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ICE Barcelona 26 Review

Land-based **Novomatic**

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 visitors with its cabinet technology, 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. 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.

PREMIUM CABINET ENGINEERING

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 V.I.P. X Galaxy 2.65 turned 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 an immersive experience in the more compact footprint enabled by the "Mamba" seating solution.

NOVOMATIC also showcased the DIAMOND X Quattro 1.551, the Group's flagship cabinet. With their cutting-edge display technology, refined glass touch deck, and optimised sound performance, the DIAMOND X models featured sign solutions that dominated the booth. The scalable DIAMOND X family of cabinets supports multiple game formats, Linked Progressives, and jackpot installations, enabling high-visibility flagship deployments.

XTENSION WORLD IN ACTION

NOVOMATIC unveiled a strong lineup of new Linked Progressives and Multiple Feature Games under the XTENSION WORLD umbrella. Key premieres included VISION LINK, a new generation of jackpot mechanics and player engagement models engineered to maximise dwell time and floor performance. Another highlight was XTENSION LINK Volume 5,

expanding one of NOVOMATIC's internationally most successful game families with a powerful new portfolio of feature-rich titles designed for sustained player appeal.

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 customisable 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

In the Electronic Table Games segment, Novo Unity Pro offers 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 utilisation for operators.

NOVOMATIC's 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.

Stefan Krenn, Member of the Executive Board of NOVOMATIC AG, emphasised: "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."

Gorilla Cash

Online Slots **Greentube**

Greentube 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.

FLÄCHEN. 4.500 von 143.000 Quadratmetern bespielte bei der ICE in Barcelona der niederösterreichische Glücksspielkonzern Novomatic – und war damit größter Aussteller.



An welchen Rädern der Glücksspielriese Novomatic bei der ICE in Barcelona drehte.

➔ Auch wenn die Welt rundherum verrücktspielt – gespielt wird immer. Den Beweis dafür lieferte die weltgrößte Gaming-Messe ICE in Barcelona, die mit 65.000 Fachbesuchern einen Rekord einfuhr.

Von den 143.000 Quadratmetern Ausstellungsfläche nahm Novomatic 4.500 Quadratmeter in Anspruch – und war damit nach eigenen Angaben der größte Aussteller. Der Weltkonzern mit Hauptsitz in Niederösterreich, der mit über 26.000 Mitarbeiterinnen und Mitarbeitern in über 130 Märkten tätig ist, transportierte eigens 300 Glücksspielautomaten aus Gumpoldskirchen nach Spanien, um seine neuesten Produkte und Lösungen anschaulich vor Ort zu präsentieren.

Die ICE, die Brexit-bedingt 2025 von London nach Barcelona übersiedelt ist, gilt als



PREIS. Novomatic-Vorstand Stefan Krenn (M.) nahm für Gründer Johann F. Graf den ICE Landmark Award entgegen.

Wichtige Plattform für Investitionsentscheidungen, strategische Kooperationen und Marktinitiativen innerhalb der Gaming-Industrie. Abseits der Meeting-Rooms und Pitch-Events ist aber auch die Stardichte hoch, so hatten etwa Schach-Superstar Magnus Carlsen und Fußball-Legenden wie Hristo Stoichkov und Luís Figo Auftritte.

Im inhaltlichen Fokus standen 2026 biometrische Zutrittssysteme, wie sie Novomatic etwa mit Novovision anbietet, Omnichannel-Lösungen und natürlich KI, etwa in der Entwicklung oder bei Compliance-Tools. Standard bei dem Megaevent ICE ist aber etwa auch ein Cybercrime- und Betrugs-Workshop, um im Kampf gegen die ständig wechselnden Cyberrisiken up to date zu sein.

Auf der Bühne werden bei der ICE traditionell die europäischen „Casino-Oscars“ verliehen, die European Casino Awards. Novomatic erhielt als einziges Unternehmen gleich vier Auszeichnungen, darunter den ICE Landmark Award, der an Firmengründer Johann F. Graf für 45 Jahre unternehmerische Vision und internationale Expansion verliehen wurde. Entgegengenommen wurde der Preis von Vorstandsmitglied Stefan Krenn. „Die internationale Anerkennung, die wir erhalten haben, spiegelt die Konsequenz unseres strategischen Kurses sowie die Leistungsfähigkeit unserer technologischen Lösungen wider“, kommentiert Krenn die Auszeichnung. „Unser klarer Fokus liegt auf den internationalen Wachstumsmärkten. Unser für die unterschiedlichsten Märkte maßgeschneidertes Portfolio an Hardware, Software und Systemlösungen unterstreicht unsere globale Ausrichtung.“

Erste Frau an der Spitze des Novomatic-Aufsichtsrats



Kerstin Gelbmann
beim Baukonzern
Strabag war ein

wichtiger Anfang, doch noch immer sind Frauen an der Spitze von Aufsichtsräten in großen österreichischen Privatunternehmen eine echte Rarität. Erstmals steht seit Jahresbeginn nun eine Frau an der Spitze des Kontrollgremiums der Novomatic AG. Birgit Wimmer löst Bernd Oswald in dieser Funktion ab. Wimmer kennt das Unternehmen in- und auswendig: Sie ist seit vielen Jahren als Mitgesellschafterin in zentralen Organfunktionen innerhalb der Topholding-Gesellschaften tätig, unter anderem als Verwaltungsratspräsidentin der Schweizer Holdinggesellschaften sowie als Geschäftsführerin der Novo Invest. Der Konzern führt auch Wimmers langjährige internationale Investment- und Managementenerfahrung sowie ihren Background im Bankwesen für ihre Wahl zur Chefkontrolleurin ins Treffen. Wimmers Vize ist der Anwalt Haig Asenbauer; weitere Mitglieder des Kontrollgremiums sind Martina Flitsch und Robert Hofians.

UNTER KONTROLLE.

Birgit Wimmer ist seit Jänner neu an der Spitze des Novomatic-Aufsichtsrats.



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Greentube USA: PlayStar wird neuer Partner des Entwicklers



Greentube sichert sich erneute Partnerschaft für New Jersey. PlayStar holt sich die besten Slot-Spiele des Entwicklers. (Bildquelle: Joey Pedras auf Unsplash)

Greentube setzt seinen Wachstumskurs in den USA auch 2026 konsequent fort. Das Studio ist der digitale Spielentwickler innerhalb der NOVOMATIC Gruppe und verantwortlich für die Umsetzung zahlreicher bekannter [Novoline](#) Spiele. Mit dem Start einer neuen Partnerschaft zwischen Greentube USA und PlayStar wird das Portfolio des Entwicklers im Bundesstaat New Jersey verfügbar sein. Für Greentube ist der Deal ein weiterer wichtiger Schritt, um seine Position auf dem US-Markt weiter zu festigen.

Die neue Partnerschaft mit PlayStar ist nicht die erste in den USA und auch nicht in New Jersey. Greentube arbeitet eng mit Rush Street Interactive zusammen. Über dessen BetRivers-Plattform werden Inhalte in verschiedenen US-Bundesstaaten verfügbar. Dazu gehört unter anderem New Jersey.

Greentube USA: Neue Titel und bewährte Klassiker für PlayStar

Mit der Zusammenarbeit zwischen [Greentube und PlayStar](#) werden ausgewählte Premium-Titel des Studios im Online Casino live gehen. Damit erreicht er Slot-Anbieter zahlreiche neue Spieler in einem der wichtigsten Online Casino Märkte in Nordamerika.

Welche Echtgeldspiele liefert Greentube in die USA zu PlayStar? Spielerinnen und Spieler in New Jersey erhalten Zugriff auf zahlreiche bekannte und neue Greentube-Titel. Dazu gehören unter anderem Charming Lady's Boom, Firecracker Frenzy™:

Empress Wealth und hunder Cash™ – Dolphin's Pearl™ und viele weitere Echtgeldspiele. Alle Slot-Titel sind für den US-Markt konzipiert und sprechen die Vorlieben der amerikanischen Casino-Fans an.

Patryk Igras, Sales and Key Account Manager bei Greentube, sagt dazu: „Diese strategische Partnerschaft stellt einen bedeutenden Meilenstein in der laufenden Expansion von Greentube in den USA dar und bringt ein vielfältiges Portfolio an vertrauenswürdigen, qualitativ hochwertigen Online-Gaming-Inhalten zur wachsenden Spielerbasis von PlayStar. Gemeinsam wollen wir das Spielerlebnis in New Jersey verbessern, indem wir innovative Titel, ein reibungsloses Gameplay und ein starkes Engagement für verantwortungsvolle Unterhaltung bieten.“



New Jersey bleibt für Greentube weiterhin ein wichtiger Schlüsselmarkt in den USA. Der neue Deal ermöglicht dem Anbieter weitere Reichweite. (Bildquelle: Greentube)

Wachstum seit dem Markteintritt 2021

Greentube betrat mit seinen Spielen erstmals 2021 den US-Markt. Seitdem baut das Unternehmen seine Präsenz dort kontinuierlich aus. Die Kooperation mit dem Anbieter PlayStar ist also nur ein weiterer logischer Schritt, um weiterhin den US-Glücksspielmarkt zu erobern.

In den vergangenen Jahren hat Greentube unter anderem eine Partnerschaft mit Caesars Digital, einem der größten Online Casino Anbieter in den USA, geschlossen. Die Greentube Spiele sind dadurch in New Jersey und Michigan verfügbar. Für diese Region gibt es noch eine weitere Partnerschaft. Fanatics Sportsbook & Casino bietet die Greentube Spielautomaten ebenfalls an.

Der Entwickler arbeitet für die USA aber nicht nur mit [Online Casinos](#) zusammen, sondern auch mit Vertriebsplattformen wie Connecticut. Diese vertreibt die Casino-Spiele bei mehreren lokalen Anbietern.

Mit der neuen Partnerschaft baut der österreichische Spielentwickler nicht nur seine Reichweite in den Regionen aus, sondern setzt auch ein klares Zeichen, wie wichtig die USA für Entwickler sind.

