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## **Michigan Association on Problem Gambling (MAPG) Welcomes New Corporate Casino Members**

WEST BLOOMFIELD, Mich., May 8, 2019 – The Michigan Association on Problem Gambling (MAPG) announced that its board of directors has approved the memberships of two new Corporate Members: Four Winds Casinos (Four Winds) and MGM Grand Detroit (MGM).

Raquel Buari, Vice President of Compliance at Four Winds, and Tanja Walker, Cage Manager at MGM Grand Detroit, also will serve as MAPG Board Members.

“Both Four Winds and MGM are doing great work in the field of problem gambling,” said Michael Burke, Executive Director for MAPG. “They truly care for their players and have implemented numerous safeguards to help protect the small percentage of customers who may experience a gambling problem. MAPG looks forward to working with these new members to continue addressing problem gambling issues within the state of Michigan and elsewhere.”

“Even before Four Winds opened our first property 12 years ago, we took a hard look at how best to protect our players and advocate responsible gaming,” said Buari. “Through ongoing research, involvement with organizations like MAPG, and employee training and awareness, we will continue to improve our policies which elevate these efforts. I am proud of the track record for all of our Four Winds Casino properties and look forward to working more closely with MAPG and the wonderful advocates on the MAPG Board.”

“MGM Grand Detroit is proud to join MAPG,” said Walker. “We have a long and proud history of promoting responsible gaming and problem gambling awareness, prevention, and treatment. We look forward to working with the MAPG on this critically important issue.”

MAPG is an advocate for problem gamblers and their families and serves as the Michigan affiliate to the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG). MAPG is neutral on legalized gambling and is comprised of a cross section of the problem gambling community in Michigan, including problem gambling trainers, clinicians, researchers, and stakeholders from Michigan’s gambling industry.

MAPG’s mission is to advocate for treatment, prevention, education, training, research and evaluation of pathological gamblers and their families. For more information about the MAPG or how you can become involved with the association, please visit [www.MichAPG.com](http://www.MichAPG.com).

## **ABOUT FOUR WINDS CASINOS**

The first of its four properties, Four Winds New Buffalo, opened in 2007, and since has contributed over \$250,000 to the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) in sponsorships. Four Winds holds the highest level of corporate membership within the NCPG and has served on several NCPG committees. In 2017, Four Winds was among a group of stakeholders who planned and sponsored the first ever “Tribal Summit on Responsible Gaming” held in conjunction with the national conference. The Tribal Summit has been held every year since and Four Winds continues to be a sponsor of this event focusing specifically on responsible gaming efforts for Tribal operators. Four Winds is also a member and holds a seat on the Board for the Indiana Council on Problem Gambling, the NCPG’s state affiliate in Indiana. Four Winds trains all employees on the recognition of problem gambling signs and has pamphlet material available throughout the casino as a resource for guests. For more information, please visit <https://www.fourwindscasino.com/>.

## **ABOUT MGM RESORTS INTERNATIONAL**

MGM Resorts International (NYSE: MGM) is an S&P 500® global entertainment company with 30 unique hotel and destination gaming offerings throughout the U.S. and around the world. In 2017, it launched nationwide GameSense – the company’s responsible gambling program. By implementing GameSense, responsible gaming education and support is integrated into MGM Resort’s guest service culture and is designed to help guests make informed decisions and keep gambling fun. GameSense is utilized through personal interactions between guests and trained staff based at each property's M life Rewards desk. In addition to speaking to trained employees, guests are also utilizing interactive GameSense touchscreens and picking up educational materials and other resources. For additional information about MGM Resorts International or the GameSense program, please visit [www.mgmresorts.com](http://www.mgmresorts.com) or [www.gamesense.com](http://www.gamesense.com), respectively.

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