

**DECISION UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY ON AN APPLICATION  
BY CHRISTCHURCH CASINOS LIMITED FOR APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION AND  
DESIGN CHANGES, AND FOR APPROVAL OF A SERIES OF FLOOR PLANS  
FOR THE CHRISTCHURCH CASINO**

**Date of Decision: 26 February 2026**

1. On 25 February 2026, Christchurch Casinos Limited (“**CCL**”) applied, pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of its venue licence, for approval of a series of construction and design changes, and pursuant to condition 12 of its operator’s licence, for approval of a series of floor plans for the Christchurch casino. Most of the floor plans CCL sought approval for are temporary (Appendices 4-15), but three floor plans will be permanent – these are Appendices 16-18 and labelled as “Level 1 – April 2026”, “Level 2 – Monza – April 2026” and “Level 2 – Premium Lounge – April 2026”.

2. Conditions 6 and 7 of CCL’s venue licence provide as follows:

6. Subject to the provisions of condition 7, the Licence Holder must obtain the approval of the Commission prior to:

- (a) any construction or design changes whatsoever in the Gambling Area (Schedules 1 and 2) and Additional Gambling Area (Schedule 3) and for any construction or design changes elsewhere in the Casino Venue which may impact on the matters set out in condition 7;
- (b) the construction or relocation outside the Gambling Area and Additional Gambling Areas and within the Casino Venue of bank facilities available to the public excluding ATMs, EFTPOS and like devices; and
- (c) the addition or alteration of signage relating to the casino business on the exterior of the Casino Venue or on or around the building within which it is located.

The process by which the Licence Holder may obtain approval for construction or design changes to Level 1, Level 2 and the rooftop area of the Casino Venue, (paragraph (a) above) is set out in condition 7. The Commission will determine any application for approval under 6(b). The Executive Director may approve the addition or alteration of signage relating to the casino business on the exterior of the Casino Venue or on or around the building within which it is located (paragraph (c) above) if he/she is satisfied the proposed changes will have no potentially adverse effects. If he/she is not so satisfied, the proposed changes must be referred to the Commission for a decision on approval.

7. The Licence Holder must notify the Executive Director of any proposed changes to the construction or design for which approval is required under condition 6. Notification must be accompanied by relevant drawings and an assessment of any impacts the alterations may have on:

- (a) the integrity and fairness of games;
- (b) the effectiveness of security and surveillance;
- (c) harm prevention, harm minimisation and responsible gambling;
- (d) potential access to the Gambling Area by persons under 20 years of age; and

- (e) compliance by any person with the Act, including section 11 of the Act.

The Executive Director may approve the proposed changes to the construction or design if he or she is satisfied that there are no adverse impacts in relation to the matters specified in (a)-(e) above. If the Executive Director is not satisfied, he or she will refer the proposal to the Commission for determination.

3. Condition 12 of CCL's operator's licence provides as follows:

12. The Licence Holder shall obtain the approval of the Commission for new floor plans prior to relocating or installing tables or machines in positions not specified in approved floor layouts. When applying the Licence Holder must submit fresh plans showing the floor layout for the Gambling Area and details of the proposed CCTV layout for the consideration of the Commission. Any change must comply with the Surveillance Standard. The Executive Director and a single Gambling Commissioner may approve the new floor plans if they are satisfied that the floor layout has no potentially adverse effects. If they are not so satisfied, the proposed floor plan must be referred to the Commission for a decision on approval.

*Submissions*

4. It obtained Commission approval for a series of floor plans and construction & design changes pursuant to Delegated Approval 1724. That approval permits CCL to complete, in stages, carpet replacement and floor repairs on the casino's MGF.
5. It now seeks approval of additional floor plans and construction & design changes for levels 1 and 2 of the Christchurch casino. The proposed floor plan changes are to allow it to complete additional carpet replacement and floor repairs throughout the casino. The changes will be completed in stages and as part of this process, it will install temporary hoardings around the area being worked on in order to isolate each section of the floor for remediation and carpet replacement.
6. The changes to take place are as follows:

*2-5 March 2026 (appendices 4-6)*

- reinstall Rapid Roulette & Rapid Baccarat;
- temporarily remove 36 EGMs;
- install temporary hoardings;
- relocate the Card unit on the MGF;
- remove 8 EGMs from the Monza Area;
- remove 3 gaming tables from the Monza Area;
- remove 1 gaming table from the Premium Lounge;

