbaren GAMINATOR X5 und die neue Impera Line HD Edition 10. Dank ihrer leistungsstarken Tools können Betreiber ihre Content-Portfolios an lokale Anforderungen und strategische Ziele der Spielhallen anpassen.

Im Segment der elektronischen Tischspiele (ETG) hat Novo Unity Pro seinen Status als eine der fortschrittlichsten ETG-Plattformen der Branche bestätigt. Dank seiner hochmodularen Architektur, die den sich wandelnden betrieblichen Anforderungen moderner Spielhallen gerecht wird, unterstützt die Lösung ein breites Portfolio an elektronischen Live-Spielen, darunter Roulette, Blackjack, Baccarat und Sic Bo. Erweiterte Funktionen wie Simultanwetten bieten Betreibern maximale Flexibilität, hohen Durchsatz und optimale Tischauslastung.

Das visionäre Casino-Management-System NOVOVISION von NOVOMATIC war auf der ICE erneut ein Publikumsmagnet und unterstrich damit seine Rolle als strategisches Rückgrat modernster Spielflächen. Dank seiner Spitzentechnologie konnte das skalierbare CMS mit seiner umfassenden Funktionalität, Echtzeit-Datenanalyse und nahtlosen Integration in die gesamte Spielfläche neue Besucherrekorde erzielen.

Die ICE 2026 war erneut Austragungsort der renommierten European Casino Awards, bei denen Novomatic als erfolgreichstes Unternehmen hervorging, vier bedeutende Auszeichnungen erhielt und seine führende Position in der globalen Glücksspielbranche untermauerte. Die Gruppe wurde unter anderem für den besten Spielautomaten ausgezeichnet. *DIAMOND X Quattro 1.55J* Bestes elektronisches Tischspielprodukt – *Neues Unity Pround* Bestes CMS-/Softwareprodukt – *NOVOVISION* sowie dem Nachhaltigkeitsinitiative-Preis – *Photovoltaikanlagen*.

Novomatic erhielt zudem den ICE Landmark Award 2026 zu Ehren seines Gründers Prof. Johann F. Graf für 45 Jahre unternehmerische Vision, Innovation und nachhaltige internationale Expansion. Stefan Krenn, Mitglied des Vorstands von Novomatic, nahm den Preis stellvertretend für Prof. Graf entgegen. Diese Auszeichnungen unterstreichen die Stärke des umfassenden Portfolios von Novomatic und festigen die Position des Konzerns an der Spitze der internationalen Glücksspielbranche.

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Novomatic salutes ICE success

Novomatic has sent its thanks to the organisers of ICE Barcelona 2026 after what board member Stefan Krenn called “another defining moment” for the company.



The Austrian company exhibited on a booth of over 4,500sq.m, presenting its 360-degree portfolio alongside many of its subsidiaries and technology partners, including Novomatic Gaming Spain, Novomatic Gaming UK, Novomatic Italia, Löwen Entertainment, Apex and Ainsworth, as well as a dedicated area for visitors from Latin America.

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On the Novo Line platform, Rising Treasures II attracted much attention, expanding the established brand with new themes, enhanced bonus structures and high-volatility win potential tailored to evolving player preferences.

In the electronic table games segment, Novo Unity Pro was on display, as well as Novomatic’s casino management system NovoVision which was demonstrated to a record numbers of visitors, and showcased its broad functionality, real-time data analytics and floor-wide integration.

“The international recognition that we received reflects the consistency of our strategic course and the capabilities of our technology solutions,” said Krenn. “Our award-winning portfolio of cabinets, games, ETG platforms, and system intelligence illustrates the scale and integration of our global offering.

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Thomas Schmalzer, VP global sales and VP product management NOVOMATIC, added: "The response to our innovations at ICE 2026 confirmed that we are precisely meeting the needs of today's gaming floors. We greatly value the close collaboration with our customers and partners worldwide, whose feedback enables our teams to deliver state-of-the-art products and solutions that drive player satisfaction and operator performance.

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NOVOMATIC delivers spectacular innovation at ICE 2026

At ICE 2026 in Barcelona, NOVOMATIC once again demonstrated why it is one of the world's leading gaming technology groups. As the show's largest exhibitor, the Group impressed international visitors with cutting-edge cabinet technology, high-performing game content, advanced system solutions, and an integrated end-to-end product landscape. NOVOMATIC also emerged as the most successful company at the European Casino Awards.

