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**Recommended Combination** 

of

# **Bally's Corporation ("Bally's")**

# (and Premier Entertainment Sub, LLC an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary ("Premier Entertainment"))

with

# Gamesys Group plc ("Gamesys")

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On 13 April 2021, the boards of Gamesys and Bally's announced that they had agreed the terms of a recommended combination of Bally's and Gamesys pursuant to which Bally's and Premier Entertainment will acquire the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Gamesys (the "**Combination**") (the "**2.7 Announcement**"). The Combination is to be implemented by way of a scheme of arrangement under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "**Scheme**").

# **Timing Update**

Subject to the approval of the Court, it is expected that the scheme circular relating to the Combination (the "**Scheme Document**") will be published by Gamesys on or around 28 May 2021. Subject to the approval of the Financial Conduct Authority, it is expected that Bally's will publish the UK prospectus required in respect of the issuance of New Bally's Shares relating to the Share Alternative being made available to eligible Gamesys Shareholders on the same date.

The Scheme Document will contain an expected timetable of principal events relating to the Scheme. Subject to obtaining the approval of Gamesys Shareholders at the Court Meeting and the General Meeting, the sanction of the Court and the satisfaction or, where applicable, waiver of the other Conditions (to be set out in the Scheme Document), the Scheme is expected to become effective in the fourth quarter of 2021.

Save as otherwise defined, capitalised terms in this announcement have the same meanings as set out in the 2.7 Announcement.

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The availability of the Cash Offer and the Share Alternative to Gamesys Shareholders who are not resident in the United Kingdom (and, in particular, their ability to vote their Scheme Shares with respect to the Scheme at the Court Meeting, or to appoint another person as proxy to vote at the Court Meeting on their behalf) may be affected by the laws of the relevant jurisdictions in which they are resident. The Combination will be subject to the applicable requirements of the Takeover Code, the Panel, the London Stock Exchange and the FCA. Further details in relation to Overseas Shareholders will be contained in the Scheme Document (or, if applicable, the offer document).

This announcement does not constitute a prospectus or prospectus exempted document.

#### Additional information for US investors in Gamesys

The Combination relates to shares of an English company and is proposed to be effected by means of a scheme of arrangement under the laws of England and Wales. A transaction effected by means of a scheme of arrangement is not subject to the tender offer or proxy solicitation rules under the US Exchange Act of 1934 (the "**US Exchange Act**") and other requirements of US law.

Instead, the Combination is subject to the disclosure and procedural requirements applicable in the United Kingdom to schemes of arrangement which differ from the disclosure requirements of United States tender offer and proxy solicitation rules. Neither the US Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), nor any securities commission of other jurisdictions, has approved or disapproved of the Combination, passed upon the fairness of the Combination or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this announcement. Any representation to the contrary is unlawful.

The New Bally's Shares have not been registered under the US Securities Act of 1933 (the "US Securities Act") and will be issued pursuant to the exemption from registration provided by Section 3(a)(10) under the US Securities Act. If, in the future, Bally's or Premier Entertainment exercises its right to implement the Combination by way of a Takeover Offer or otherwise in a manner that is not exempt from the registration requirements of the US Securities Act, it will file a registration statement with the SEC that will contain a prospectus with respect to the issuance of New Bally's Shares under the US Securities Act. In this event, Gamesys Shareholders are urged to read these documents and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC, as well as any amendments or supplements to those documents, because they would contain important information, and such documents will be available free of charge at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov or by directing a request to Bally's contact for enquiries identified above.

New Bally's Shares issued to persons other than "affiliates" of Bally's (defined as certain control persons, within the meaning of Rule 144 under the US Securities Act) will be freely transferable under US law after the Combination. Persons (whether or not US persons) who are or will be "affiliates" of Bally's within 90 days prior to, or of the Combined Group after, the Effective Date will be subject to certain transfer restrictions relating to the New Bally's Shares under US law.

In addition, if Bally's exercises its right to implement the Combination by way of a Takeover Offer, which is to be made into the US, such Takeover Offer will be made in compliance with the applicable US laws and regulations, including Section 14(e) and Regulation 14E under the US Exchange Act.

If the Combination is implemented by way of Takeover Offer, in accordance with, and to the extent permitted by, the Takeover Code and normal UK market practice, Deutsche Bank and their respective affiliates may continue to act as exempt principal traders or exempt market makers in Gamesys Shares on the London Stock Exchange and will engage in certain other purchasing activities consistent with their respective normal and usual practice and applicable law, as permitted by Rule 14e-5(b)(9) under the US Exchange Act. In addition, in accordance with normal United Kingdom practice, Bally's, Premier Entertainment or their nominees or their brokers (acting as agents), may from time to time make certain purchases of, or arrangements to purchase, shares or other securities of Gamesys outside of the US, other than pursuant to the Combination, until the date on which the Combination and/or Scheme becomes effective, lapses or is otherwise withdrawn. If such purchases or arrangements to purchase were to be made they would occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices and would comply with applicable law, including United Kingdom laws and the US Exchange Act. Any information about such purchases or arrangements to purchase or arrangements to purchase or arrangements to purchase or arrangements of a Regulatory Information Service and will be available on the London Stock Exchange website at www.londonstockexchange.com. To the extent that such information is required to be publicly disclosed in the United Kingdom in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements, this information will, as applicable, also be publicly disclosed in the United States.

The receipt of cash consideration by a Gamesys Shareholder for the transfer of its Gamesys Shares pursuant to the Scheme will be a taxable transaction for United States federal income tax purposes and under applicable US state and local, as well as overseas and other, tax laws. The receipt of New Bally's Shares may also be taxable for such purposes. In certain circumstances, Gamesys Shareholders that are not US persons and that receive cash consideration pursuant to the Scheme may be subject to US withholding tax. Each Gamesys Shareholder is urged to consult an independent professional adviser regarding the applicable tax consequences of the Combination, including under applicable United States, state and local, as well as overseas and other, tax laws.

Financial information relating to Gamesys included in this announcement and the Scheme Document has been or will have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards applicable in the United Kingdom and may not be comparable to financial information of US compariso on companies where financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting standards applicable in the United Kingdom and may not be comparable to

financial information of US companies or companies whose financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("US GAAP"). US GAAP differs in certain significant respects from accounting standards applicable in the United Kingdom.

Gamesys is incorporated under the laws of England and Wales. In addition, some of its officers and directors reside outside the United States. Some or all of its assets are or may be located in jurisdictions outside the United States. Therefore, It may be difficult for US holders of Gamesys Shares to enforce their rights and any claim arising out of the US federal securities laws in connection with the Combination, since investors may have difficulty effecting service of process within the United States upon those persons or recovering against Gamesys or its officers or directors on judgments of United States courts, including judgments based upon the civil liability provisions of the United States federal securities laws. It may not be possible to sue Gamesys or its officers or directors in a non-US court for violations of the US securities laws.

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