Duncan Hamilton, Direktor für Gaming-Operations bei PlayStar, kommentiert: „Greentube hat sich in den USA einen hervorragenden Ruf für die Bereitstellung hochwertiger, fesselnder Titel erworben, und wir freuen uns sehr, ihre Spiele unseren Spielern in New Jersey anbieten zu können. Diese Partnerschaft unterstützt unsere Mission, ein erstklassiges, sorgfältig ausgewähltes Casino-Erlebnis zu bieten, und wir sind zuversichtlich, dass die Inhalte von Greentube eine herausragende Ergänzung unseres Portfolios darstellen werden.“

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Löwen Entertainment an der Seite der Jüdischen Kultusgemeinde Mainz – Rheinhessen

Löwen Entertainment unterstützt die Jüdische Kultusgemeinde Mainz – Rheinhessen mit einer Spende in Höhe von 1 000 Euro. Den symbolischen Scheck überreichten **Dr. Daniel Henzgen**, Geschäftsführer Kommunikation & Compliance, und **Christian-Moritz Thorn**, Senior Manager Public Affairs, an den Gemeinderabbiner **Aharon Ran Vernikovsky** und die Vorsitzende **Anna Kischner**.

Der Rabbiner dankt: „Unsere Gemeinde arbeitet daran, jüdisches Leben in seiner Tradition, Gegenwart und Zukunft in Mainz und Rheinhessen sichtbar zu machen. Partner an unserer Seite, die dieses Engagement mittragen, geben uns Rückenwind. Dafür bedanke ich mich bei Löwen Entertainment herzlich.“

Dr. Daniel Henzgen: „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 stehen unverrückbar an der Seite unserer jüdischen Mitbürgerinnen und Mitbürger. Unsere Haltung ist eindeutig – besonders in Zeiten, in denen antisemitische Stimmen wieder lauter werden.“

Die Jüdische Kultusgemeinde Mainz – Rheinhessen zählt zu den ältesten in Deutschland.



Von links: Dr. Daniel Henzgen, Joanna Wroblewska-Nell, Anna Kischner, Aharon Ran Vernikovsky und Christian-Moritz Thorn.

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Ainsworth said the underperformance led management to revise growth assumptions for the North American unit. Those updated assumptions were then applied in the impairment assessment, resulting in the recoverable amount falling below the carrying value of the goodwill asset at the reporting date.

Earnings Outlook and Other One Off Items

Alongside the goodwill write down, Ainsworth said other one off items for 2025 are expected to include losses of about AUD22.7 million. These are primarily tied to net foreign currency losses, transaction costs linked to a terminated scheme of arrangement and off market takeover offers, and the impairment of other non current assets connected to the group online cash generating unit.

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The gaming supplier now expects underlying EBITDA for 2025 to come in at around AUD48.0 million, compared with AUD48.2 million in the previous financial year. Underlying EBITDA margin is forecast at 16.5 percent, down from 18.3 percent a year earlier.

Ainsworth said the lower margin has added pressure to operating cash flows, largely due to sales coming in below expectations and higher inventory levels at the reporting date.

The company added that the goodwill impairment will not affect the ability of its U.S. based subsidiary, Ainsworth Game Technology Inc, to meet financial covenants tied to its secured loan facility with Western Alliance Bancorporation.

Looking further down the income statement, Ainsworth said it expects to report underlying profit before tax, excluding currency movements and one off items, of approximately AUD21.0 million for 2025. That figure is slightly below the AUD21.5 million estimate provided in a December 8 trading update and compares with a reported profit of AUD23.2 million for the 2024 financial year.



Löwen Entertainment: Erneute Ökoprofit-Auszeichnung

Der Landkreis Mainz-Bingen zeichnete Löwen Entertainment erneut für besonderes Engagement im betrieblichen Umwelt- und Klimaschutz als „Ökoprofit-Club-Betrieb 2025“ aus. Neben den Bingern erhielten Lüft Verkehrstechnik aus Budenheim und Boehringer Ingelheim das Prädikat. Löwen Entertainment gehörte zu den ersten Teilnehmenden des kommunalen Umweltmanagementprojekts, teilt der Landkreis Mainz-Bingen mit. Landrat Thomas Barth reiste gemeinsam mit Nadja Kaufmann vom Umwelt- und Energieberatungszentrum (UEBZ) zu den Preisträgern und verlieh die Auszeichnung vor Ort.

Viele Projekte im Umwelt- und Klimaschutz umgesetzt

2025 habe Löwen Entertainment erneut viele Projekte im Umwelt- und Klimaschutz umgesetzt. Herausragend zu nennen sei die energetische Sanierung einer Logistikhalle, die Verdichtung von Wertstoffen, um Transportwege zu sparen, der Start eines neuen Heizungskonzepts sowie der Ausbau von Ladesäulen für Elektrofahrzeuge, heißt es seitens des Landkreises. Marek Neumann, stellvertretender Leiter Technisches Gebäudemanagement des Unternehmens bei Löwen: „Die umfangreiche energetische Gebäude-Modernisierung am Hauptstandort in Bingen ist ein wichtiger weiterer Schritt unseres betrieblichen Umwelt- und Ressourcenmanagements. Wir freuen uns sehr, dass die erneute Ökoprofit-Auszeichnung dieses Engagement würdigt.“

Bild (v. l.): Nadja Kaufmann (Mitarbeiterin im Bereich Umwelt- und Energieberatung, Kreisverwaltung Mainz-Bingen), Philipp Bäder (Technisches Gebäudemanagement Löwen Entertainment), Landrat Thomas Barth und Marek Neumann (Stv. Leiter Technisches Gebäudemanagement Löwen). © Löwen Entertainment

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Ainsworth revises down FY25 profit estimates due to US\$30 million goodwill impairment on North American Cash Generating Unit



Australian slots supplier Ainsworth Game Technology (AGT) has warned that it expects to include a non-cash impairment of goodwill in the amount of AU\$43.1 million (US\$30.0 million) in its financial results for FY25 following a review of its North American Cash Generating Unit (CGU). The impairment relates to the acquisition of Nova Technologies in 2016 and MTD Gaming Inc in 2020 – both part of the CGU – and is a result of the underperformance of the North American CGU in FY25, AGT explained.

This underperformance has, the company added, caused AGT to revise its growth assumptions for the North American CGU which have been reflected in the company's impairment assessment, resulting in a deficiency in the recoverable amount compared to the carrying value of this goodwill asset at the reporting date.

AGT also said it expects to report one-off losses amounting to AU\$22.7 million (US\$15.8 million), primarily due to net foreign currency losses, transaction costs relating to the terminated scheme of arrangement involving parent company Novomatic AG and off-market takeover offers, and the impairment of other non-current assets relating to Online CGU.

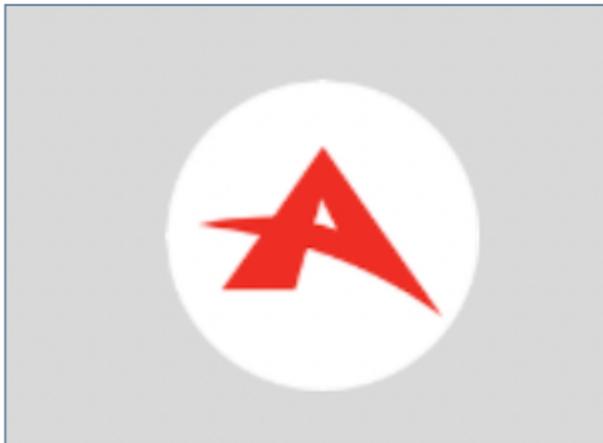
As such, AGT said it expects to record an underlying EBITDA for FY25 of approximately AU\$48.0 million (US\$33.4 million), similar to FY24, with underlying EBITDA margin falling from 18.3% to 16.5%. The lower margin has, the company added, resulted in further pressure on operating cash flows due to lower sales than anticipated.

AFT also expects to report an underlying Profit before Tax, excluding currency and one-off items (Underlying PBT), of approximately AU\$21.0 million (US\$14.6 million) for FY25, slightly lower than the AU\$21.5 million (US\$15.0 million) estimate previously provided.

Notably, AGT said the goodwill impairment from its North American CGU will not affect the company's US-based operating subsidiary's ability to meet financial covenants tied to an existing Western Alliance Bancorporation secured loan facility.

Ainsworth expects impairment over North American gaming business

Ainsworth Game Technology has briefed the market of a AU\$43.1m hit to its full-year results owing to a non-cash impairment of goodwill relating to its North American business.



The expense stems from the acquisition of Nova Technologies and MTD Gaming as well as "underperformance" of Ainsworth's Cash Generating Unit in 2025.

The confirmation of the impairment comes after Ainsworth **told the market on December 8** that its North American segment was set to take a revenue hit of around 20 per cent in the second half of 2025.

Ainsworth has also informed the market of a \$22.7m loss in its full-year results due to net foreign currency losses, transaction costs relating to the terminated scheme of arrangement and off-market takeover offers and the impairment of other non-current assets relating to Online CGU.

However, the company said expects similar adjusted EBITDA to 2024 of \$48m. Profit before tax and currency and one-off items is expected to be \$21m, slightly lower than the \$21.5m estimate provided on December 8.

"This goodwill impairment will not affect the company's US-based operating subsidiary, Ainsworth Game Technology Inc.'s ability to meet the financial covenants tied to the existing Western Alliance Bancorporation secured loan facility," Ainsworth said.

Novomatic takeover ongoing

The confirmation of the impairment comes amid the **takeover attempt from Novomatic** for Ainsworth.

On Monday, Novomatic extended its offer for the final time, and the Austrian company insisted there would be "no further extension" to its offer.

The revised date was installed after Ainsworth founder Len Ainsworth's son Kjerulf extended his own offer to acquire a further 2.9 per cent of Ainsworth until January 30.

Ainsworth Expects One-Off Items to Affect 2025 Profit Performance



Australia-listed slot machine maker Ainsworth Game Technology is bracing for a weaker bottom line for its 2025 financial year, after signaling that a series of one-off items will drag on reported profit. The company has outlined a large non-cash goodwill impairment tied to its North American business, alongside foreign exchange losses, transaction costs from a failed deal, and write-downs in its online operations. All of these will sit on top of a year where underlying earnings are broadly flat, but margins have come under pressure.

Major Goodwill Impairment in North America

Through a filing that was made public on Thursday, Ainsworth stated that it will provide a goodwill impairment of AUD43.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2025. This is a non-cash item that is treated as a special item. However, this is due to a reassessment of the group's North American cash-generating unit. The company said the move followed an in-depth review of that business, carried out together with early input from its external auditors.

The impairment stems from goodwill created when Ainsworth acquired Nova Technologies and MTD Gaming Inc. According to the firm, the North American unit did not perform to expectations in the 2025 financial year, which forced management to scale back its growth assumptions for that part of the business. Those revised expectations fed into the impairment testing process and led to a gap between the recoverable amount of the goodwill and the value at which it was being carried on the books at the reporting date.

