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Rank Group Announces New Chairman

The Rank Group Plc announces that Sir Denys Henderson will retire as Chairman following this year's Annual General Meeting, to be held on 26 April 2001.

Alun Cathcart will join the Rank Group as its new Chairman on 1 May 2001. Mr. Cathcart is currently Chairman of AVIS Europe Plc, non-executive Chairman of Selfridges plc and non-executive Deputy Chairman of Belron International Limited. He will retain these appointments after joining the Rank Board.

Mike Smith, Rank's Chief Executive, said "We are very grateful to Sir Denys for his considerable efforts as Chairman of Rank for over 6 years. He leaves behind a much more focused and financially robust "new Rank" and departs with our best wishes for the future.

We are very pleased to have attracted Alun Cathcart to join us as Chairman of the Board. His proven skills and abilities in service industries, and intimate knowledge of the consumer and financial markets, will help drive Rank further forward in its determination to significantly increase shareholder value".