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Rank to invest £15m in Scotland as casinos roll on

The Rank Group ("Rank" or "the Group") has announced plans to invest more than £15m in the Scottish economy, creating over 300 new jobs, through the development of three of its successful G Casinos.

The first of the Scottish G Casinos opens in Aberdeen this week at Exchequer Row, City Wharf and will be followed by similar developments in Dundee and Edinburgh.

The Aberdeen casino, which is Rank's first ever in Scotland, has been developed at a cost of £6m and features five card tables, five roulette wheels and a 120 seat poker room as well as a stylish bar, lounge area and a restaurant. The casino will employ 120 people from the region in a range of roles from croupiers and inspectors to chefs, waiters and casino hosts.

The G Casino brand was launched in Manchester in 2006 and is designed to appeal to a broader customer base than traditional casinos, with an emphasis on fun and entertainment, rather than simply gaming.

Phil Urban, managing director of the Group's casinos, said: "We are very excited about the opportunity to take our market-leading G Casino brand into Scotland. Through investment in our clubs and in our people, we can provide a fun, safe and good value leisure experience for adults who might not previously have considered a night out at a casino."

Although G Casino Aberdeen is Rank's first casino in Scotland, the Group already has a strong presence in the country through its 14 Mecca Bingo clubs, which collectively employ more than 550 people and serve more than 90,000 customers.

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About the Rank Group
Rank is a leading European gaming business, head-quartered in the UK and listed on the London Stock Exchange (RNK.L). The Group's principal activities are: the operation of bingo clubs and casinos in the UK with complementary on-line gaming and bookmaking services. For more information about The Rank Group, visit www.rank.com. Rank is the UK's second largest casinos company, operating 32 casinos in the UK and 2 in Belgium.