Additional One-Off Charges and Currency Losses

The goodwill write-down is not the only exceptional item Ainsworth is preparing to book. The company said it expects other one-off items in 2025 to total losses of AUD22.7 million. These are mainly linked to net foreign currency losses and costs connected to corporate activity around its shareholding and takeover proposals, as well as an impairment of other non-current assets in its online cash-generating unit.

Ainsworth pointed to expenses tied to the terminated scheme of arrangement involving Novomatic's bid for its shares, and to off-market takeover offers, as part of this additional burden. These elements are being treated separately from the group's underlying performance, but together with the goodwill impairment, they will materially pull down the headline profit figure for the year.

Underlying Earnings and Margin Pressure

When stripping out the impact of currency and one-off items, the underlying earnings trend of the company is more stable, but not without challenges. Ainsworth currently sees underlying earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation, and amortization for the 2025 financial year of around AUD48million. This is virtually the same as the 48.2 million reported in the previous year, indicating that the underlying business has remained steady in absolute terms despite the accumulation of exceptional expenses around it.

However, the firm also flagged a squeeze on profitability when measured as a percentage of revenue. It said the underlying EBITDA margin for the current period is expected to sit at 16.5 percent, down from 18.3 percent a year earlier. This erosion in margin has, in the company's words, added pressure to operating cash flows. The lower-than-expected sales led to an increase in the inventory level at the reporting date. This is due to the difficulty in matching production with sales.

Debt Covenants and Profit Before Tax Outlook

Despite the sizable goodwill impairment, Ainsworth stressed that the charge will not affect the ability of its United States-based subsidiary, Ainsworth Game Technology Inc, to comply with financial covenants attached to its secured loan facility with Western Alliance Bancorporation. This suggests that the write-down, while significant on paper, does not put immediate stress on the group's borrowing arrangements in that market.

Looking at profit before tax on an underlying basis, excluding currency movements and the one-off items, the company now expects to post around AUD21 million for 2025. This is slightly below the 21.5 million estimate it provided in a trading update on December 8th, indicating a modest softening versus its earlier guidance. It also trails the 23.2 million profit reported for the full 2024 year, underscoring that even after adjusting for exceptional costs, the business is facing a small step down in earnings as it moves through its latest financial cycle.

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Ainsworth says one-off items to impact 2025 profit



Australia-listed slot machine maker Ainsworth Game Technology Ltd said on Thursday that a AUD43.1 million (US\$30.2 million) non-cash impairment of goodwill will be included as a one-off item for its financial year ended December 31, 2025.

The company said the decision followed a "detailed review undertaken of the North American cash generating unit, including preliminary discussions with the company's external auditors".

"This expected expense relates to the impairment of goodwill arising from the acquisition of Nova Technologies and MTD Gaming Inc, and is a result of the underperformance of the North American cash generating unit in financial-year 2025," the firm added.

The filing said such underperformance had "caused Ainsworth to revise its growth assumptions for the North American cash generating unit and these have been reflected in Ainsworth's impairment assessment".

This, it added, "has resulted in a deficiency in the recoverable amount compared to the carrying value of this goodwill asset at the reporting date."

The gaming supplier said other one-off items for 2025 were likely to encompass "losses of AUD22.7 million, primarily due to net foreign currency losses, transaction costs relating to the **terminated scheme of arrangement** and **off-market takeover offers** and the impairment of other non-current assets" relating to the group's online cash-generating unit.

Ainsworth said it now expects underlying earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation, and amortisation (EBITDA) for financial year 2025 of about AUD48.0 million, compared to AUD48.2 million in the prior financial year.

"Underlying EBITDA margin for the current period is expected to be 16.5 percent, compared to 18.3 percent in the prior corresponding period, which has resulted in further pressure on operating cash flows in the current period primarily due to lower sales than anticipated, which increased inventory holdings at the reporting date," the company stated.

The firm said the goodwill impairment would "not affect" the group's U.S.-based unit Ainsworth Game Technology Inc in terms of its "ability to meet the financial covenants tied to the existing Western Alliance Bancorporation secured loan facility".

In Thursday's filing, Ainsworth also said it expects to report an underlying profit before tax, excluding currency and one-off items, of approximately AUD21.0 million for 2025, slightly lower than the AUD21.5 million estimate provided in a **trading update on December 8**. The company reported a AUD23.2-million profit for full-year 2024.



SPIELBANK WOLFSBURG

Modernisierung der Merkur Spielbanken Niedersachsen schreitet voran

Nach der Übernahme der zehn Standorte treibt die Merkur Group die konsequente Modernisierung ihrer Spielbanken in Niedersachsen weiter voran und etabliert eine „leistungsstarke, zukunftsorientierte Systemlandschaft“. Das berichtet das Unternehmen in einer Pressemitteilung. Mit der erfolgreichen Inbetriebnahme einer neuen Cashless-Gaming-Lösung in der Merkur Spielbank Wolfsburg wurde demnach ein weiterer zentraler Meilenstein in der zukunftsfähigen Neuausrichtung der Spielbanken erreicht. Die ostwestfälische Unternehmensgruppe setzt dabei auf eine Kombination aus der konzernerneigenen Casino-Software StepPlay und Novovision – einem Casino-Management-System von Novomatic.

„Gemeinsam entwickelte Prozesse ideal“

Das Angebot in Wolfsburg umfasst rund 100 Casinogeräte, bestehend aus einer breiten Palette an Automaten, Multi-Roulette- und Jackpot-Anlagen sowie Spiele-Highlights aus den umfangreichen Portfolios von Merkur, Novomatic und weiteren Anbietern. Hier erfolgte nun die erstmalige Systemanbindung des Novovision-Systems an die Softwareinfrastruktur von StepPlay und die gemeinsame Implementierung der Lösung im Spielbetrieb. Sämtliche Geldspielgeräte am Standort Wolfsburg wurden mit neuen Novovision Player Terminal Modulen (PTM) nachgerüstet und gemeinsam mit den Jackpots in das Novovision CMS integriert. Die zentrale Geräte- und Jackpotverwaltung, das bargeldlose Cash-Handling an den Automaten sowie die laufende Buchhaltung der Spielumsätze in Echtzeit ist nun über standardisierte Schnittstellen an die StepPlay-Module angebunden und soll somit für einen modernen, zentral vernetzten Spielbetrieb sorgen. Die gemeinsam entwickelten Prozesse seien dabei ideal an die engen regulatorischen Rahmenbedingungen des deutschen Spielbankenmarktes angepasst und zukunftsfähig ausgerichtet, heißt es bei Merkur.

„Hochmoderne Systemlösung“

Jens Einhaus, Head of Sales & Product Marketing NBS/Novomatic AG, bilanziert zufrieden: „Mit der erfolgreichen Kopplung von Novovision und StepPlay haben wir eine hochmoderne Systemlösung implementiert, die die Abläufe im Tagesgeschäft nachhaltig vereinfacht und zugleich höchste regulatorische Vorgaben erfüllt. Die reibungslose Umsetzung in Wolfsburg unterstreicht die Leistungsfähigkeit der Architektur, die als technologische Basis für eine zukunftssichere, zentral vernetzte Spielbankeninfrastruktur in Niedersachsen dient.“ Auch David Schnabel, Vorstand Merkur Casinos der Merkur Group, zeigt sich begeistert: „Die Erneuerung der Systeme in den niedersächsischen Spielbanken stellte ein zentrales Versprechen im Rahmen des vorangegangenen Ausschreibungsverfahrens dar. Mit der erfolgreichen Einführung dieser Cashless-Gaming-Lösung setzen wir einen wichtigen Impuls für die zukunftsfähige Neuausrichtung unserer Standorte in Niedersachsen. Wir freuen uns, diesen Schritt gemeinsam mit Novomatic realisiert zu haben und unseren Gästen auf diese Weise ein noch komfortableres und sichereres Spielerlebnis bieten zu können.“

Merkur opts for a blend of its own software StepPlay and Novovision for cashless solution in Wolfsburg

All slots have been retrofitted with new Novovision Player Terminal Modules

Following the takeover of the ten locations in [Lower Saxony](#), Germany, the Merkur Group is continuing to push ahead with the modernisation of the venues to establish a high-performance, future-oriented system landscape with the successful installation of a new cashless gaming solution at the Merkur Casino Wolfsburg.

The East Westphalian group of companies has opted for a combination of the group's own casino software StepPlay and Novovision – a casino management system from [Novomatic](#).

The Merkur Spielbank Wolfsburg is now operating with both a stylish ambience and its modern equipment: The offer includes around 100 casino machines, consisting of a wide range of machines, multi-roulette and jackpot systems as well as gaming highlights from the extensive portfolios of Merkur, Novomatic and other providers. This is where the Novovision system has now been connected to StepPlay's software infrastructure for the first time and the solution has been jointly implemented in game operation. All slot machines at the Wolfsburg site have been retrofitted with new Novovision Player Terminal Modules (PTM) and integrated into the Novovision CMS together with the jackpots. The central device and jackpot management, the cashless cash handling at the machines and the ongoing accounting of gaming revenues in real time are now connected to the StepPlay modules via standardised interfaces and thus ensure modern, centrally networked gaming operations. The jointly developed processes are ideally adapted to the tight regulatory framework of the German casino market and are designed for the future.

The entire implementation – from installation to system connection to commissioning – was successfully carried out within just three days. Building on this success, the solution is to be successively expanded to all other locations of Merkur Spielbanken Niedersachsen in the course of the year. At the end of the overall project, around 1,200 slot machines in ten casinos will be integrated into the new system architecture.

Jens Einhaus, Head of Sales & Product Marketing NBS/Novomatic AG, is satisfied: "With the successful coupling of Novovision and StepPlay, we have implemented a state-of-the-art system solution that simplifies day-to-day business processes in the long term and at the same time meets the highest regulatory requirements. The smooth implementation in Wolfsburg underlines the performance of the architecture, which serves as the technological basis for a future-proof, centrally networked casino infrastructure in Lower Saxony."

David Schnabel, CEO Merkur Casinos of the Merkur Group, is also enthusiastic: "The renewal of the systems in the casinos in Lower Saxony was a central promise in the previous tender process. With the successful introduction of this cashless gaming solution, we are providing an important impetus for the future-proof realignment of our locations in Lower Saxony. We are pleased to have taken this step together with Novomatic and to be able to offer our guests an even more comfortable and secure gaming experience."