Gumpoldskirchen/Barcelona – From January 19 to 21, ICE Barcelona was once again the global hub of the gaming industry. With a booth of over 4,500 m², NOVOMATIC brought its comprehensive 360-degree portfolio to life, spotlighting the latest advances in gaming technology and integrated solutions. Alongside representatives of NOVOMATIC headquarters, numerous subsidiaries and technology partners, including NOVOMATIC Gaming Spain, NOVOMATIC Gaming UK, NOVOMATIC Italia, LÖWEN ENTERTAINMENT, APEX, and Ainsworth, showcased their latest innovations. A dedicated area for visitors from Latin America was another highlight of this year's presence. Bespoke market solutions and regional concepts underlined the Group's strong footprint across more than 130 markets worldwide.

Besides its technology showcase, NOVOMATIC's booth offered a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere as well as distinctive hospitality and entertainment. Traditional culinary specialties, including freshly prepared Austrian sausages and the AdmiralBet Pub with live sports coverage, were complemented by interactive attractions such as a darts challenge with German pro Max Hopp and a dedicated Fiesta Spirit™ photo booth.

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XTENSION WORLD in action: Linked Progressives and game innovation

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XTENSION LINK™ Volume 5

On the NOVO LINE™ platform, RISING TREASURES™ II attracted strong attention, expanding the established brand with new themes, enhanced bonus structures, and high-volatility win potential tailored to evolving player preferences. Completing the showcase, NOVOMATIC presented its latest game mixes, including the highly customizable GAMINATOR™ X5 and the new Impera Line HD™ Edition 10, whose powerful tools allow operators to tailor content portfolios to local requirements and strategic floor objectives.

System intelligence: Novo Unity™ Pro and NOVOVISION™

In the Electronic Table Games segment, Novo Unity™ Pro confirmed its status as one of the industry's most advanced ETG platforms. With a highly modular architecture that meets the evolving operational demands of modern gaming floors, the solution supports a broad portfolio of electronic live games, including Roulette, Blackjack, Baccarat, and Sic Bo, while advanced functionalities such as Simultaneous Betting deliver maximum flexibility, throughput, and table utilization for operators.

NOVOMATIC's visionary Casino Management System NOVOVISION™ was once again a top attraction at ICE, underlining its role as a strategic backbone for state-of-the-art gaming floors. With its cutting-edge technology, the scalable CMS was demonstrated to new record numbers of visitors, with its broad functionality, real-time data analytics, and seamless floor-wide integration.

Frontrunner at the European Casino "Oscars"

ICE 2026 once again hosted the prestigious **European Casino Awards**, where NOVOMATIC emerged as the most successful company, securing four major honors and reinforcing its preeminent position in global gaming. The Group received awards for the Best Slot Machine – DIAMOND X™ Quattro 1.55J, Best Electronic Table Gaming Product – Novo Unity™ Pro, and Best CMS/Software Product – NOVOVISION™, as well as the Sustainability Initiative Award – Photovoltaic Systems.

NOVOMATIC also received the ICE Landmark Award 2026 to honor its founder Prof. Johann F. Graf for 45 years of entrepreneurial vision, innovation, and sustained international expansion. The award was accepted by Stefan Krenn, Member of the Executive Board of NOVOMATIC AG, on behalf of Prof. Graf. Together, these awards highlight the strength of NOVOMATIC's 360-degree portfolio and firmly position the Group at the forefront of the international gaming industry.

Stefan Krenn, Member of the Executive Board of NOVOMATIC AG, emphasizes:

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ICE Landmark Awards recognise excellence, inspiration and innovation

The great and the good of the international gambling industry have been recognised in the annual ICE Landmark Awards.

Taking place at ICE Barcelona '26, the Awards celebrate key events and outstanding contributions made by organisations and individuals, spanning industry leadership, business development and community impact.

ICE Portfolio Director Margaret Dunn said:

"The Landmark Awards were created to recognise the personalities and businesses setting new standards and inspiring others across the gaming sector. Based on industry recommendations and proudly endorsed by ICE they shine a spotlight on the people and organisations that are shaping the business.

"First introduced at ICE 2019, the 'Landmarks' have celebrated excellence across every discipline, from game design and technology innovation to sustainability, safer gambling and community impact. Above all, this year's recipients reflect the creativity, collaboration and entrepreneurialism that underpin the global gaming business. In that sense, the Landmark Awards celebrate not just success, but the spirit of the industry itself."



Novomatic's Executive Board Member Stefan Krenn collects a Landmark Award at ICE Barcelona, recognising the gaming technology group's 45 years of industry impact.