*6-8 March 2026 (appendix 7)*

- reinstall 38 EGMs;
- remove temporary hoardings;

*9-12 March 2026 (appendix 8)*

- temporarily remove 30 EGMs;
- install temporary hoardings;

*13-15 March 2026 (appendix 9)*

- reinstall 32 EGMs;
- remove temporary hoardings;

16-19 March 2026 (appendices 10-11)

- temporarily remove 49 EGMs;
- install temporary hoardings;
- remove 3 EGMs from the Premium Lounge;

20-22 March 2026 (appendix 12)

- reinstall 53 EGMs;
- remove temporary hoardings;

23-26 March 2026 (appendix 13)

- temporarily remove 47 EGMs;
- install temporary hoardings;

27-29 March 2026 (appendix 14)

- reinstall 49 EGMs;
- remove temporary hoardings;

30 March – 1 April 2026 (appendix 15)

- temporarily remove 20 EGMs;
- install temporary hoardings;

2 April 2026 (appendices 16-18)

- reinstall 20 EGMs;
- remove temporary hoardings.

7. At no stage during the above movements will CCL exceed the 15:1 ratio of gaming machines to table games, as required by licence conditions. Effective CCTV coverage will be in place for all gaming tables and EGMs.
8. The Secretary had no regulatory concerns with CCL's proposal.

#### *Decision*

9. The Commission was satisfied that the proposed construction and design changes (installation and removal of hoardings, floor remediation and carpet installation) would not adversely impact any of the matters set out in condition 7. The construction and design changes are approved by the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to conditions 6 and 7 of CCL's venue licence.
10. The proposed floor plans raise no issues of regulatory concern for the Commission. Accordingly, the floor plans labelled as Appendices 4–18 (**attached**) are approved. Appendices 16-18 are permanent floor plans and are labelled as "Level 1 – April 2026", "Level 2 – Monza – April 2026" and "Level 2 – Premium Lounge – April 2026". All floor plans are approved by the Chief Gambling Commissioner and the Executive Director under delegated authority pursuant to condition 12 of CCL's operator's licence. Once CCL is reliant upon permanent plans "Level 1 – April 2026", "Level 2 – Monza – April 2026" and "Level 2 – Premium Lounge – April 2026", the abovementioned temporary plans (appendices 4–15) will cease to be valid.

11. The Commission notes that each floor plan has a date associated with it, commencing with appendices 4-6 being dated 2-5 March 2026. The floor plans will not become invalid by virtue of the work associated with each set of plans not being conducted strictly on the dates specified. Date movements are almost inevitable on a project such as that set out above by CCL, so the Commission acknowledges that a degree of approval flexibility is required. CCL is to apprise both the casino inspectorate and the Commission of any date/work movements, and the reasons for them, so that all parties have clarity. If any work delay becomes protracted, CCL is to seek the Commission's view on whether further approvals are required.



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**Susan Hughes**  
Chief Gambling Commissioner  
Gambling Commission