A Novovision hybrid has launched in Wolfsburg

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v.l.n.r.: Matthew Broughton (Casino International), Stefan Krenn (NOVOMATIC AG), Felipe Ludeña Muñoz (NOVOMATIC Sports Betting), Alexandra Lindlbauer (NOVOMATIC AG), Simon Thomas (Hippodrome Casino) © Novomatic

Spitzenreiter bei den europäischen Casino „Oscars“: NOVOMATIC erhält gleich vier Auszeichnungen

Im Rahmen der weltweit größten Gaming-Messe, der ICE in Barcelona, erhielt NOVOMATIC gleich vier Auszeichnungen bei den begehrten European Casino Awards. Dies bestätigt einmal mehr die führende Position des Gaming-Technologiekonzerns in Europa.

Die European Casino Awards zählen zu den bedeutendsten Auszeichnungen der europäischen Casino-Branche. Bei der hochkarätig besetzten Award-Gala überzeugte NOVOMATIC als einziges Unternehmen gleich in vier Kategorien und positioniert sich damit erneut als strategischer Vorreiter der internationalen Gaming-Branche.

Prämiert wurde NOVOMATIC in folgenden vier Kategorien:

- Best Slot Machine: DIAMOND X™ Quattro 1.55J
- Best CMS/Software Product: NOVOVISION™
- Best Electronic Table Gaming Product: Novo Unity™ Pro
- Sustainability Initiative Award: Photovoltaic-Systems

„Diese Auszeichnungen sind eine großartige Bestätigung für unsere kontinuierlichen Investitionen in Innovation, Technologie und nachhaltige Unternehmensführung“, so Stefan Krenn, Vorstand der NOVOMATIC AG. „Ein großer Dank gilt unseren Kunden und Partnern sowie dem gesamten NOVOMATIC-Team, die durch ihr großes Engagement diesen Erfolg erst möglich gemacht haben“.

Die mehrfachen Auszeichnungen unterstreichen einmal mehr die Stärke und Vielfalt des NOVOMATIC-Portfolios sowie den klaren strategischen Fokus auf Innovation und Nachhaltigkeit, mit dem das Unternehmen langfristigen Impact für Betreiber, Partner und Kunden weltweit schafft. Die European Casino Awards zählen zu den wichtigsten Auszeichnungen der europäischen Casino-Branche und würdigen jährlich herausragende Leistungen in Produktentwicklung, technologischen Lösungen und branchenweiter Verantwortung. Eine unabhängige Expertenjury bewertet die Einreichungen und prämiert die Gewinner im Rahmen der ICE 2026 in Barcelona.

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NOVOMATIC Spain Celebrates the Excitement at the 6th ADMIRAL Awards Gala for Spanish Sport

(Madrid).- The ADMIRAL Awards for Spanish Sport recognize the most outstanding athletes of 2025 at an event supported by NOVOMATIC Spain, reflecting its commitment to national talent.



The **Palacio de Santoña in Madrid** once again hosted the sixth edition of the **ADMIRAL Awards for Spanish Sports**, a gala filled with emotional moments and reaffirming its support for young athletes and their disciplines.

Among the winners most voted by the public were **Sara Ouzande, Paul McGrath, Inés Bergua, David Cantero, Alfonso Cabello, and María Schlegel**, who celebrated their 2025 achievements and shared their enthusiasm for continuing to bring joy to fans.

Emotion took center stage throughout the evening, with special mention of **Pedro Antonio Gómez and Javier Jara**, who were honored with the “**Hope and Sport**” award for their effort and dedication in achieving goals through sport. This recognition is part of the social program “**Corriendo tras un sueño**” by ADMIRAL, coordinated by **Lorenzo Albadalejo**, former Paralympic athlete, in which **NOVOMATIC Spain** also collaborates, facilitating access to adapted sports for people with disabilities.

The event featured the participation of prominent figures and former athletes, consolidating its position as a benchmark event that reinforces **NOVOMATIC Spain’s** commitment **to corporate responsibility**, especially under the **Active in the Community** pillar, promoting the motto “**Winning Responsibly**”.

Jaime Estalella, Managing Director of the Operations Division at NOVOMATIC Spain, highlighted the importance of the event: “*It is essential to give visibility to and support national talent that achieves significant successes for our country every year. This project is special thanks to the athletes who make it possible*”.

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Greentube expands New Jersey footprint with PlayStar deal



Greentube has expanded its presence in the United States through a new partnership with PlayStar in New Jersey.

The deal sees Greentube deliver a selection of top-performing and newly launched titles, including Piggy Prizes: Wand of Riches 2, Firecracker Frenzy: Empress Wealth, and Starlight Jackpots: Odds of the Gods.

“This strategic partnership marks a significant milestone in Greentube’s ongoing expansion in the US, bringing a diverse portfolio of trusted, high-quality online gaming content to PlayStar’s growing player base,” said Patryk Igras, sales and key account manager at Greentube. “Together, we aim to elevate the gaming experience in New Jersey by delivering innovative titles, seamless gameplay, and a strong commitment to responsible entertainment.”

Duncan Hamilton, director of gaming operations at PlayStar, said: “Greentube has built a strong reputation in the US for delivering high-quality, engaging titles, and we’re thrilled to bring their games to our players in New Jersey.

“This partnership supports our mission to provide a premium, curated casino experience, and we’re confident that Greentube’s content will be a standout addition to our portfolio.”

Greentube entered New Jersey’s regulated iGaming market in September 2021, and is also live in Michigan, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

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In direkter Nähe zur Autostadt überzeugt die Merkur Spielbank Wolfsburg sowohl mit einem stilvollen Ambiente als auch durch ihre moderne Ausstattung: Das Angebot umfasst rund 100 Casinogeräte, bestehend aus einer breiten Palette an Automaten, Multi-Roulette- und Jackpot-Anlagen sowie Spiele-Highlights aus den umfangreichen Portfolios von Merkur, Novomatic und weiteren Anbietern. Hier erfolgte nun die erstmalige Systemanbindung des Novovision-Systems an die Softwareinfrastruktur von StepPlay und die gemeinsame Implementierung der Lösung im Spielbetrieb. Sämtliche Geldspielgeräte am Standort Wolfsburg wurden mit neuen Novovision Player Terminal Modulen (PTM) nachgerüstet und gemeinsam mit den Jackpots in das Novovision CMS integriert. Die zentrale Geräte- und Jackpotverwaltung, das bargeldlose Cash-Handling an den Automaten sowie die laufende Buchhaltung der Spielumsätze in Echtzeit ist nun über standardisierte Schnittstellen an die StepPlay-Module angebunden und sorgt somit für einen modernen, zentral vernetzten Spielbetrieb. Die gemeinsam entwickelten Prozesse sind dabei ideal an die engen regulatorischen Rahmenbedingungen des deutschen Spielbankenmarktes angepasst und zukunftsfähig ausgerichtet.

Die gesamte Umsetzung – von der Installation über die Systemanbindung bis hin zur Inbetriebnahme – wurde innerhalb von nur drei Tagen erfolgreich durchgeführt. Aufbauend auf diesem Erfolg soll die Lösung im Laufe des Jahres sukzessive auf alle weiteren Standorte der Merkur Spielbanken Niedersachsen ausgeweitet werden. Mit Abschluss des Gesamtprojekts werden dann rund 1.200 Geldspielgeräte in zehn Spielbanken in die neue Systemarchitektur eingebunden sein.

Jens Einhaus, Head of Sales & Product Marketing NBS/Novomatic AG, bilanziert zufrieden: „Mit der erfolgreichen Kopplung von Novovision und StepPlay haben wir eine hochmoderne Systemlösung implementiert, die die Abläufe im Tagesgeschäft nachhaltig vereinfacht und zugleich höchste regulatorische Vorgaben erfüllt. Die reibungslose Umsetzung in Wolfsburg unterstreicht die Leistungsfähigkeit der Architektur, die als technologische Basis für eine zukunftssichere, zentral vernetzte Spielbankeninfrastruktur in Niedersachsen dient.“

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Quelle: Merkur Spielbanken Niedersachsen

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Novomatic Pushes Ainsworth Buyout Deadline to February 6



Novomatic AG, the big Austrian supplier of gaming gear, has given itself more time to wrap up its takeover of Australian slot maker Ainsworth Game Technology Ltd. This marks the third extension, with the offer now open until 7 PM Sydney time on February 6, unless they pull it sooner. Ainsworth shared the update in a fresh filing to the Australian Securities Exchange. The last deadline was set for the same time on January 30, so this gives shareholders another week to decide. Back in August, Novomatic put forward an unconditional bid of AUD1.00 per share, about \$0.69, for all the Ainsworth shares it doesn't already own. Together with founder Johann Graf, Novomatic controls 66.59 percent of the company, based on Ainsworth's books as of January 28. That majority stake already gives them a strong say, but snapping up the rest would lock in full control.

How the Offer Came Together

Novomatic kicked off the process last summer with a straightforward cash offer aimed at minority owners. By mid-September, Ainsworth set up an independent board committee that looked hard at the deal and came back with a clear thumbs-up. They told all shareholders to take the offer, figuring it was a solid price for the company's slot machine business and future potential. That recommendation carried weight, especially since Novomatic already held the reins through its big chunk of shares. The extensions suggest not everyone jumped right away, maybe waiting to see how things play out or weighing other options. Novomatic seems patient, stretching the timeline to build acceptance without rushing the market.

Competing Bid Adds Twist

Things got interesting in late October when Kjerulf Ainsworth, son of Ainsworth founder Len Ainsworth, stepped in with his own play. He offered a so-called proportionate deal, targeting 2.9 percent of each shareholder's holdings at AUD1.30 per share, a bit higher than Novomatic's price. Kjerulf stretched his own deadline to January 30, keeping pressure on. Ainsworth made it clear at the time that Novomatic had no interest in going along with that rival bid. The family angle makes it personal, with Kjerulf trying to boost his slice while Novomatic pushes for total ownership. This back-and-forth likely explains some of the delays, as holders pick sides in what feels like a tug-of-war over the company's direction.

What Full Control Means for Both Sides

For Novomatic, finishing the deal would mean folding Ainsworth's slot designs and sales networks fully into its global lineup. Ainsworth brings strong play in Australia and parts of Asia, where slots stay popular on casino floors. The AUD1.00 price tags the remaining shares at a level that lines up with recent trading and market views on growth. Independent advice backing the bid helps sway doubters, stressing long-term stability under Novomatic's wing. On Ainsworth's end, the board sees the sale as a clean exit for minorities, avoiding drawn-out uncertainty.