(Photo: Clarion Gaming)

This year's recipients are:

- **Players Publishing** - 15 years of sustained contribution as an independent publisher.
- **Philippe Vlaemminck, Managing Partner at Vlaemminck Law** - nearly three decades of influence in shaping gambling regulation and legal frameworks.
- **Carlos Cardama, CEO of GMB Brasil** - almost 50 years of leadership and advocacy in the LatAm sector.
- **GoldenRace** - two decades of innovation in virtual sports and gaming content.
- **Play'n GO** - 20 years of game development excellence, setting creative and technical benchmarks in online gaming.
- **Novomatic** - 45 years since its founding and recognising the group's long-term impact on global gaming.
- **IGT** - reflecting half a century of technological and industry leadership.
- **Global Gaming Expo (G2E)** - held its 25th edition in 2025, underlining its role as a key event for the international gaming industry.
- **Club de Convergents** - in recognition of a decade as a leading Spanish association.
- **Asensi Abogados** - 20 years of specialist legal support to the gaming sector.
- **Electrocoin** - 50th anniversary in 2026, acknowledging its longevity and contribution to the UK and European amusement sectors.
- **Ficom Leisure** - 30-year anniversary in 2026, reflecting three decades of operational experience in leisure and gaming.
- **Amusnet** - marks a decade of international growth and product development.
- **Miquel Suqué Mateu, President of Casinos Grup Peralada, (1962-2025)** - honouring one of the most influential figures in the Spanish and international gaming and hospitality industry.
- **Pablo Zuppi**, Director at Yogonet Group - The David Orrick Award for outstanding contributions to gaming journalism.

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(Photo: Novomatic AG)

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Stefan Krenn, Member of the Executive Board of NOVOMATIC AG, emphasizes: "ICE 2026 marked yet another defining moment for NOVOMATIC. The international recognition that we received reflects the consistency of our strategic course and the capabilities of our technology solutions. Our award-winning portfolio of cabinets, games, ETG platforms, and system intelligence illustrates the scale and integration of our global offering. We would like to thank our customers and partners worldwide for their continued trust, and our more than 26,000 employees, whose professionalism and commitment drive our sustained success."

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NOVOMATIC SHOWCASES CUTTING-EDGE GAMING INNOVATION AND AWARD WINS AT ICE 2026 BARCELONA

Gumpoldskirchen/Barcelona, January 29, 2026 – From January 19 to 21, ICE Barcelona was once again the global hub of the gaming industry.

With a booth of over 4,500 m², NOVOMATIC brought its comprehensive 360-degree portfolio to life, spotlighting the latest advances in gaming technology and integrated solutions. Alongside representatives of NOVOMATIC headquarters, numerous subsidiaries and technology partners, including NOVOMATIC Gaming Spain, NOVOMATIC Gaming UK, NOVOMATIC Italia, LÖWEN ENTERTAINMENT, APEX, and Ainsworth, showcased their latest innovations. A dedicated area for visitors from Latin America was another highlight of this year's presence. Bespoke market solutions and regional concepts underlined the Group's strong footprint across more than 130 markets worldwide.

Besides its technology showcase, NOVOMATIC's booth offered a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere as well as distinctive hospitality and entertainment. Traditional culinary specialties, including freshly prepared Austrian sausages and the AdmiralBet Pub with live sports coverage, were complemented by interactive attractions such as a darts challenge with German pro Max Hopp and a dedicated Fiesta Spirit™ photo booth.



Premium cabinet engineering: next-generation performance on the gaming floor

A major focus at ICE 2026 was NOVOMATIC's continuously advancing premium cabinet portfolio, which underlines the Group's technical expertise in hardware development, player ergonomics, and audiovisual immersion. The internationally acclaimed V.I.P. X Galaxy™ 2.65 turned many heads, with its premium comfort concept further expanded through the global launch of the V.I.P. X Galaxy™ Lounge 2.65. This version of the cabinet delivers a high impact immersive experience in the more compact footprint enabled by the "Mamba" seating solution. NOVOMATIC also showcased the DIAMOND X™ Quattro 1.55J, the Group's flagship cabinet and one of the most successful concepts on the international market. With their cutting-edge display technology, refined glass touch deck, and optimized sound performance, the DIAMOND X™ models featured monumental sign solutions that dominated the booth.

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ICE Landmark Awards honour excellence, innovation and community impact at ICE Barcelona 2026

ICE Landmark Awards at ICE Barcelona 2026 recognised organisations and individuals for leadership, innovation, journalism and long-term sector contributions

The annual **ICE Landmark Awards** have recognised a cross-section of organisations and individuals from across the international gambling sector, with this year's honours presented at **ICE Barcelona '26**.

The awards highlight major milestones and sustained contributions spanning industry leadership, business development, innovation, legal and regulatory influence, and community impact. According to the organisers, recipients are selected through industry recommendations and are endorsed by **ICE**.