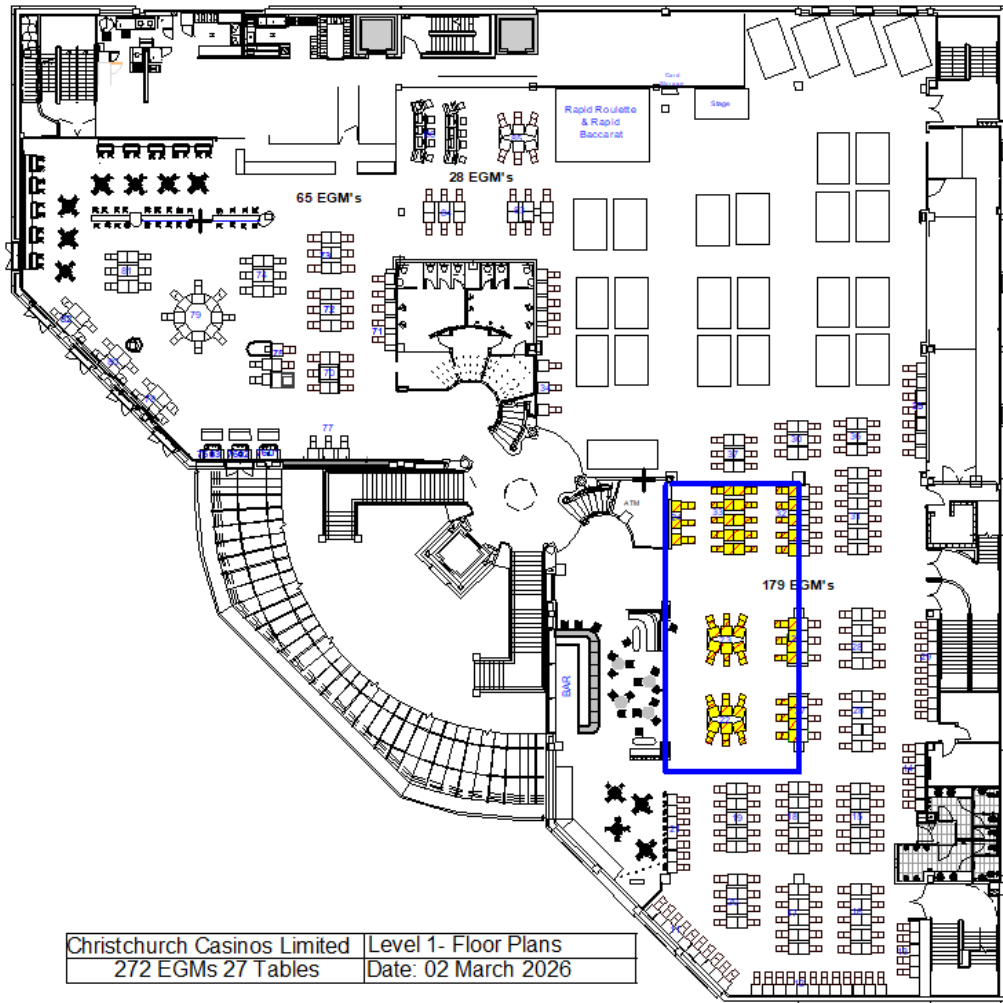
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**Blair Cairncross**  
Executive Director  
Gambling Commission

