



## **Galaxy Entertainment Group Announces HK\$8.8 billion Financing For the Development of Galaxy Macau™, Macau's First Asian Centric Integrated Resort**

### **Highlights:**

- **HK\$8.8 billion secured club loan with a consortium of leading Asian banks**
- **Oversubscribed by participating banks, reinforces confidence in GEG's strategy**
- **Banks will undertake to "Take & Hold" all of the debt, with no sell down**
- **Fully funds HK\$14.1 billion development of Galaxy Macau™**
- **Galaxy Macau™ remains on schedule to open in early 2011**
- **Terms represent lowest cost of capital available in the current market**
- **Significantly lengthens the Group's debt maturity profile**

(Hong Kong, 12 April 2010) – Galaxy Entertainment Group Limited ("GEG" or "the Group") (stock code: 27) today announces the commitment of a six year HK\$8.8 billion club loan from a consortium of leading Asian banks comprising of Industrial & Commercial Bank of China (Macau) Ltd, Bank of China Limited, Macau Branch, DBS Bank Ltd., Hang Seng Bank Limited, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, Banco Nacional Ultramarino and Guangdong Development Bank. The consortium of Banks will undertake to "Take and Hold" all of the debt, with no sell down. The Group also reaffirms the schedule for opening its HK\$14.1 billion Galaxy Macau™ fully integrated destination resort on in Cotai, Macau in early 2011.



The terms of the club loan are significantly more favorable than the Group's existing bonds with a prevailing interest rate of Hibor plus 4.5% and the flexibility to draw down funds to finance the completion of Galaxy Macau™. This proposed agreement significantly lengthens the Group's debt maturity profile as well as enhances its financial efficiency and flexibility.

### **Galaxy Macau™**

Galaxy Macau™ will be the first truly Asian centric integrated resort in Macau and one of the largest leisure complexes in Asia. When completed it will create more than 7,500 new jobs in Macau. Galaxy Macau™ will occupy a total development area of 550,000 sq. m. including a 52,000 sq. m. tropical paradise open air resort on a raised podium which incorporates numerous recreational and entertainment facilities including the world's largest sky wave pool.

With an uncompromising focus on Asian quality service and comfort, the resort's 2,200 rooms, suites and floating villas will be housed within three very distinct and highly respected luxury Asian hotel brands: the super exclusive Banyan Tree Resort's suite and villa complex, the leading Japanese premium Okura Hotel, and the Galaxy Hotel, based on the hugely successful and award winning StarWorld hotel.

This "World Class, Asian Heart" facility will have capacity of more than 600 tables and 1,500 electronic gaming machines in five auspiciously themed casino halls. Exceptional gaming environment and recreation facilities will be complimented by a carefully selected portfolio of more than 50 largely Asian food and beverage outlets. Two distinct areas of retail will further add to Galaxy Macau™'s uniquely Asian appeal. Galaxy Macau™'s entertainment offerings include, among others, China Rouge. This sensational and unusually artful concept is a hybrid venue; part bar and lounge, part restaurant, with a club vibe and a stage showcasing theatrical performances. This opulent space evokes the history and captures the excitement of 1930's Shanghai.



**Dr Lui Che Woo, Chairman of Galaxy Entertainment Group commented:** *“The Group is in a very strong financial position, and this financing agreement is a clear endorsement of this. This club loan will materially enhance our financial efficiency and optimize investment returns. We are very pleased with the strong support from the participating banks that resulted in an oversubscribed financing. The Group’s flagship property, StarWorld, has recorded five consecutive quarters of revenue and EBITDA growth. The Group’s prospects are excellent.”*

*“Galaxy Macau™ will be a uniquely heartfelt resort; a magnet for visitors to Macau. With 50 years experience in Hong Kong and Macau, we intrinsically understand the needs and aspirations of the Asian market. Galaxy Macau™ is a landmark development, with a boldly Asian theme which will make it a unique feature in the global gaming market.”*

*“A world class and fully integrated resort, designed from scratch in an unconstrained location at the heart of Cotai, the designated entertainment hub in Macau, Galaxy Macau™ is an uncompromising statement about Galaxy Entertainment Group and the future of Macau, as Asia’s entertainment capital.”*

**Mr Shen Xiao Qi, Chief Executive Officer of Industrial & Commercial Bank of China (Macau) Ltd stated:** *“Galaxy Macau™ is an excellent and unique development, truly bespoke for Asia. The Group has a proven management team, a strong track record and, with its exclusive focus on Asia and Asian entertainment, has excellent prospects. We are delighted to be a member in this consortium of distinguished financial institutions.” Mr. Shen continued by commenting that “Through providing funding to Galaxy Macau™, we are able to actively support the economic growth and diversification of the Macau economy and create thousands of new and permanent jobs. World class destination resorts such as Galaxy Macau™ play an invaluable role in ensuring the long term sustainable growth of the local Macau economy.”*



GEG has forged numerous partnerships to ensure world class design, concept, service and facilities to create an authentic Asian customer experience by leveraging the expertise of Banyan Tree Resort, Okura Hotel, Gary Goddard Entertainment & Design, Simon Kwan & Associates and Alan Chan Design. The funding exercise is in the final documentation phase and is expected to conclude by the end of April 2010.

Further, Macau is poised for additional growth in visitation following the completion of a number of important infrastructure projects. Representative projects include major railway projects under construction in China; the further expansion of the Gongbei Gate which is expected to be completed in early 2011; and the introduction of a light rail service within Macau, linking Cotai with Macau's main transport hubs. The potential of Galaxy Macau™ remains enormous.

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**About Galaxy Entertainment Group Limited (HKEx stock code: 27)**

Galaxy Entertainment Group, through its subsidiary, Galaxy Casino, S.A., holds a Macau gaming concession. Galaxy is authorized to carry out casino games of chance in Macau, which is the only legal gaming location in China.

Galaxy Entertainment Group owns and operates the StarWorld Hotel and Casino — a luxury 5-Star property located on the Macau peninsula, and operates four CityClub Casinos in Macau. The Group is well positioned for long-term growth on the Macau peninsula and in Cotai where the Group is developing a major resort and has a substantial development landbank.

**Banyan Tree**



Listed on the Singapore Exchange, Banyan Tree Holdings Limited is a leading manager and developer of premium resorts, hotels and spas around the world. Banyan Tree began in Thailand in 1995 and has steadily extended its geographical reach to over 20 countries. As at end 2008, the Group managed and/or had ownership interests in 26 resorts and hotels, 65 spas, 70 retail galleries and 2 golf courses. The “Banyan Tree” brand has won numerous awards over the years.

### **Okura**

Founded in 1958 in Japan, Okura Hotels & Resorts has constructed a network of tremendous quality, award-winning properties, in Japan, Asia and beyond. It has a total of 24 member hotels with over 7,000 guest rooms. Combining Japanese culture and superlative attention to detail with the functionality of European and American hotels, the “Okura Brand” hospitality is a symbol of quality and reliability.

### **Galaxy Hotel**

The Galaxy Hotel at Galaxy Macau™ will represent an evolution of the hugely successful StarWorld property. Luxurious and beautiful, the 1,500 spacious rooms and suites will offer five star amenities throughout and stunning views that stretch to the horizon.

**For more details, please visit <http://www.galaxyentertainment.com/eng>**

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