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**For the Sixth Consecutive Year, MGM Resorts International Recognized for Support of Women-owned Businesses**

*The global entertainment company is the only company in Nevada to make Women's Business Enterprise National Council's 2018 List of Top Corporations*

**LAS VEGAS (February 13, 2019)** – MGM Resorts International (NYSE: MGM) is one of "America's Top Corporations for Women's Business Enterprises," according to the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC). The annual list is the only national award honoring corporations for supplier diversity initiatives that reduce barriers and drive growth for women-owned businesses.

MGM Resorts is one of 60 corporations that meet WBENC's rigorous standards. The Top Corporations recognized this year collectively spent more than \$39.5 billion with WBENC-certified women business enterprises in 2018, an increase of \$200 million from the prior year<sup>1</sup>. In 2017, MGM Resorts spent \$157.8 million with certified diverse-owned business enterprises.<sup>2</sup>

"MGM Resorts is honored to receive this special recognition for the sixth consecutive year," said Stacey Taylor, Sr. Vice President & Chief Procurement Officer for MGM Resorts International. "Women-owned businesses support our business by providing our supply chain with quality innovative offerings available to guests visiting our resorts."

The Supplier Diversity program is part of MGM Resorts' larger company diversity and inclusion initiative that has been recognized by leading diversity publications including DiversityInc and Black Enterprise.

"As a company, we are deeply honored to join women-owned suppliers, contractors and service providers who continue to make positive impacts in their communities," said Phyllis A. James, Chief Diversity and Corporate Responsibility Officer for MGM Resorts International. "We are proud to engage with these businesses and play a role in facilitating their continued success, and in turn the communities of which they are a vital part."

MGM Resorts strives to engage WBEs throughout our corporate and regional operations. For example, Kittredge Equipment Company, a WBE that is leading the charge in the foodservice equipment and supplies industry, has long-standing history with customers in the New England community spanning 97 years. Kittredge is a key supplier to our newest resort, MGM Springfield, in Massachusetts providing hundreds of products. With multiple locations in Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire, Kittredge Equipment Company has the largest show room in New England with over 70,000 square feet of

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<sup>1</sup> [Women's Business Enterprise National Council \(WBENC\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> 2017 MGM Resorts CSR Report



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inventory, and employs 100 people throughout New England — 47 of which reside in Western Massachusetts.

**About MGM Resorts International**

MGM Resorts International (NYSE: MGM) is an S&P 500® global entertainment company with national and international locations featuring best-in-class hotels and casinos, state-of-the-art meetings and conference spaces, incredible live and theatrical entertainment experiences, and an extensive array of restaurant, nightlife and retail offerings. MGM Resorts creates immersive, iconic experiences through its suite of Las Vegas-inspired brands. The MGM Resorts portfolio encompasses 29 unique hotel and destination gaming offerings including some of the most recognizable resort brands in the industry. Expanding throughout the U.S. and around the world, the company acquired the operations of Empire City Casino in New York in 2019, and in 2018, opened MGM Springfield in Massachusetts, MGM COTAI in Macau, and the first Bellagio-branded hotel in Shanghai. The over 82,000 global employees of MGM Resorts are proud of their company for being recognized as one of FORTUNE® Magazine's World's Most Admired Companies®. For more information visit us at [www.mgmresorts.com](http://www.mgmresorts.com).

**About WBENC**

WBENC is the largest third-party certifier of businesses owned, controlled, and operated by women in the United States. WBENC partners with 14 Regional Partner Organizations (RPOs) to provide its world-class standard of certification to women-owned businesses throughout the country. WBENC is also the nation's leading advocate of women-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. Throughout the year, WBENC provides business development opportunities for member corporations, government agencies and more than 15,000 certified women-owned businesses at events and other forums. Learn more at [www.wbenc.org](http://www.wbenc.org).

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