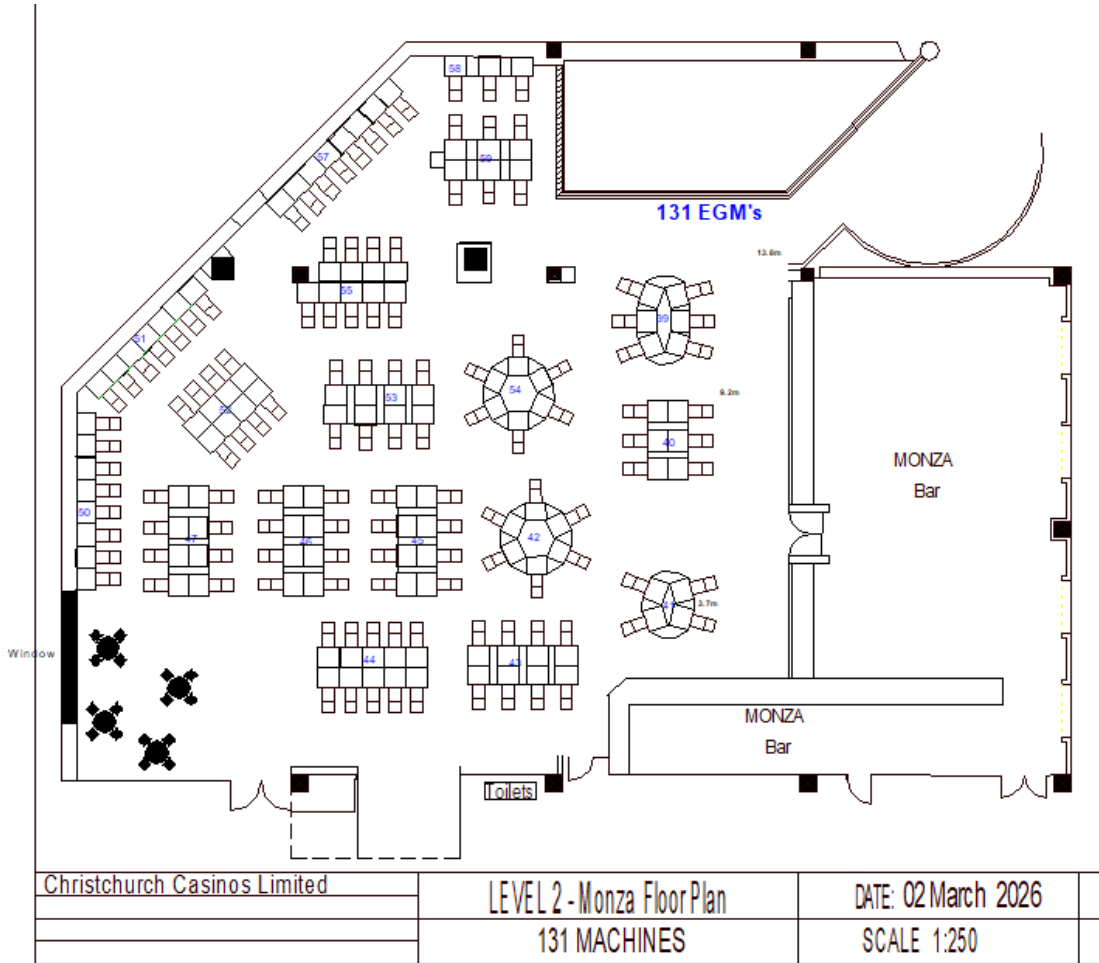
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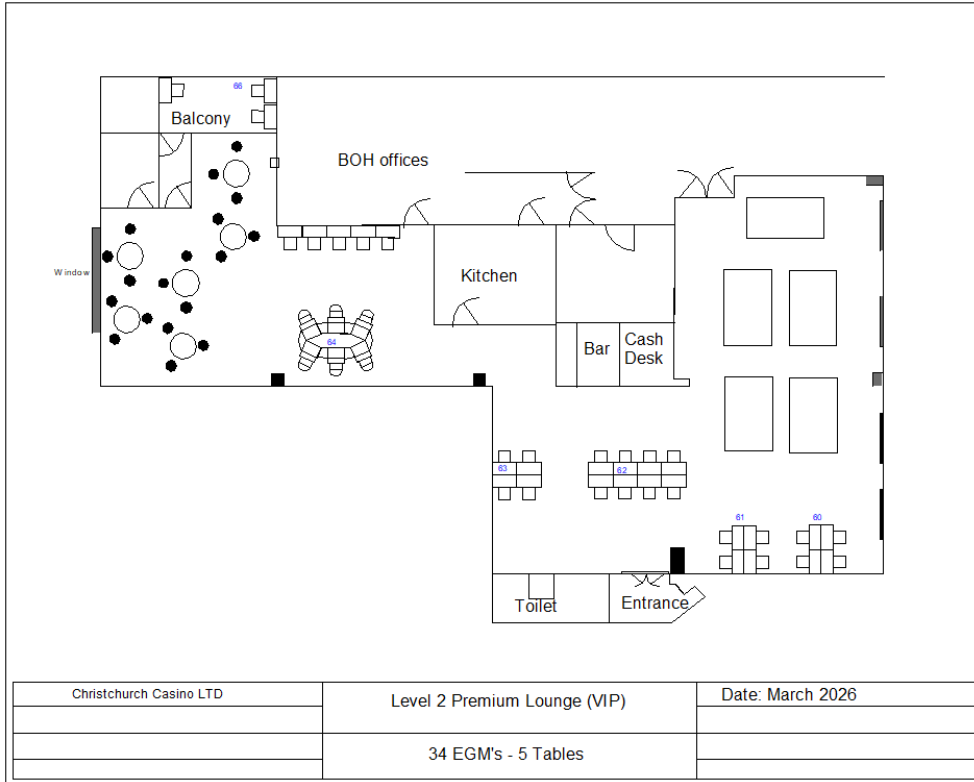
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**Proposed Level 1 Floor Plan 02 March 2026**



