



## **Golden Entertainment Board Member Lyle Berman**

### **Elected to the Gaming Hall of Fame**

***Induction to take place Sept. 28 in Las Vegas at the Global Gaming Expo***

**LAS VEGAS** (September 21, 2016) – Lyle Berman, a member of the board of directors of Golden Entertainment, Inc. (NASDAQ:GDEN), will be inducted into the Gaming Hall of Fame as part of the five-person Class of 2016. The selection of Berman was announced recently by the American Gaming Association.

Berman, who also serves as a consultant to the company, will be honored at the Global Gaming Expo in Las Vegas on Wednesday, Sept. 28, during an event at The Venetian.

Berman was selected for his instrumental role in the development of casino gaming outside of Las Vegas and Atlantic City. In 1990, Berman co-founded Grand Casinos Inc., which set the model for building resorts in the Mississippi Gulf Coast and beyond. Berman is also a skilled poker player. He has won three World Series of Poker individual event championship bracelets and was inducted into the Poker Hall of Fame in 2002. He also helped create the World Poker Tour.

Grand Casinos evolved into Lakes Entertainment, Inc. In August 2015, Sartini Gaming, Inc., the parent company of the Golden Gaming LLC, merged into Lakes to form Golden Entertainment.

“Lyle’s story is unique,” said Blake L. Sartini, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Golden Entertainment. “As an entrepreneur, he is a true visionary. From humble beginnings, Lyle built one of the most formidable gaming enterprises of its time in Grand Casinos, pioneering many ideas that are staples of most resort gaming operations today. As a board member and consultant to Golden Entertainment, Lyle still possesses the tireless energy to find the next great idea. No one is more deserving than Lyle Berman to be inducted into the AGA Gaming Hall of Fame”

Joining Berman in the Class of 2016 are John Acres, a gaming-technology pioneer; Don Brinkerhoff, the architect who designed many of Las Vegas’ iconic landmarks; Redenia Gilliam-Mosee, the first African-American casino vice president in Atlantic City; and Richard A. “Skip” Hayward, a visionary for Tribal gaming.

“My career in the gaming industry has offered me the opportunity to create businesses that are innovative and different,” Berman said. “Induction into the Gaming Hall of Fame is a



tremendous honor and humbling experience. I'm proud to be included with my fellow 2016 inductees."

**About Golden Entertainment, Inc.**

Golden Entertainment, Inc. owns and operates gaming properties across two divisions – distributed gaming and resort and casino operations. Golden Entertainment operates more than 12,000 gaming devices and over 30 table games in Nevada, Maryland and Montana. The Company owns four casino properties, more than 50 taverns and operates approximately 980 distributed gaming locations in Nevada, Maryland and Montana. Golden Entertainment is focused on maximizing the value of its portfolio by leveraging its scale, leadership position, and proven management capabilities across its two divisions. For more information, visit [www.goldenent.com](http://www.goldenent.com).

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