Margaret Dunn, Portfolio Director at **ICE**, said: "The Landmark Awards were created to recognise the personalities and businesses setting new standards and inspiring others across the gaming sector. Based on industry recommendations and proudly endorsed by ICE they shine a spotlight on the people and organisations that are shaping the business.

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This year's recipients included **Novomatic** (45 years since its founding), **IGT** (50 years of technological and industry leadership) and **Play'n GO** (20 years of game development). The honours also recognised **GoldenRace** for two decades of innovation, **Global Gaming Expo (G2E)** following its 25th edition in 2025, and **Amusnet** marking a decade of international growth.

Legal and association milestones were also highlighted, including **Philippe Vlaemminck** of **Vlaemminck Law** for nearly three decades of influence on regulation and legal frameworks, as well as Spain-based organisations **Club de Convergences** and **Asensi Abogados** for their respective anniversaries and sector contributions.

In the UK and European amusement segment, **Electrocoin** was recognised ahead of its 50th anniversary in 2026, alongside **Ficom Leisure** for 30 years of operational experience. The awards also included memorial recognition for **Miquel Suqué Mateu**, President of **Casinos Grup Peralada** (1962–2025), and the David Orrick Award for gaming journalism, presented to **Pablo Zuppi** of **Yogonet Group**.

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ANNIVERSARIES AND CAREER MILESTONES

ICE Landmark Awards name 15 recipients at ICE Barcelona 2026



Novomatic's Executive Board Member Stefan Krenn collects a Landmark Award at ICE Barcelona.

Fifteen recipients across publishing, technology, legal services, events, and media were **recognized at the ICE Landmark Awards held at ICE Barcelona 2026.**

The recipients were selected through industry recommendations, with the awards program endorsed by ICE and **focused on milestone anniversaries and sustained participation** rather than competitive ranking.

Several honorees were **recognized in connection with company, event, or association anniversaries:**

- **Players Publishing** was recognized for 15 years of sustained contribution as an independent publisher.
- **GoldenRace** marked two decades of activity in virtual sports and gaming content.
- **Play'n GO** reached 20 years in online game development.
- **Novomatic** was recognized 45 years after its founding for long-term involvement in global gaming.
- **IGT** marked half a century of participation in gaming technology and the industry.
- **Global Gaming Expo (G2E)** was recognized following the staging of its 25th edition in 2025.
- **Club de Convergences** marked a decade of operating as a Spanish gaming association.
- **Asensi Abogados** reached 20 years of providing specialist legal services to the gaming sector.
- **Electrocoin** marked its 50th anniversary in 2026, linked to its activity in the UK and European amusement sectors.
- **Ficom Leisure** marked a 30-year anniversary in 2026, tied to its experience in leisure and gaming operations.
- **Amusnet** marked 10 years of international growth and product development.

Individual recipients were also included among the 15 honorees:

- **Philippe Vlaemminck**, Managing Partner at Vlaemminck Law, was recognized for nearly three decades of involvement in gambling regulation and legal frameworks.
- **Carlos Cardama**, CEO of GMB Brasil, was recognized for almost 50 years of leadership and advocacy in the Latin American sector.
- **Miquel Suqué Mateu**, President of Casinos Grup Peralada (1962–2025), received posthumous recognition for his role in the Spanish and international gaming and hospitality industry.
- **Pablo Zuppi**, Director at Yogonet Group, received the David Orrick Award for outstanding contributions to gaming journalism.



The ICE Landmark Awards recognize long-term participation and professional involvement across areas including game design, technology, sustainability, safer gambling, and community impact.

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ICE Landmark Awards recognise excellence, inspiration and innovation



The great and the good of the international gambling industry have been recognised in the annual ICE Landmark Awards.

Taking place at ICE Barcelona '26, the Awards celebrate key events and outstanding contributions made by organisations and individuals, spanning industry leadership, business development and community impact.

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- **Play'n GO**, 20 years of game development excellence, setting creative and technical benchmarks in online gaming.
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- **IGT** – reflecting half a century of technological and industry leadership.
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- **Club de Convergences** – in recognition of a decade as a leading Spanish association.
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- **Electrocoin** – 50th anniversary in 2026, acknowledging its longevity and contribution to the UK and European amusement sectors.
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- **Amusnet** – marks a decade of international growth and product development.
- **Miquel Suqué Mateu, President of Casinos Grup Peralada, (1962-2025)** – honouring one of the most influential figures in the Spanish and international gaming and hospitality industry.
- **Pablo Zuppi, Director at Yogonet Group** – The David Orrick Award for outstanding contributions to gaming journalism.

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Greentube presents Gorilla Cash



This new 6x5 pays-anywhere slot features tumbling reels, a collector mechanic and free games with progressive multipliers, and is designed to deliver fast-paced gameplay and enhanced win potential.