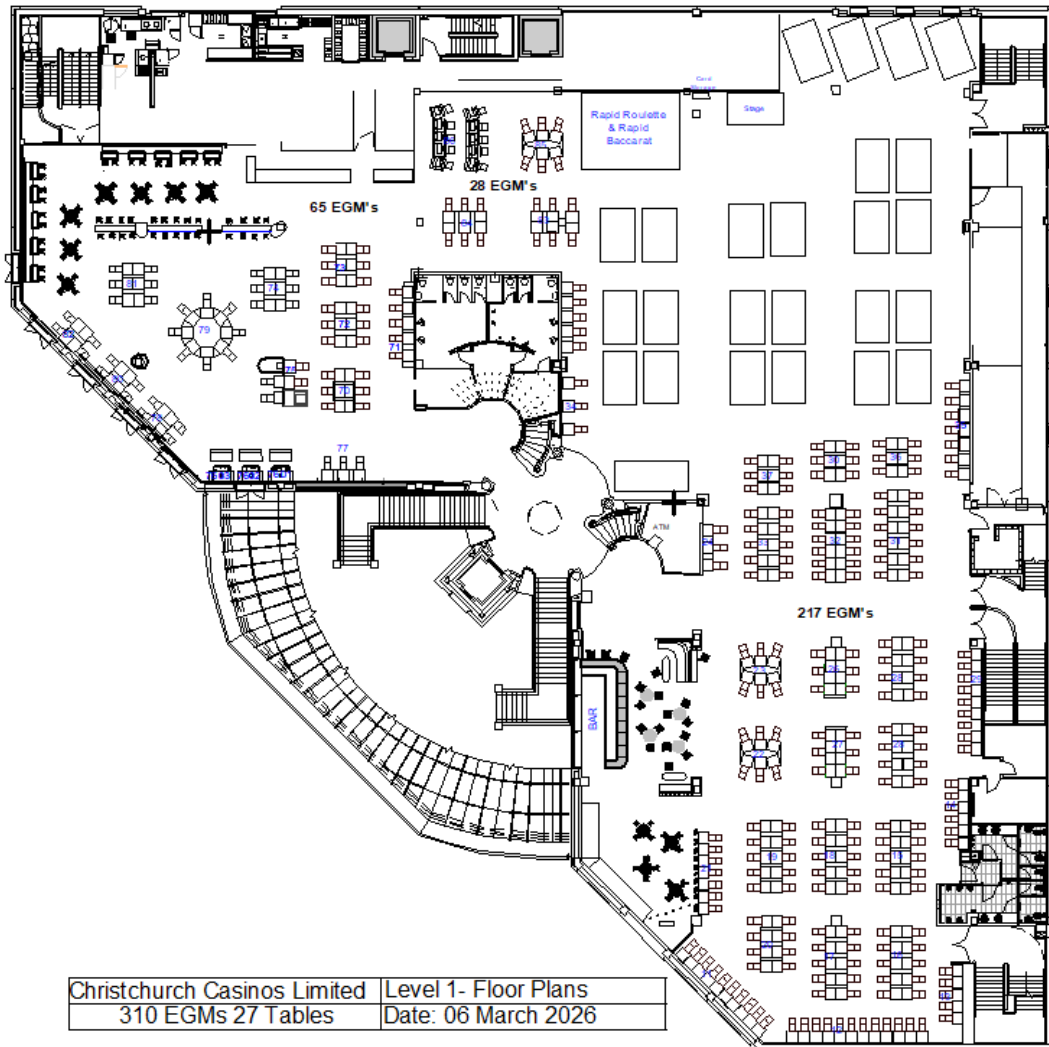
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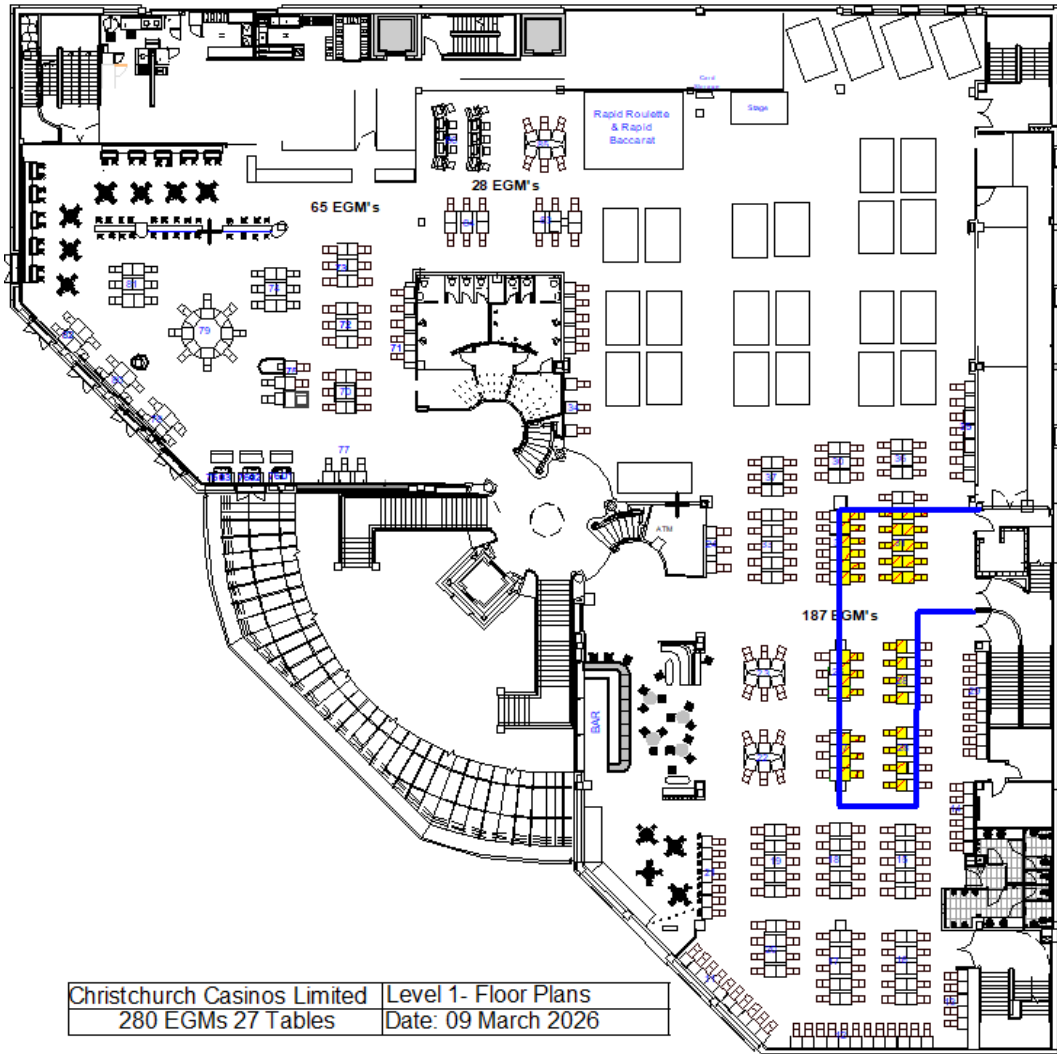
