

# Decision to exclude gambling companies

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## Introduction

KLP and the KLP Funds (KLP) have decided to exclude Caesars Entertainment Inc. and Rush Street Interactive Inc. from the investments because the companies earn more than 5 per cent of its revenues from the provision of gambling services.

## KLPs analysis

KLP's board of directors has decided to introduce a product-based criterion for the exclusion of companies involved in the gambling sector. This decision rests on the following factors:

- KLP does not wish to earn money from investments in betting games.
- Pension fund assets and savings can contribute to sustainable development and have a positive impact on society by being invested in other companies.
- Compulsive gambling has a negative effect on vulnerable groups in the population and its consequences lead to social harm and costs for KLP's customers and owners.

In addition, KLP aims to be a place for everyone – including those with stronger than usual preferences with regard to how their pensions are managed. In the process of evaluating whether to introduce new exclusion criteria, KLP has listened carefully to important stakeholders, our customers and owners.

KLP's justification for excluding companies under the criterion can be read on [klp.no](http://klp.no).

KLP uses MSCI Inc.'s data to analyze companies' involvement in gambling activities. Based on figures from MSCI Ing. The companies have the following share of their income from gambling activities:

Company	Justification
CAESARS ENTERTAINMENT INC.	68 % of revenues from gambling
RUSH STREET INTERACTIVE INC.	99 % of revenues from gambling
INTERNATIONAL GAME TECHNOLOGY PLC	100 % of revenues from gambling

## Decision

KLP and the KLP Funds have decided to exclude the companies from the investments because the company earn more than 5 per cent of its revenues from gambling, with effect from September 2021.