Press release.- [Greentube](#), the NOVOMATIC Digital Gaming and Entertainment division, is stepping into the heart of the jungle with Gorilla Cash, an action-packed pays-anywhere slot where tumbling reels, collector tokens and free games combine for engaging feature-rich gameplay.

Set amongst the trees is the **6x5 grid**, featuring a vibrant cast of jungle animal symbols, including gorillas, tigers, parrots and elephants. Winning combinations are formed by landing at least eight matching symbols anywhere on the reels, while winning symbols disappear to make way for new ones, triggering the tumble mechanic.

At the heart of the game is the dynamic **Coin Stack Collector feature**. At the start of any base game round, collector positions can be randomly applied across the grid.

When a coin stack lands on a collector position, its value is immediately collected, and new symbols cascade into place. If additional instant cash prizes tumble into the same collector position, their values are also collected, allowing the feature to chain together multiple wins in a single round until no more coin values remain on screen.

When four or more scatter symbols land anywhere on the reels, **players are awarded 10 free games**, with the chance to earn five additional free games whenever four or more scatters appear during the bonus round. Throughout free games, any seeded collector symbols remain locked in place, enhancing win potential.

During the free games feature, coin stacks can also include multiplier symbols, which increase the Coin Stack Multiplier by 1x each time they are collected. This multiplier does not reset between spins and remains active for the entirety of the free spins round. Coin stack values range from 0.25x to 1.5x the bet, while high-value coin stacks can award between 5x and 100x the total bet.

Once no more coins can be gathered, the accumulated coin stack total is multiplied by the final multiplier value.

As a **Greentube** representative stated: "Gorilla Cash is designed to deliver constant momentum, with tumbling reels, collector mechanics and escalating multipliers keeping players engaged from start to finish. The jungle theme pairs perfectly with the game's dynamic features, creating a wild and rewarding slot experience."



Greentube launches Gorilla Cash with tumbling reels, collector tokens and free games

Greentube's Gorilla Cash is a 6x5 pays-anywhere slot combining tumbling reels, a Coin Stack Collector mechanic and free games with multipliers to build momentum

Greentube, the **NOVOMATIC** Digital Gaming and Entertainment division, has released **Gorilla Cash**, a jungle-themed pays-anywhere slot built around tumbling reels, collector mechanics and a free games feature designed to sustain momentum.

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Game details available [HERE](#)

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Engagiert für Meinungsfreiheit: Berliner Presseball und die Spielbank Berlin

Der Spielbank Berlin zufolge hat der Berliner Presseball im JW Marriott Berlin 2026 erneut ein Zeichen für Demokratie, Meinungsfreiheit und gesellschaftlichen Dialog gesetzt. Deutlich sei auch geworden, „wie nah Haltung und Unterhaltung heute beieinanderliegen“. Höhepunkt des Abends sei die Laudatio von Walter Kohl auf den Träger des Ehrenpreises für Meinungsfreiheit, Schauspieler und Theaterdirektor Dieter (Didi) Hallervorden gewesen. Kohl habe darin an die fundamentale Bedeutung der Meinungsfreiheit erinnert. Gerhard Wilhelm, Sprecher der Geschäftsführung der Spielbank Berlin, würdigte Dieter Hallervorden als eine Institution im deutschen Unterhaltungsgeschäft, die sich seit Jahrzehnten mit Haltung und Engagement für Meinungsppluralität einsetze.

Unterhaltungsprogramm mit Casino on Tour

Darüber hinaus habe die Begegnung der Geschäftsführung der Spielbank Berlin mit Gérard Biard, Chefredakteur der französischen Satirezeitschrift Charlie Hebdo und Preisträger 2025, ein weiteres Zeichen gesetzt. Im Gespräch mit der Spielbank Berlin sei deutlich geworden, dass Meinungsfreiheit kein abstraktes Ideal ist. „Sie lebt von Begegnung, Dialog und Öffentlichkeit – von Räumen, in denen unterschiedliche Perspektiven aufeinandertreffen.“ Das Casino on Tour sorgte der Spielbank zufolge für ein hochwertiges Unterhaltungsprogramm – inklusive des futuristischen Roboters der Spielbank Berlin. Man habe Menschen verbunden, zum Verweilen eingeladen und sei bis spät in die Nacht der Magnet des traditionsreichen Events gewesen, so die Spielbank.