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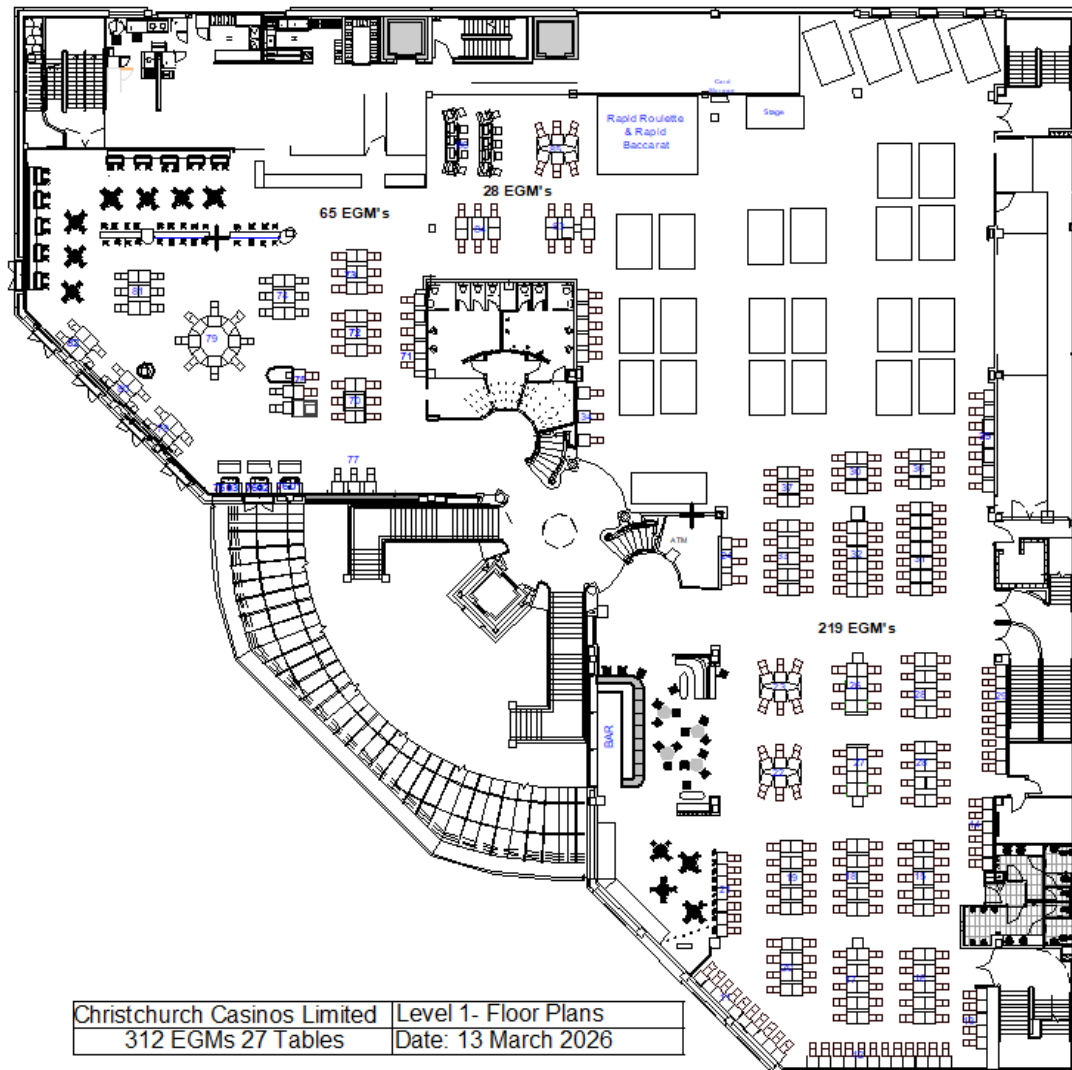