Extensions Signal Patience in Play

This latest push-back, the third in a row, shows Novomatic playing a long game. First came a nearly two-month wait after the initial close, now this short hop to early February. It keeps doors open without spooking investors. Kjerulf's higher offer might pull some, but Novomatic's majority and board nod give it leverage. As February 6 nears, eyes stay on acceptance rates and whether holdouts budge.

Takeover Race Nears Finish Line

With control already in hand at over two-thirds, Novomatic edges closer to full ownership. A rival family bid tests the waters, but extensions buy time to seal the deal. Ainsworth shareholders face a final call soon, balancing cash now against potential upsides.

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NOVOMATIC showcases groundbreaking innovations at ICE 2026

(Gumpoldskirchen/Barcelona).- From January 19–21, ICE Barcelona once again served as the industry's global epicenter. NOVOMATIC used its expansive 4,500 m² booth to bring its complete 360-degree offering to life, featuring the newest innovations in gaming tech and integrated systems.



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. The firm also emerged as the most successful company at the European Casino Awards.

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. The scalable **DIAMOND X™** family of cabinets supports multiple game formats, Linked Progressives, and high-impact jackpot installations, enabling high-visibility flagship deployments.



XTENSION WORLD in action: Linked Progressives and game innovation

The firm unveiled a strong lineup of new Linked Progressives and Multiple Feature Games under the **XTENSION WORLD** umbrella. Key premieres included **VISION LINK™**, a new generation of jackpot mechanics and player engagement models engineered to maximize dwell time and floor performance. Another highlight was **XTENSION LINK™ Volume 5**, expanding one of NOVOMATIC's internationally most successful game families with a powerful new portfolio of feature-rich titles designed for sustained player appeal. A further addition to the multi-feature portfolio, **IMPERA PROLINK™ 2**, delivers advanced jackpot mechanics and feature-driven gameplay designed to enhance performance across multiple markets.

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.

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 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.”*

Thomas Schmalzer, VP Global Sales and VP Product Management NOVOMATIC AG, adds: *“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. We look forward to a successful year for the industry and to meeting again at ICE 2027 and other international events in the months ahead.”*

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Greentube scales US presence with PlayStar



- PlayStar and Greentube have signed a new content alliance to boost their US presence
- This is part of the supplier's ongoing efforts to establish a firmer footprint in the local market
- Greentube has also maintained a fast pace of international expansion

PlayStar and **Greentube** have signed a new content deal that will see the companies expand their respective footprint in **New Jersey**, the United States.

The **NOVOMATIC Digital Gaming and Entertainment** division is scaling up its presence in the market by teaming up with a new prominent casino and bringing some of its best-recognized and performance-driven games.

Greentube pushes forth with slots games in New Jersey

The supplier previously signed a content partnership with Caesaras in **Pennsylvania** and strengthened its presence in **Connecticut**.

Greentube's titles include such excellent releases as **Wand of Riches 2**, **Starlight Jackpots: Odds of the Gods**, and **Firecracker Frenzy: Empress Wealth**, among others.

Commenting on the new partnership, [Greentube](#) Sales and Key Account Manager **Patryk Igras** added that the latest tie-up was part of the company's ongoing push in the United States, designed to strengthen the supplier's local footprint and presence.

"This strategic partnership marks a significant milestone in Greentube's ongoing expansion in the US, bringing a diverse portfolio of trusted, high-quality online gaming content to PlayStar's growing player base."

PlayStar strengthens content library with Greentube's full portfolio

PlayStar was a particularly apt partner as the casino will help Greentube raise its profile locally. The partnership was welcomed on a similarly upbeat tone by PlayStar Director of Gaming Operations **Duncan Hamilton**, who didn't fail to comment on the supplier's well-established track record:

"Greentube has built a strong reputation in the US for delivering high-quality, engaging titles, and we're thrilled to bring their games to our players in New Jersey."

Greentube entered the market in the United States in 2021 and has been continuously delivering on excellent player-focused games with some of the most prominent iGaming brands.

The supplier has similarly maintained a good international footprint, with Greentube achieving several large-scale expansions over the past weeks, among which are moves in [Spain](#) and [Brazil](#).

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Novomatic extends Ainsworth takeover offer for final time

February 2, 2026
by Jonny Whitfield



Novomatic has for the final time extended its takeover offer for the shares it does not already own in Ainsworth Game Technology until February 6.



The Austrian gaming giant said there would be "no further extension" to its offer.

The revised timeline comes after Ainsworth founder Len Ainsworth's son Kjerulf extended his own offer to acquire a further 2.9 per cent of Ainsworth until January 30.

Novomatic's offer was extended at the start of December until the end of January.

The company already owns over half of the shares in Ainsworth but is looking to purchase the remaining 47.1 per cent.

Kjerulf Ainsworth is rivalling Novomatic's offer due to his belief that the company's bid undervalues Ainsworth.

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Novomatic extends Ainsworth takeover deadline for third time



The offer was previously set to close on January 30.

Australia.- The slot manufacturer **Ainsworth Game Technology Ltd** has confirmed that **Novomatic AG** has extended the deadline for its proposed acquisition of the company for the third time. The offer, previously to close at 7.00pm Sydney time on January 30, has been extended to **7.00pm on February 6** unless the proposal is withdrawn.

The unconditional takeover offer of **AUD1.00 (US\$0.69) per share** was launched in August. Austria-based **Novomatic**, together with its founder Johann Graf, currently holds **66.59 per cent** of Ainsworth's shares, leaving the remaining **33.41 per cent** subject to the offer.

In **September 2025**, Ainsworth reported that an independent board committee had unanimously advised shareholders to accept Novomatic's offer. In October, the company said it had also received a proportionate offer from Kjerulf Ainsworth, a son of the company's founder, for **2.9 per cent** of shareholders' holdings.

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Novomatic Extends Ainsworth Acquisition One Last Time

NOVOMATIC has been an Ainsworth majority stakeholder for a while, currently owning 66.59% of the latter company



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Ainsworth Game Technology Limited, an Australia-based gaming provider, announced that its planned acquisition by **NOVOMATIC** has been postponed once again. The M&A arrangement between the two companies has so far been bumpy, reflecting significant disagreements between representatives of the two parties.

The Deal's Deadline Has Been Extended Once Again

In a filing submitted on the day of [the original acquisition deadline](#), January 30, Ainsworth announced that the deal's final date for completing the off-market takeover has been extended once again.

According to the announcement, the deal's new deadline is 7 pm Sydney time on **February 6, 2026**.

On behalf of Novomatic, we enclose a copy of the formal notice of variation stating that Novomatic has today varied the Offer by extending the Offer Period contained in section 13.3 of the Bidder's Statement, such that the Offer will now remain open for acceptance until 7:00pm (Sydney time) on 6 February 2026 (unless withdrawn).

Ainsworth filing excerpt ———

The filing implies that this will be the final extension related to this arrangement.

NOVOMATIC's Acquisition Has Caused a Divide Among Ainsworth Investors

NOVOMATIC has been an Ainsworth majority stakeholder for a while, currently owning 66.59% of the latter company. In 2025, the former business set out to acquire the remainder of its Australian peer in a deal that came to be marred by difficulties and an internal rift among Ainsworth investors.

Some members of the Ainsworth family, as well as other company shareholders, previously claimed that the current arrangement undervalues the company, despite the management's insistence on the contrary. Because of that, they have staunchly opposed it, leading to a whole other set of difficulties.

The delayed agreement has taken a toll on Ainsworth's share price, resulting in a somewhat turbulent period for the Australian business.

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Novomatic extends Ainsworth takeover deadline for final time



The deadline for Novomatic's bumpy acquisition of Ainsworth Game Technology has been extended for the final time.

Ainsworth issued a regulatory filing on Friday (30 January) outlining that Novomatic's off-market takeover of the business has been extended for the last time until 7pm Sydney time on 6 February. Previously, the deal had been set to expire at the same time on 30 January.

The news marks the latest twist in Novomatic's tricky acquisition of the business, which has seen recalcitrant shareholders – including members of the Ainsworth family – seek to block the Austrian B2B giant's acquisition of the company.

Novomatic and its founder and owner Johann Graf currently control 66.59% of Ainsworth, according to an ASX filing uploaded 28 January.

The deal to acquire the remaining shares in the business almost collapsed in summer 2025 **amid strong opposition** from major investors, including members of the Ainsworth family, who are reportedly opposed to the proposal.

The family patriarch Len Ainsworth – who also founded Aristocrat and will celebrate his 103rd birthday this year – sold his majority stake in the company to Novomatic for A\$473m (€277.6m) just under a decade ago.

Meanwhile, Ainsworth's underlying business **has faced stormy waters** amid the stalling of the M&A deal, telling the market in December it expected pre-tax profit and revenue to decline in H2 compared to H1, down 45.3% and 11% respectively.

This came the month after Ainsworth's CEO Harold Neumann **resigned** after the Nevada regulator **nixed** his application for the renewal of his gaming licence.

This followed on from reports in June 2025 that the executive, who had previously served as Novomatic's own chief executive before his resignation in 2020, had been **under investigation** by Austrian authorities for corruption for several years.

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Novomatic Extends Deadline for Ainsworth Acquisition Once More



Background of the Acquisition

Ainsworth Game Technology Limited, a gaming company based in Australia, has announced another delay in its planned takeover by NOVOMATIC. The merger and acquisition process between these companies has encountered ongoing challenges due to significant disagreements between their representatives.

The Acquisition Deadline Is Pushed to February 6, 2026

On the original deadline date of January 30, Ainsworth revealed that the final completion date for the off-market takeover has been extended yet again. The new deadline for accepting the offer is now set for 7 pm Sydney time on February 6, 2026.

According to an official notice filed by Ainsworth on behalf of NOVOMATIC, this extension adjusts the offer period as outlined in the bid documentation, indicating this is intended to be the ultimate extension for the acquisition offer.

Investor Disagreements Impacting the Acquisition Process

NOVOMATIC, which currently holds a majority stake of 66.59% in Ainsworth, initiated the plan in 2025 to acquire the remaining shares. However, this bid has been complicated by internal disputes among Ainsworth shareholders.

Some shareholders, including members of the Ainsworth family, oppose the deal, arguing that the offer undervalues the company despite management's assurances to the contrary. This opposition has introduced further challenges and prolonged the deal.

The uncertainty surrounding the acquisition has negatively affected Ainsworth's share price and contributed to a period of instability for the business.

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Novomatic sets final 6 Feb deadline for Ainsworth takeover bid



Austrian gaming equipment supplier Novomatic AG has confirmed a final extension to its takeover offer for Australia-listed slot machine maker Ainsworth Game Technology Ltd, pushing the closing date to 7 pm Sydney time on 6 February, unless the offer is withdrawn. The latest extension marks the third time Novomatic has revised the deadline for the off-market bid, according to disclosures lodged with the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX).