Bild (v. l.): David Marek, Prokurist der Spielbank Berlin; David Schnabel, Vorstandsmitglied der Merkur.com AG sowie Carola Wilhelm und ihr Ehemann Gerhard Wilhelm, Sprecher der Geschäftsführung der Spielbank Berlin auf dem Berliner Presseball. © Berlinboxx

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Spielbank Berlin Macht Eindruck Beim Presseball

Die Bühne ist das Zuhause der Meinungsfreiheit. Auf dem traditionsreichen [Berliner Presseball](#) im JW Marriott stellte die Spielbank Berlin klar, dass Entertainment mehr als nur Zeitvertreib ist. Die Spielbank wurde mit ihrem Casino on Tour zum Nachtmagneten und verband erstklassige Unterhaltung mit einem eindeutigen Bekenntnis zu demokratischen Werten.

Hallervorden und Biard: Prominente Vertreter der Freiheit

Der Abend war bedeutend. Walter Kohl überreichte dem 90-jährigen Dieter Hallervorden den Ehrenpreis für Meinungsfreiheit. Seit vielen Jahren nutzt der Schauspieler und Theaterleiter seine Bekanntheit, um Diskussionen zu initiieren und Konventionen zu hinterfragen. Er bringt es klar auf den Punkt: Demokratie lebt vom offenen Dialog, nicht von vorseilender Anpassung.

Ein weiteres Highlight war das Treffen der Spielbank-Geschäftsführung mit Gérard Biard, dem Chefredakteur von Charlie Hebdo. Die französische Satirezeitschrift wurde 2015 zum weltweiten Symbol der Pressefreiheit, nachdem islamistische Terroristen zwölf Menschen in der Redaktion ermordeten. Biard, der zur Zeit einer Londoner Konferenz dort war, führt das Magazin seitdem unbeirrt weiter. Seine Einstellung: Die Meinungsfreiheit ist kein Luxus; es ist ein Grundrecht, das verteidigt werden muss, auch wenn es provoziert.

Wenn Spaß auf Werte trifft

Die Spielbank Berlin weiß, wie es geht. Bis in die Nacht hinein zog Casino on Tour mit seinem futuristischen Casino-Roboter und den professionellen Croupiers die Gäste an. Roulette, Blackjack und Poker vereint mit Networking und politischem Austausch. Das ist absichtlich so. Gerhard Wilhelm, der Sprecher der Geschäftsführung, hebt die Wichtigkeit solcher Plattformen hervor: An diesem Ort kreuzen sich Politik, Wirtschaft und Kultur; hier findet Austausch statt, der über digitale Filterblasen hinausgeht.

Seit seiner Gründung im Jahr 1872 ist der Berliner Presseball ein Event, bei dem unter anderem Kanzler wie Willy Brandt und Helmut Kohl sowie Legenden wie Marlene Dietrich und Ray Charles aufgetreten sind. Die Spielbank Berlin reiht sich mit ihrem Engagement in diese Tradition ein und beweist: Unterhaltung kann mehr sein als nur ein Zeitvertreib. Sie hat die Fähigkeit, zusammenzubringen, Räume zu schaffen und demokratische Werte ans Licht zu bringen. In Zeiten, in denen die Meinungsfreiheit weltweit angegriffen wird, ist jedes Zeichen wichtig.

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Ice Landmark Awards 2026 celebrate the industry's most influential leaders and companies

From regulatory pioneers to game development giants, Ice Barcelona '26 honours decades of excellence, innovation and impact across the global gambling sector.



Novomatic's Executive Board Member Stefan Krenn collects a Landmark Award at Ice Barcelona

The international gambling industry's most influential figures and organisations have been recognised at the annual **Ice Landmark Awards**, held during **Ice Barcelona 2026**. The awards **celebrate milestone achievements and outstanding contributions** across industry leadership, business development, innovation and community impact.

Designed to spotlight those shaping the future of gaming, the Landmark Awards recognise both long-standing excellence and transformative influence across the sector. Since their introduction at **IceE 2019**, the awards have honoured achievements spanning game design, technology, sustainability, safer gambling initiatives and regulatory development.

Commenting on this year's honours, **Margaret Dunn, Portfolio Director for Ice**, said the awards exist to recognise individuals and businesses that set new standards and inspire the wider industry.

"The Landmark Awards shine a spotlight on the people and organisations shaping the gaming business," Dunn said. "This year's recipients embody the creativity, collaboration and entrepreneurial spirit that underpin the global gaming industry. They celebrate not only success, but the very spirit of the sector itself."

ICE LANDMARK AWARDS 2026, LIST OF RECIPIENTS – This year’s honourees reflect **decades of sustained contribution and influence** across global markets:

- **Players Publishing** – Celebrated for 15 years of continuous contribution as an independent gambling industry publisher.
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- **Igt** – Honoured for 50 years of technological innovation and industry leadership.
- **Global Gaming Expo (G2E)** – Marking its 25th edition in 2025, reinforcing its role as a flagship international gaming event.
- **Club de Convergents** – Recognised for a decade of leadership as a key Spanish gaming association.
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With Ice Barcelona 2026 once again serving as the stage, the Landmark Awards reaffirm Ice’s role in celebrating the people and organisations that continue to define, innovate and lead the global gambling industry.