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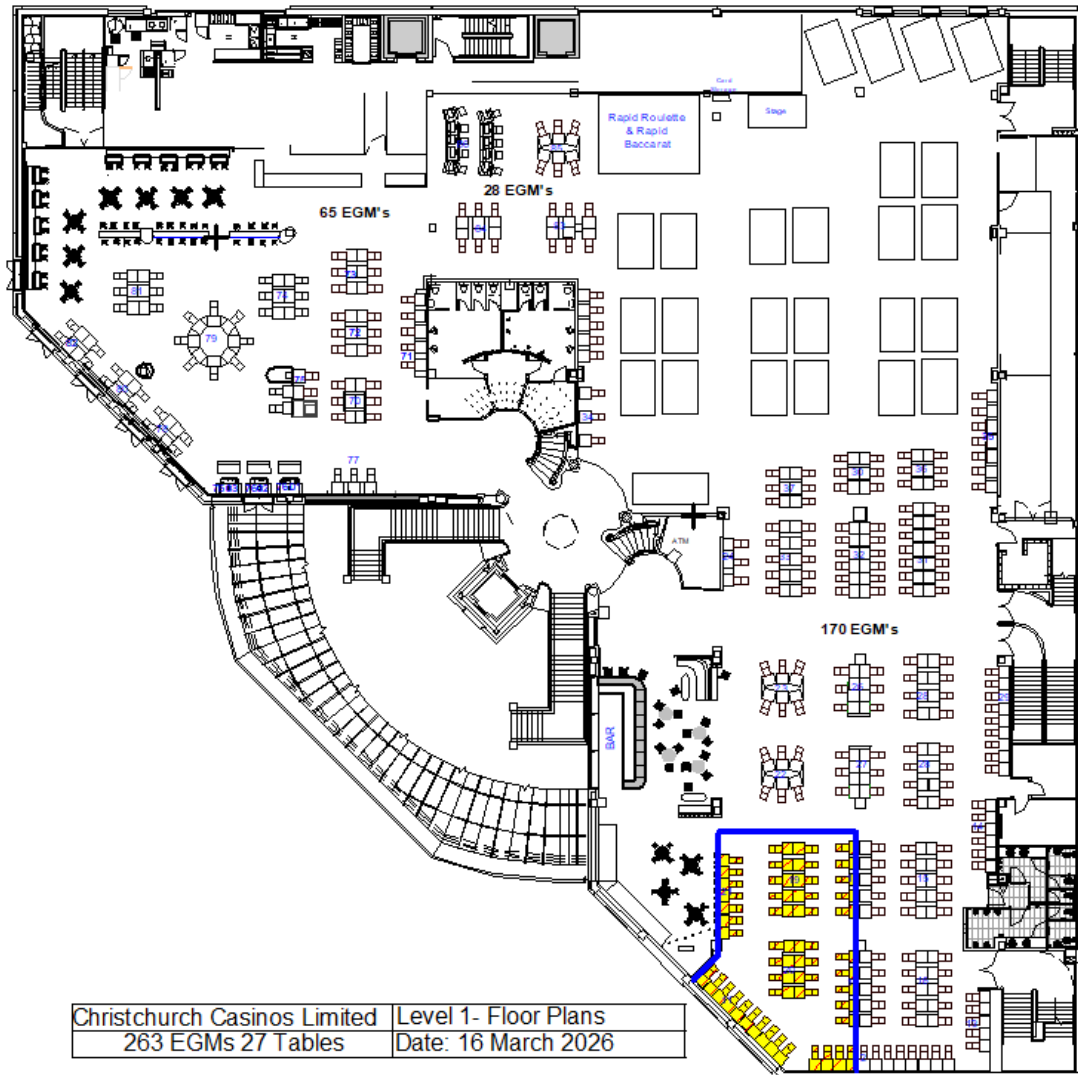
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