The offer had previously been due to close on 30 January. In a formal notice of variation submitted to both the ASX and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), Novomatic stated that no further extensions would be granted beyond the new February 6 cut-off.

Final extension confirmed

Novomatic's notice was sent out under section 650D of Australia's Corporations Act 2001. It is about its offer to buy all Ainsworth shares it doesn't already own for cash. The bid is being presented in compliance with Novomatic's bidder statement of 3 September 2025.

In the filing, Novomatic said all references to the earlier 30 January closing date in the bidder's statement and associated documents have been amended to 6 February. It also stated that the offer period will not be extended beyond this date. The offer remains priced at AUD1.00 (US\$0.69) per share, payable in cash.

Existing ownership and board support

Novomatic is already the dominant shareholder in Ainsworth. According to a filing released by Ainsworth on 28 January, the Novomatic group and its founder and owner, Johann Graf, together control 66.59 percent of the Australian company's issued shares.

This majority position has underpinned Novomatic's confidence in [proceeding with the takeover](#). In mid-September, Ainsworth announced that an independent board committee established to assess the proposal had unanimously recommended that shareholders accept Novomatic's offer. The committee concluded that the bid represented fair value and provided certainty for shareholders in the context of the company's operating and market conditions.

Competing proportional offer

The [Novomatic takeover](#) has unfolded alongside a separate and more limited proposal from Kjerulf David Hastings Ainsworth, a son of the company's founder. In late October, Ainsworth disclosed that [Kjerulf Ainsworth had made a proportional off-market offer](#) to acquire 2.9 percent of each existing shareholder's holding in the company.

The proportional offer from Kjerulf Ainsworth was priced at AUD1.30 (\$0.88) each, a higher price than Novomatic's offer, though it covered only a small portion of each shareholder's stake. The proportional offer was set out in a bidder's statement dated 4 December 2025.

On 22 January, Ainsworth informed the ASX that Kjerulf Ainsworth had extended the closing date of his offer by one week, moving it to 30 January, unless further extended or withdrawn.

Novomatic's position on the rival bid

Ainsworth has repeatedly stated that Novomatic does not intend to accept the proportional offer from Kjerulf Ainsworth. In a 31 December filing, the company reiterated that Novomatic, through its relevant interest in more than 65 percent of Ainsworth shares at the time, had indicated its intention to reject the competing proposal.

The company also outlined the potential impact of the proportional offer should it have been accepted by shareholders other than Novomatic. Under that scenario, Kjerulf Ainsworth could have acquired up to 2,693,164 Ainsworth shares, taking his total holding to approximately 8.1 percent of the company.

However, with the proportional offer closing on January 30 and Novomatic declining to participate, the focus has remained firmly on Novomatic's full takeover bid.

Next steps for shareholders

With the February 6 deadline now described as final, Ainsworth shareholders who have not yet accepted Novomatic's offer face a limited window to make a decision. Novomatic has stated that shareholders wishing to receive the AUD1.00 (\$0.69) per share cash consideration must accept the offer before it closes.



Novomatic Sets Final Date for Ainsworth Takeover Bid

Novomatic AG has again extended the deadline for its takeover bid for Ainsworth Game Technology Limited, **setting February 6, 2026, as the new and final closing date for the offer**. The extension, confirmed in regulatory filings lodged on January 30, marks the third time the Austrian gaming equipment supplier has revised the timetable for its attempt to acquire full ownership of the Australian-listed slot machine manufacturer.

The latest change applies to Novomatic's off-market takeover bid under Chapter 6 of Australia's Corporations Act 2001, which seeks to purchase all Ainsworth shares it does not already own. According to the notice of variation submitted to regulators, the offer will now remain open until 7:00 pm Sydney time on February 6, unless it is withdrawn earlier. Novomatic stated in the filing that no further extensions would be granted beyond this date.

Offer Timeline and Regulatory Filings

In a formal letter ([pdf](#)) lodged through the ASX Market Announcements Office, Novomatic confirmed that it had varied the offer period originally set out in its bidder's statement dated September 3, 2025. The notice was also lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission on January 30 and distributed to Ainsworth and eligible shareholders in line with statutory requirements.

The bid had previously been scheduled to close at 7:00 pm Sydney time on January 30. By extending the deadline, Novomatic has given shareholders additional time to decide **whether to accept the cash offer**, while also drawing a line under what has been a prolonged and, at times, uncertain acquisition process.

Novomatic's offer remains unchanged in value. The company is offering AUD1.00 per share in cash for the remaining shares in Ainsworth that it does not already control. The bid was declared unconditional when it was announced in August 2025.

Novomatic enters the final phase of the takeover process as Ainsworth's dominant shareholder. According to an ASX filing dated January 28, Novomatic and its founder and owner, Johann Graf, together control 66.59% of Ainsworth's issued share capital. That level of ownership has underpinned the group's confidence in pursuing the acquisition to completion.

In mid-September, **Ainsworth** disclosed that an independent board committee formed to assess the takeover proposal had "*unanimously*" recommended that shareholders accept Novomatic's offer. The committee concluded that the bid provided certainty of value for shareholders, particularly in light of Ainsworth's operating and market conditions.

Despite that recommendation, **the transaction has faced resistance from certain shareholders**, including members of the Ainsworth family, contributing to delays and extensions.

Competing Bid and Shareholder Opposition

Alongside Novomatic's bid, a separate and more limited proposal emerged in late 2025. Kjerulf David Hastings Ainsworth, a son of the company's founder, made a proportional off-market offer to acquire 2.9% of each shareholder's holding at a price of AUD1.30 per share. While higher on a per-share basis, the offer applied only to a small portion of each investor's stake.

Ainsworth disclosed that Novomatic did "*not intend to accept*" that competing proposal. In a subsequent filing, the company reiterated that position, noting that Novomatic's existing majority interest meant **it would reject the proportional offer**. **Kjerulf Ainsworth** later extended his own offer deadline to January 30, aligning it with the earlier closing date of Novomatic's bid.

Had the proportional offer been accepted by shareholders other than Novomatic, it could have resulted in Kjerulf Ainsworth increasing his stake to approximately 8.1%. With that offer now closed and Novomatic declining to participate, attention has returned fully to Novomatic's full takeover bid.

While the ownership contest has played out, Ainsworth's underlying business has faced challenges. In December, the company told the market that it expected pre-tax profit and revenue in the second half of the financial year to fall compared with the first half, with declines of 45.3% and 11% respectively.

The company has also experienced leadership disruption. In November, Ainsworth's chief executive officer Harold Neumann resigned after a Nevada regulator rejected his application to renew his gaming licence. The resignation followed reports earlier in 2025 that Neumann had been under investigation by Austrian authorities for several years in connection with corruption allegations. Neumann had previously served as Novomatic's chief executive before stepping down from that role in 2020.

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Novomatic Pushes Ainsworth Bid Deadline to February 6



Novomatic again pushed back the clock on its bid for Ainsworth, giving shareholders more time to decide while keeping pressure on a competing offer from within the founding family.

Good to Know

- *Novomatic already controls more than two thirds of Ainsworth shares*
- *The takeover price from Novomatic stands at AUD1.00 per share*
- *A separate family-linked bid priced shares higher but covered only a small portion*

According to a recent filing on the Australian Securities Exchange, Novomatic AG has extended the closing date of its takeover offer for Ainsworth Game Technology Ltd for a third time. The bid will now stay open until 7pm Sydney time on February 6, unless withdrawn.

The prior deadline had been set for 7pm Sydney time on January 30. No changes were made to the price or structure of the offer as part of the extension.

Novomatic launched the bid in August with an unconditional offer of AUD1.00 per share for the Ainsworth stock it does not already hold. At current exchange rates, that values the offer at about US\$0.69 per share.

Control already sits firmly with the bidder. Novomatic and founder Johann Graf together hold 66.59 percent of Ainsworth shares, according to a filing dated January 28. That level of ownership leaves only a minority stake still in play under the takeover proposal.

Support from inside Ainsworth followed soon after the bid appeared. In mid-September, an independent board committee formed by Ainsworth said it had unanimously recommended shareholders accept the Novomatic offer.

A competing proposal later complicated the picture. In late October, Ainsworth disclosed receipt of a proportionate offer from Kjerulf Ainsworth, a son of the company founder. The offer targeted 2.9 percent of each shareholder holding and came with a higher price tag of AUD1.30 per share. That bid carried a deadline of January 30.

Ainsworth also made clear at the time that Novomatic did not plan to accept the family-linked proposal, reinforcing the bidder position as the dominant path toward full control.

automatenmarkt.de, 02.02.2026

HB10 Feature Pass: Löwen Dart und 2K Dart Software veranstalten gemeinsame Webinar-Reihe

Mit dem HB10 Feature Pass machen Unternehmer ihre Löwen Dart HB10 fit für die vernetzte, digitale Darts-Welt.

In vier Live-Webinaren zeigen Löwen Dart und 2K Dart Software Schritt für Schritt, wie der Pass bestellt, aktiviert und mit der 2K Dart Software optimal genutzt wird. Teilnehmer erfahren außerdem, wie der HB10 mit 2K vernetzt wird und welche neuen Möglichkeiten dank digitaler Turnierorganisation dies für den Spielbetrieb vor Ort eröffnet.

Die Webinare finden statt am:

- 10. Februar 2026 um 11:00 und 14:00 Uhr
- 11. Februar 2026 um 14:00 und 18:00 Uhr

Weitere Informationen und die Möglichkeit zur Anmeldung finden Sie auf der [Löwen-Webseite](#).



Stefan Mathes, Leiter Löwen Dart, wird in den vier Webinaren über den HB10 Feature Pass berichten.

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ON A 4,500 M² BOOTH

NOVOMATIC unveils new gaming technologies and wins multiple awards at ICE Barcelona 2026



NOVOMATIC displayed its gaming technology portfolio at a 4,500 m² booth during ICE Barcelona 2026, held January 19–21.

Subsidiaries and partners, including NOVOMATIC Gaming Spain, UK, Italia, LÖWEN ENTERTAINMENT, APEX, and Ainsworth, presented the latest cabinets, games, and system solutions, while a dedicated Latin America zone further highlighted the group's presence in over 130 markets.

The booth combined cutting-edge technology with hospitality, featuring Austrian cuisine, the AdmiralBet Pub, a darts challenge with pro Max Hopp, and a Fiesta Spirit™ photo booth.