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Demokratie im Dialog, Entertainment im Wandel

Spielbank Berlin setzt Akzente beim traditionsreichen Berliner Presseball

Der Berliner Presseball im JW Marriott Berlin setzte 2026 ein Zeichen für Demokratie, Meinungsfreiheit und gesellschaftlichen Dialog – und machte deutlich, wie nah Haltung und Unterhaltung heute beieinanderliegen. Denn Entertainment schafft Reichweite, bringt Menschen zusammen und eröffnet Räume für Austausch.



Engagiert für die Meinungsfreiheit: (v.l.) Mehmet Celikoglu, Geschäftsführer der Spielbank Berlin; Gérard Biard, Chefredakteur von Charlie Hebdo; Mario Koss, Creative Director des Berliner Presseballs; und Gerhard Wilhelm, Sprecher der Geschäftsführung der Spielbank Berlin. (Foto: BERLINboxx)

Meinungsfreiheit im Mittelpunkt

Ein Höhepunkt des Abends war die Laudatio von **Walter Kohl** auf den Träger des Ehrenpreises für Meinungsfreiheit, Schauspieler und Theaterdirektor **Dieter (Didi) Hallervorden**. Mit eindringlichen Worten erinnerte Kohl, Sohn des legendären Kanzlers der Einheit, Helmut Kohl, an die fundamentale Bedeutung dieses Grundrechts:

„Das Ende der Meinungsfreiheit ist der Anfang vom Ende der Demokratie. Wir leben in einer Zeit, in der wir alle aufgerufen sind – wir haben viel zu tun und viel zu verlieren.“

Auf der Bühne, im Film oder im gesellschaftlichen Diskurs nutzt Hallervorden seine Bekanntheit und damit Reichweite, um Diskussionen anzustoßen, Konventionen zu hinterfragen und Meinungsvielfalt sichtbar zu machen. Gerade diese Verbindung von Öffentlichkeit, Mut und Verantwortung macht ihn zu einem herausragenden Preisträger.

Auch **Gerhard Wilhelm**, Sprecher der Geschäftsführung der Spielbank Berlin, würdigte den beliebten Schauspieler: „Dieter Hallervorden ist eine Institution im deutschen Unterhaltungsgeschäft und setzt sich seit Jahrzehnten mit Haltung und Engagement für Meinungsppluralität ein.

Ein europäisches Symbol für Pressefreiheit

Ein weiteres starkes Zeichen setzte die Begegnung der Geschäftsführung der Spielbank Berlin mit **Gérard Biard**, Chefredakteur der französischen Satirezeitschrift *Charlie Hebdo* und *Preisträger 2025*. Auch nach dem verheerenden Terroranschlag von 2015, der das Magazin weltweit zum Symbol für den Kampf um Freiheit und gegen islamistischen Terror machte, steht Biard unbeirrt für die Verteidigung der Meinungsfreiheit – auch dort, wo sie provoziert oder unbequem ist.



Starker Auftritt: (v.l.) David Marek, Prokurist der Spielbank Berlin; David Schnabel, Vorstandsmitglied der Merkur.com AG; Carola Wilhelm mit ihrem Mann Gerhard Wilhelm, Sprecher der Geschäftsführung der Spielbank Berlin. (Foto:

Im Gespräch mit der Spielbank Berlin wurde deutlich, dass Meinungsfreiheit kein abstraktes Ideal ist. Sie lebt von Begegnung, Dialog und Öffentlichkeit – von Räumen, in denen unterschiedliche Perspektiven aufeinandertreffen.

Mit ihrem hochwertigen Unterhaltungsprogramm im Casino on Tour, das durch den futuristischen Roboter der Spielbank ein weiteres Ball-Highlight darstellte, verband die Spielbank Berlin Menschen, lud zum Verweilen ein und war bis spät in die Nacht der Magnet des traditionsreichen Events.

