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ASX RELEASE**Ardent Leisure appoints Non-Executive Director**

The Board of Directors of Ardent Leisure Group (ASX:AAD) is pleased to announce that Ms Toni Korsanos has been appointed an independent Non-Executive Director of both Ardent Leisure Limited and Ardent Leisure Management Limited, effective 1 July 2018.

Ms Korsanos has more than twenty years' senior executive experience in financial and general management, strategy, mergers and acquisitions, communications, technology and risk management. Until recently, Toni was the Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary at Aristocrat Leisure Limited having held that position since July 2009.

Prior to working at Aristocrat, Toni held a number of finance and business development positions at Kellogg's Australia/New Zealand and Goodman Fielder Limited.

Toni has a Bachelor of Economics (Accounting & Finance) from Macquarie University and is a Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. Toni is also a Member of Chief Executive Women and a Non-Executive Director of Crown Resorts Limited.

Ardent Chairman, Dr Gary Weiss, said "Toni's appointment followed an extensive process to identify an additional director. We are very pleased to have Toni join the Board of Ardent. Toni's appointment demonstrates the Board's commitment to its stated Board renewal plan and will enhance the diversity, skills and experience of the Ardent Board."

In accepting the Board position with Ardent, Ms Korsanos will also assume the role of Chair of the Audit & Risk Committee.

Appointment of Lead Independent Director

Due to the substantial holdings of Ardent Leisure securities by Dr Gary Weiss and his associates, the Board has agreed to appoint David Haslingden as Lead Independent Director, also effective 1 July 2018. The Lead Independent Director will assume the role of Chair of Ardent Leisure when Dr Weiss has a potential conflict of interest or lack of independence. The position also offers an alternative point of contact for securityholders.

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