NOVOMATIC highlighted its premium portfolio during the show, including **V.I.P. X Galaxy™ 2.65** and new **V.I.P. X Galaxy™ Lounge 2.65**, along with the flagship **DIAMOND X™ Quattro 1.55J**. These cabinets feature advanced displays, touch decks, sound systems, and support for multiple games and jackpots.

The company also used the show to highlight its Linked Progressives and Multiple Feature Games portfolio. During ICE, NOVOMATIC unveiled several **additions to its XTENSION WORLD game universe, including the debut of VISION LINK™**, a new jackpot concept designed to boost player engagement and time on device. **XTENSION LINK™ Volume 5** expanded one of the company's most successful game families, while **IMPERA PROLINK™ 2** introduced additional feature-driven jackpot mechanics.

On the **NOVO LINE™** platform, **RISING TREASURES™ II** expanded the established brand with new themes and bonus structures. The showcase was rounded out by customizable game mixes such as **GAMINATOR™ X5** and **Impera Line HD™ Edition 10**, offering operators tools to tailor content to local market needs.



In the electronic table games segment, **Novo Unity™ Pro** reaffirmed its position as a leading ETG platform, supporting games, including **Roulette, Blackjack, Baccarat, and Sic Bo** through a modular architecture that enhances table utilization and betting flexibility.

NOVOMATIC's Casino Management System NOVOVISION™ also drew strong interest, with demonstrations highlighting its real-time analytics, scalable architecture, and comprehensive floor-wide integration capabilities.

NOVOMATIC capped its ICE 2026 presence by emerging as **the most decorated company** at the **European Casino Awards**, securing four major prizes. The group won Best Slot Machine for its **DIAMOND X™ Quattro 1.55J**, Best Electronic Table Gaming Product for **Novo Unity™ Pro**, Best CMS/Software Product for **NOVOVISION™**, and the Sustainability Initiative Award for its Photovoltaic Systems.



NOVOMATIC also received the ICE Landmark Award 2026 to honor its founder, Prof. Johann F. Graf, for 45 years with the company. The award was accepted by Stefan Krenn, Member of the Executive Board of NOVOMATIC AG, on behalf of Prof. Graf.

“ICE 2026 marked yet another defining moment for NOVOMATIC,” Stefan Krenn, Member of the Executive Board of NOVOMATIC AG, said. “The international recognition that we received reflects the consistency of our strategic course and the capabilities of our technology solutions.”

He said that the group’s award-winning portfolio of cabinets, games, electronic table game platforms, and system intelligence **demonstrated the scale and cohesion of its global offering**, while also acknowledging the trust of customers and partners worldwide and the dedication of more than 26,000 employees.

Thomas Schmalzer, Vice President of Global Sales and Product Management at NOVOMATIC AG, said that the response to the company’s innovations confirmed they are meeting the evolving needs of modern 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,” he said. “We look forward to a successful year for the industry and to meeting again at ICE 2027 and other international events in the months ahead.”

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NOVOMATIC receives the award for Best Sustainable Initiative at the European Casino Awards 2026

(Gumpoldskirchen).- The NOVOMATIC Group was recognized at the 2026 European Casino Awards for its outstanding Sustainability Strategy, reaffirming its leadership and innovative commitment within the entertainment sector.



In this edition, the multinational received the **Sustainability Initiative Award**, a distinction that highlights its dedication to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), operational efficiency, and environmental protection.

Responsible growth driven by innovation and efficiency In addition to this sustainability recognition, NOVOMATIC was honored in three other key categories, reflecting the strength of its technological offering and its leadership in innovative solutions for distributors and operators:

- **Best Slot Machine:** DIAMOND X™ Quattro 1.55J
- **Best ETG:** Novo Unity™ Pro
- **Best CMS/Software:** NOVOVISION™

These awards underscore the company's ability to develop advanced management platforms and high-performance systems designed to meet the challenges of the future.

The 2026 European Casino Awards thus acknowledge the Austrian company's position as one of Europe's leading gaming industry players, endorsing a trajectory built on technological innovation, operational excellence, and responsibility as the strategic pillars of its international growth.

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Greentube steps up US presence with PlayStar link-up



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Greentube has expanded its **US** presence after agreeing a new partnership with **PlayStar** in **New Jersey**.

Through the deal, **Novomatic's** Digital Gaming and Entertainment Division will integrate its content into PlayStar's platform in the Garden State, including titles such as Firecracker Frenzy, Empress Wealth and Starlight Jackpots: Odds of the Gods.

Duncan Hamilton, Director of Gaming Operations at PlayStar, commented: "This partnership supports our mission to provide a premium, curated casino experience, and we're confident that Greentube's content will be a standout addition to our portfolio.

"Greentube has built a strong reputation in the US for delivering high-quality, engaging titles, and we're thrilled to bring their games to our players in New Jersey."

Greentube first entered the US market in 2021, and has established a presence in New Jersey through partnerships with **FanDuel**, **BetMGM**, **Caesars** and **Hard Rock Digital**.

Elsewhere, the developer has also gained market entry to supply its content in **Michigan**, **Connecticut**, **Delaware** and, most recently, **Pennsylvania**.

Greentube debuted in the Keystone State in June 2025 with Caesars, supplying games to the operator's **Caesars Palace Online Casino**, **Horseshoe Online Casino** and **Caesars Sportsbook & Casino** brands.

On the developer's latest collaboration, **Patryk Igras**, Sales and Key Account Manager at Greentube, said: "This strategic partnership marks a significant milestone in Greentube's ongoing expansion in the US, bringing a diverse portfolio of trusted, high-quality online gaming content to PlayStar's growing player base.

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Greentube strengthens US presence through new partnership with PlayStar in New Jersey



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Press release.- **Greentube**, the NOVOMATIC Digital Gaming and Entertainment division, has further expanded its footprint in the United States after partnering with **PlayStar** to deliver a curated selection of top-performing and newly launched titles to players in **New Jersey**.

Following the agreement, Greentube content has officially launched with PlayStar, marking another key milestone in the supplier's **North American growth strategy**.

As part of the integration, PlayStar players can now enjoy a lineup of Greentube's **newest releases**, including Piggy Prizes: Wand of Riches 2, Firecracker Frenzy: Empress Wealth, and Starlight Jackpots: Odds of the Gods.

In addition, a selection of Greentube's top-performing US classic titles have been rolled out, featuring Charming Lady's Boom, Silver Lux Big Win Spinner, and Thunder Cash – Dolphin's Pearl.

These games were chosen specifically for their strong resonance with American audiences and consistent performance across regulated US markets.

Since entering the US in 2021, **Greentube** has made remarkable strides in delivering tailored, high-quality content to new audiences and local players.

The latest partnership reinforces Greentube's ongoing commitment to providing high-quality content tailored to US player preferences, while supporting PlayStar's ambition to deliver a premium, engaging casino experience in the Garden State.

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Greentube strengthens U.S. presence with PlayStar in New Jersey



Image: Dean Rossiter/SBC

Greentube's has signed a partnership with **PlayStar** to deliver a curated selection of games to the operator's players in **New Jersey**, the supplier's latest expansion in the **U.S.** online casino market.

PlayStar has added several games from **Novomatic** Digital Gaming and Entertainment division Greentube to its platform, including a selection of the supplier's top-performing U.S. games such as **Charming Lady's Boom**, **Silver Lux Big Win Spinner** and **Thunder Cash – Dolphin's Pearl**. The partnership also includes new releases like **Piggy Prizes: Wand of Riches 2**, **Firecracker Frenzy: Empress Wealth** and **Starlight Jackpots: Odds of the Gods**.

Greentube said in a release that the games were chosen specifically for the PlayStar deal because they have been proven to resonate strongly with **American** audiences and perform consistently across regulated U.S. markets. The company added that the rollout marks another key milestone in its **North American** growth strategy.

Greentube adds to growing US portfolio

Since entering the U.S. market in 2021, Greentube has signed as a supplier partner of several of the biggest-name brands in online casino. It works with the likes of **FanDuel**, **Caesars**, **Fanatics** and **BetRivers** across a footprint that includes New Jersey, **Michigan**, **Delaware**, **Connecticut**, and **Canada's** only regulated iGaming province of **Ontario**.

It added Pennsylvania to that slate of states last June when it **debuted in** the **Keystone State** with Caesars, and later added **Rush Street Interactive's** BetRivers in that market. That launch means that Greentube games are available on some platforms in every active North American online casino market except **West Virginia**. Greentube's Chief Revenue Officer and Chief Product Officer **Michael Bauer** told *SBC Americas* that the company aims to secure a 5% market share in U.S. iCasino.

In New Jersey specifically, PlayStar joins the likes of FanDuel, Fanatics and **Hard Rock Bet** as online casinos that offer Greentube content.

"This strategic partnership marks a significant milestone in Greentube's ongoing expansion in the US, bringing a diverse portfolio of trusted, high-quality online gaming content to PlayStar's growing player base," said Greentube Sales and Key Account Manager Patryk Igras of the PlayStar deal. "Together, we aim to elevate the gaming experience in New Jersey by delivering innovative titles, seamless gameplay, and a strong commitment to responsible entertainment."

PlayStar partnered with New Jersey Devils

New Jersey-focused PlayStar already works with numerous suppliers in the **Garden State** and has added companies such as **Relax Gaming** and **Play'n GO** to its roster of partners in recent times. It **secured a landmark deal** in late 2024 when it was named an official partner of the **NHL's New Jersey Devils** and the team's **Prudential Center** stadium, a collaboration which gave PlayStar substantial exposure in New Jersey both online via branded communications and during Devils home games.

Now, Greentube's content is the latest addition to its New Jersey online casino offering.

"Greentube has built a strong reputation in the US for delivering high-quality, engaging titles, and we're thrilled to bring their games to our players in New Jersey," added PlayStar Director of Gaming Operations **Duncan Hamilton**. "This partnership supports our mission to provide a premium, curated casino experience, and we're confident that Greentube's content will be a standout addition to our portfolio."

PlayStar Partners Greentube for New Jersey iGaming Launch



PlayStar has expanded its igaming casino offering in New Jersey through a new content partnership with Greentube, further adding to the range of titles available to players in the regulated US market. The agreement marks Greentube's latest deployment in North America and continues its expansion strategy across licensed igaming jurisdictions.

Following the integration, Greentube's content is now live on the PlayStar platform in New Jersey. The rollout includes a mix of recently launched titles and established games that have previously been distributed across other regulated US igaming markets. Among the new releases made available to PlayStar players are Piggy Prizes: Wand of Riches 2, Firecracker Frenzy: Empress Wealth and Starlight Jackpots: Odds of the Gods.