Der Bundespresseball 2026 machte eindrucksvoll sichtbar: Demokratie lebt vom Gespräch. Unterhaltung wurde zum verbindenden Element, das Menschen zusammenführte, Austausch ermöglichte und Diskussionen beflügelte. Seit 1872 ist der Ball mit einer Vielzahl klingender Namen verbunden, darunter Bundeskanzler wie Willy Brandt oder Helmut Kohl, Bundespräsidenten wie Walter Scheel, Nobelpreisträger wie Günter Grass, Stars wie Ray Charles, Marlene Dietrich oder Wirtschaftsgrößen wie Ferdinand Porsche oder Friede und Axel Springer. (vk)

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LÖWEN ENTERTAINMENT spendet an Jüdische Kultusgemeinde Mainz – Rheinhessen

Bingen - LÖWEN ENTERTAINMENT unterstützt die Jüdische Kultusgemeinde Mainz – Rheinhessen K.d.ö.R. mit einer Spende in Höhe von 1.000 Euro. Den symbolischen Scheck überreichten Dr. Daniel Henzgen (Geschäftsführer Kommunikation & Compliance bei LÖWEN ENTERTAINMENT) und Christian-Moritz Thorn (Senior Manager Public Affairs bei LÖWEN ENTERTAINMENT) am 19. Januar an den Gemeinderabbiner Aharon Ran Vernikovsky und die Vorsitzende Anna Kischner.



V.l.n.r.: Dr. Daniel Henzgen (Geschäftsführer Kommunikation & Compliance bei LÖWEN ENTERTAINMENT), Joanna Wroblewska-Nell (Vorstandsmitglied der Jüdischen Kultusgemeinde Mainz – Rheinhessen), Anna Kischner (Gemeindevorsitzende), Aharon Ran Vernikovsky (Gemeinderabbiner) und Christian-Moritz Thorn (Senior Manager Public Affairs bei LÖWEN ENTERTAINMENT). (Foto: Simon Frauendorfer)

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Dr. Daniel Henzgen sagte: „Als Unternehmen mit Hauptsitz in Bingen am Rhein engagieren wir uns aktiv in unserer Heimatregion. Dazu gehört für uns selbstverständlich auch die Unterstützung eines lebendigen jüdischen Gemeindelebens. Wir freuen uns, hierzu mit unserer Spende einen kleinen Beitrag leisten zu dürfen. Wir stehen unverrückbar an der Seite unserer jüdischen Mitbürgerinnen und Mitbürger. Unsere Haltung ist eindeutig – besonders in Zeiten, in denen antisemitische Stimmen wieder lauter werden.“

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Historische Entscheidung bei Novomatic: Erstmals übernimmt mit Birgit Wimmer eine Frau die Spitze des Aufsichtsrats

In der Hauptversammlung des Gaming-Technologiekonzerns wurden die Weichen für die künftige Kontrollinstanz des Konzerns neu gestellt.



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Birgit Wimmer wurde neu in den **Novomatic** Aufsichtsrat berufen und in der anschließenden konstituierenden Sitzung zur Vorsitzenden des Gremiums gewählt. Sie übernimmt das Amt von Bernd Oswald, der nach rund zehnjähriger Tätigkeit im Aufsichtsrat eine neue Funktion innerhalb der Unternehmensgruppe antreten wird.

Langjährige Expertise im Konzernumfeld

Mit Birgit Wimmer rückt eine erfahrene Kennerin des Unternehmens an die Spitze des Kontrollorgans. Als Mitgesellschafterin ist sie bereits seit vielen Jahren in zentralen Organfunktionen innerhalb der Topholding-Gesellschaften verankert. Zu ihren bisherigen Stationen zählen unter anderem die Rolle als Verwaltungsratspräsidentin der Schweizer Holdinggesellschaften sowie die Geschäftsführung der NOVO Invest GmbH.

Zusätzlich zu ihrer tiefen Verwurzelung in der Gruppe bringt Wimmer umfassende internationale Investment- und Managementenerfahrung sowie eine fundierte Expertise aus dem Bankwesen in ihre neue Rolle ein.

Ihre Vision für die kommende Amtsperiode formulierte Wimmer klar: „Ich freue mich darauf, als Aufsichtsratsvorsitzende gemeinsam mit meinen Aufsichtsratskollegen sowie dem Vorstand die weitere Entwicklung des Konzerns strategisch, nachhaltig und erfolgreich mitzugestalten“, betonte die neu gewählte Vorsitzende.

Verstärkung durch M&A-Spezialisten

Auch die Position des stellvertretenden Vorsitzenden wurde neu besetzt: Dr. Haig Asenbauer wurde in dieses Amt gewählt. Martina Flitsch bleibt weiterhin Mitglied des Aufsichtsrats. Sie bringt langjährige Erfahrung in der rechtlichen und strategischen Begleitung internationaler Konzernbeteiligungen ein. Robert Hofians gehört dem Gremium ebenfalls weiterhin an. Als Finanz- und Kapitalmarktexperte sowie Wirtschaftsprüfer deckt er die Bereiche Governance und Regulierung ab.