

## Press Release

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### Taylor Walton LLP advises The Entertainer, the UK's largest independent toy retailer, on its purchase of Gamleys stores

Taylor Walton LLP, with offices in Luton, Harpenden and St Albans, has advised The Entertainer on its purchase of two toy stores from the Gamleys chain. The Entertainer is the UK's largest independent toy retailer with 47 stores and was founded by Gary and Catherine Grant in 1981 with a continuing mission to be "mad about toys".

The Entertainer chief executive, Gary Grant, commented:

*"This was an important deal for us, involving not only the acquisition of the two stores but all rights relating to the Gamleys' brand. Taylor Walton worked very well with our in-house and external specialists in IT, intellectual property, employment and commercial property in achieving completion of the various aspects of the deal on time."*

The transaction was led by Taylor Walton's Head of Commercial Property, Angela Thomas with the commercial aspects being dealt with by Corporate Partner Clive Borthwick and employment aspects being dealt with by Heather Cowley, Head of Employment and assisted by Keely Rushmore.

Angela Thomas, Head of Commercial Property, commented:-

*"We were very pleased to be able to assist Gary and Catherine Grant in the further development of The Entertainer. Taylor Walton has a strong reputation for advising high achieving entrepreneurs who are results driven and who understand the need to complete deals on time."*

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Taylor Walton LLP is a 22 partner firm with 170 staff in three offices strategically located close to but not in London.

Taylor Walton is highly rated by leading independent legal directory *The Legal 500* which ranks a number of its teams in the top division of South East firms, and quotes clients as describing the firm as "commercial, pragmatic and quick".

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