In addition to newer titles, the launch also features several games from Greentube's existing US catalogue, including Charming Lady's Boom, Silver Lux Big Win Spinner and Thunder Cash: Dolphin's Pearl. These titles have been selected based on their performance history and player engagement levels in comparable regulated igaming environments within the United States.

Greentube entered the US igaming market in 2021 and has since focused on distributing content adapted to local regulatory requirements and player preferences. The partnership with PlayStar adds another operator relationship in New Jersey, one of the most established and competitive online casino markets in North America.

For PlayStar, the agreement provides access to an additional portfolio of casino games as it continues to build out its igaming offering in the Garden State. The collaboration reflects ongoing demand among US operators for a mix of new and proven content as competition intensifies across regulated igaming markets.

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Spielbank Berlin unterstützt das Sechstagerennen

Mehr als 15.000 Zuschauer besuchten in diesem Jahr das Berliner Sechstagerennen. Bei dem traditionsreichen Sportevent – es war bereits die 113. Ausgabe – war erneut die Spielbank Berlin als Partner mit an Bord. Mit ihrem Engagement unterstützt sie „das Rennen seit Jahren als Sponsor und ermöglicht genau diese besondere Mischung aus Spitzensport und Berliner Lebensgefühl“, heißt es in der Pressemitteilung.

Das Event bot dabei mehr als Rennsport. Lichtshows, Familienbereiche, Business-Lounge – das Sechstagerennen soll auch gesellschaftlicher Treffpunkt sein. Sportlich hatten Vincent Hoppezak und Yoeri Havik die Nase vorn. Bei den Sprinterinnen ließ die deutsche Radsportlerin Alessa-Catriona Pröpster auch am zweiten Tag der Konkurrenz keine Chance.

„Hochklassig und emotional aufgeladen“

Gerhard Wilhelm, Sprecher der Geschäftsführung der Spielbank Berlin: „Das 113. Wochenende hat einmal mehr gezeigt: Das Berliner Sechstagerennen lebt – und wie. Sportlich hochklassig, emotional aufgeladen und getragen von starken Partnern. Ein Event, das Tradition nicht museal bewahrt, sondern jedes Jahr neu erfindet“. Auch Berlins Regierender Bürgermeister Kai Wegner mit Bildungssenatorin Katharina Günther-Wünsch, Kabarettist Sebastian Pufpaff und viele Prominente zeigten sich begeistert von diesem Spitzensport-Event, das Sixdays Weekend-Direktor Valts Miltovičs nun mit dem Berliner Rückenwind nach Abu Dhabi, Malaysia und Hongkong bringen will.

Bild (v. l.): Radsportlegende Dieter Stein, Berlins Regierender Bürgermeister Kai Wegner und Gerhard Wilhelm, Sprecher der Geschäftsführung der Spielbank Berlin © Spielbank Berlin

113. Berliner Sechstagerennen – Radsport, Rhythmus, Berliner Seele

Rekord mit 15.000 Besuchern im Berliner Velodrom

Wenn das Berliner Sechstagerennen ruft, kommt Berlin mit Herz, Historie und ausgelassener Partystimmung. Das 113. Six Days Weekend hat mehr als 15.000 Radsport-Fans am vergangenen Wochenende wieder genau das geliefert: Hochgeschwindigkeitsduelle auf der Bahn, enge Positionskämpfe in der Madison – und auf den Rängen eine Atmosphäre, die eher an Festival als an Sportveranstaltung erinnert. Die Niederländer **Vincent Hoppezak** und **Yoeri Havik** waren die überlegenen Sieger dieses Sixdays-Weekends. Im Madison mussten **Roger Kluge** und sein Partner **Moritz Augenstein** krankheitsbedingt absagen. Ohne diese Konkurrenten waren Hoppezak/Havik nicht zu stoppen. Bei den Sprinterinnen ließ die deutsche Radsportlerin **Alessa-Catriona Pröpster** auch am zweiten Tag der Konkurrenz keine Chance. Am Samstagabend baute sie mit insgesamt 102 Punkten ihren bereits am Vortag ausgefahrenen Vorsprung weiter aus.



Im Zentrum des Geschehens: Bahnrad-Athleten Jan-Willem van Schip und Roy Eefting-Bloem gemeinsam mit Gerhard Wilhelm, Spielbank Berlin, und Dieter Stein, Radsportlegende und Sportlicher Leiter Six Days. (Foto: BERLINboxx)



Die Macher des Berliner Sechstagerennens: v.l. Radsportlegende Dieter Stein, Berlins Regierender Bürgermeister Kai Wegner und Gerhard Wilhelm, Sprecher der Geschäftsführung der Spielbank Berlin. (Foto: BERLINboxx)

Im Velodrom Berlin wurde zwei Tage lang kaum Luft geholt. Jede Runde ein Angriff, jeder Wechsel ein kleines taktisches Kunstwerk. Besonders die Top-Teams im Zweier-Mannschaftsfahren setzten früh ein Statement: kompromisslos, clever, konditionsstark. Die Hauptakteure dominierten das Geschehen mit beeindruckender Konstanz – immer wieder Ausreißversuche, perfekte Ablösungen und ein Finale, das bis zur letzten Wertung offenblieb. Genau diese Mischung aus Taktischschach und Sprint-Explosion macht den Reiz der Six Days aus.

Sport trifft Berliner Originalität

Was das Event so besonders macht: Es ist eben mehr als nur Rennsport. DJs, Lichtshow, Familienbereiche, Business-Lounges – das Sechstagerennen ist ein gesellschaftlicher Treffpunkt der Stadt. Wirtschaft, Sport und Kultur verschmelzen hier ganz selbstverständlich.

Ein verlässlicher Partner dabei ist traditionell die **Spielbank Berlin**. Mit ihrem Engagement unterstützt sie das Rennen seit Jahren als Sponsor und ermöglicht genau diese besondere Mischung aus Spitzensport und Berliner Lebensgefühl. Die Förderung sorgt nicht nur für professionelle Rahmenbedingungen, sondern unterstreicht auch: Das Sechstagerennen ist ein echtes Hauptstadt-Original, das zur DNA Berlins gehört.

Gerhard Wilhelm, Sprecher der Geschäftsführung der Spielbank Berlin: "Das 113. Wochenende hat einmal mehr gezeigt: Das Berliner Sechstagerennen lebt – und wie. Sportlich hochklassig, emotional aufgeladen und getragen von starken Partnern. Ein Event, das Tradition nicht museal bewahrt, sondern jedes Jahr neu erfindet".

Auch Berlins Regierender Bürgermeister **Kai Wegner** mit Bildungssenatorin **Katharina Günther-Wünsch**, Kabarettist **Sebastian Pufpaff** und viele Prominente zeigten sich begeistert von diesem Spitzen-Sport-Event, das Sixdays Weekend-Direktor **Valts Miltovics** nun mit dem Berliner Rückenwind nach Abu Dhabi, Malaysia und Hongkong bringen will. (red)



V.l.: Gerhard Wilhelm, Sprecher der Geschäftsführung der Spielbank Berlin, und Kabarettist Sebastian Pufpaff beim 113. Berliner Sechstagerennen. (Foto: BERLINboxx)



Löwen Dart und 2K Dart Software veranstalten Webinar-Reihe

In vier Live-Webinaren zeigen Löwen Dart und 2K Dart Software Schritt für Schritt, wie der HB10 Feature Pass bestellt, aktiviert und mit der 2K Dart Software optimal genutzt wird. „Mit dem Pass machen Unternehmerinnen und Unternehmer ihre Löwen Dart HB10 fit für die vernetzte, digitale Darts-Welt“, informiert Löwen Entertainment.

Termine und Anmeldung

Teilnehmerinnen und Teilnehmer erfahren außerdem, wie der HB10 mit 2K vernetzt wird, heißt es aus Bingen. Dank digitaler Turnierorganisation eröffne die Vernetzung neue Möglichkeiten für den Spielbetrieb vor Ort. Die vier Webinare finden an zwei aufeinanderfolgenden Tagen zu jeweils zwei Uhrzeiten statt. Am Dienstag, dem 10. Februar 2026 um 11 und um 14 Uhr. Am Mittwoch, dem 11. Februar um 14 und um 18 Uhr. Hier geht's zur [Anmeldung](#) über die Homepage von Löwen Entertainment.

Das Zusammenspiel zwischen Löwen Dart HB10-Geräten und der 2K Dart Software wurde auf großer Bühne erstmals im Rahmen der Offenen Süddeutschen Meisterschaften der VFS/DSAB-Löwen Tour im vergangenen Jahr getestet. Der HB10 Feature Pass wurde im Oktober 2025 beim [Tag des Großhandels](#) von Löwen Dart vorgestellt. Der HB10 wurde vor Kurzem auf der ICE als Flaggschiff präsentiert.



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Birgit Wimmer ist neue Aufsichtsratsvorsitzende

Mit **Birgit Wimmer** hat die Novomatic AG erstmals eine Frau zur Vorsitzenden des Aufsichtsrats gewählt. Die Managerin 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. Anlässlich ihrer Bestellung sagt sie: „Ich freue mich darauf, als Aufsichtsratsvorsitzende gemeinsam mit meinen Aufsichtsratskollegen sowie dem Vorstand die weitere Entwicklung des Konzerns strategisch, nachhaltig und erfolgreich mitzugestalten.“

Wimmer folgt auf **Bernd Oswald**, der dem Aufsichtsrat der NOVOMATIC AG rund zehn Jahre angehörte und in der Unternehmensgruppe eine andere Funktion einnehmen wird.

Neuer stellvertretender Vorsitzender des Aufsichtsrats ist **Haig Asenbauer**. Asenbauer ist ein international erfahrener Rechtsanwalt mit ausgewiesener Expertise in länderübergreifenden M&A-Transaktionen, Unternehmensrestrukturierungen und komplexen Beteiligungsstrukturen.

Keine Veränderungen gibt es bei den Aufsichtsratsmitgliedern **Martina Flitsch** und **Robert Hofians**. Beide bleiben diesem angehörig. Flitsch verfügt über langjährige Erfahrung in internationalen Konzernstrukturen sowie in der strategischen und rechtlichen Begleitung von Unternehmensbeteiligungen; Hofians gilt als Finanz- und Kapitalmarktexperte und bringt als Lehrbeauftragter und Wirtschaftsprüfer auch umfassende Erfahrungen in den Bereichen Governance und Regulierung mit.



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