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SAZKA Group is considering an initial public offering for its future development

London/Prague, 10 November 2017 – SAZKA Group a.s. (“SAZKA Group” or the “Company”), one of Europe’s largest lottery and gaming operators, is considering an initial public offering on the main market of the London Stock Exchange. To that end, Citigroup Global Markets Limited, J.P. Morgan Securities plc, which conducts its UK investment banking activities as J.P. Morgan Cazenove and Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc have been appointed as Joint Global Coordinators and Nomura International plc as Equity Adviser. If appropriate, further regulatory announcements will be made in due course.

Any such transaction would help facilitate the Company's continued growth, both in the markets in which it already operates and in new markets across Europe and globally.

The European lottery market alone is currently around €31Bn in size (gross win), exhibiting stable growth and maintaining its position as the largest sub-segment of the gaming industry.¹

The SAZKA Group is managed by a highly experienced and entrepreneurial leadership team supported by owners who remain fully committed to the Company and view themselves as being long-term shareholders in the business.

Robert Chvatal, the SAZKA Group’s CEO, said: *“Lotteries are in our DNA in all five countries where we operate. We believe in future growth via product innovations, customer experience in online as well as, when available, via further geographical expansion. We are evaluating several options to support our growth, including an initial public offering.”*

¹ Refers to EU28 countries. Source: H2GC.

Notes to editors

The SAZKA Group is one of Europe's largest lottery and gaming operators with household brands in Austria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Greece and Italy. The aggregate annual amount of bets placed with companies in which the SAZKA Group holds an ownership interest are in excess of EUR 16 billion served through over 62 000 points of sale and offered under respective licences.

100% of the SAZKA Group gaming revenue is regulated and subject to applicable gaming tax. The SAZKA Group is strongly committed to responsible gaming, player protection and corporate social responsibility.

The Company is owned by two international investment groups, KKCG and EMMA Capital.

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