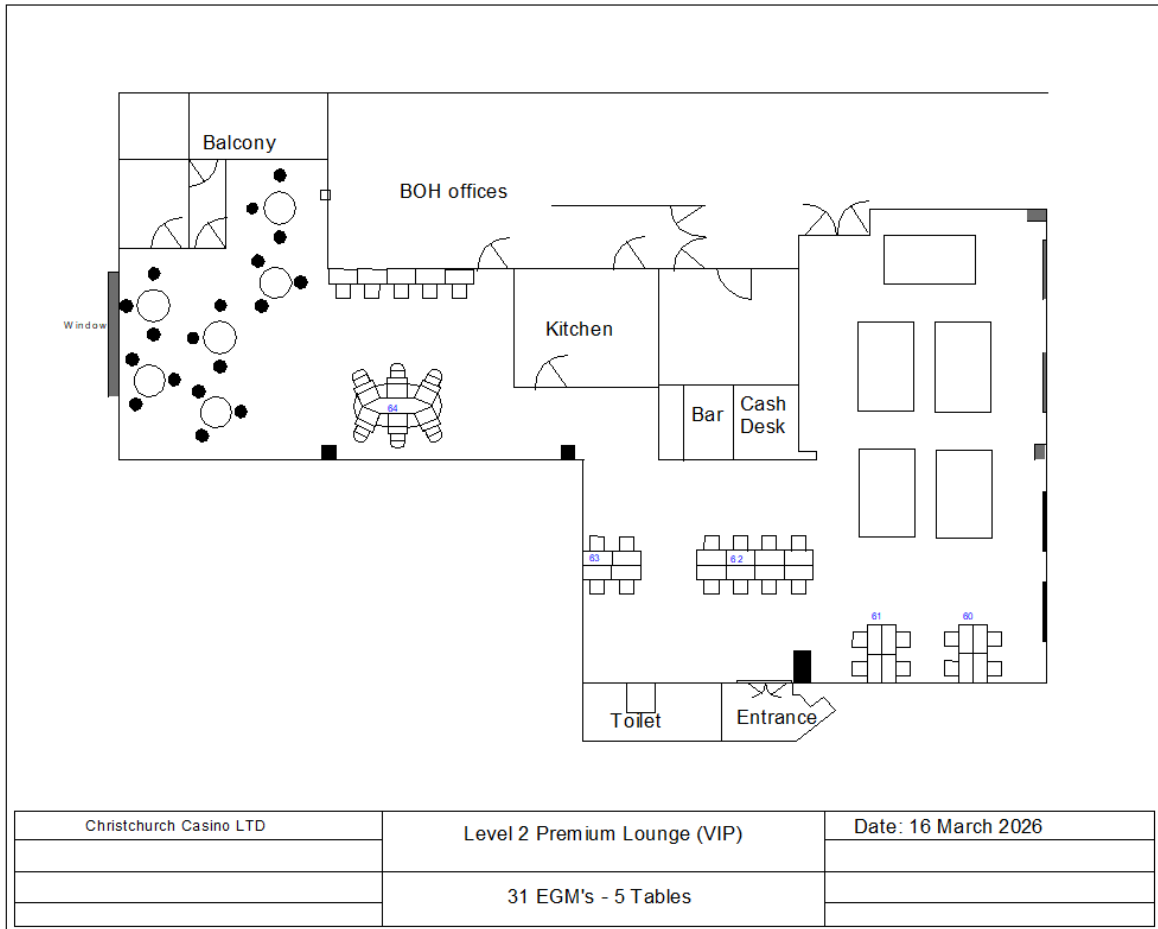
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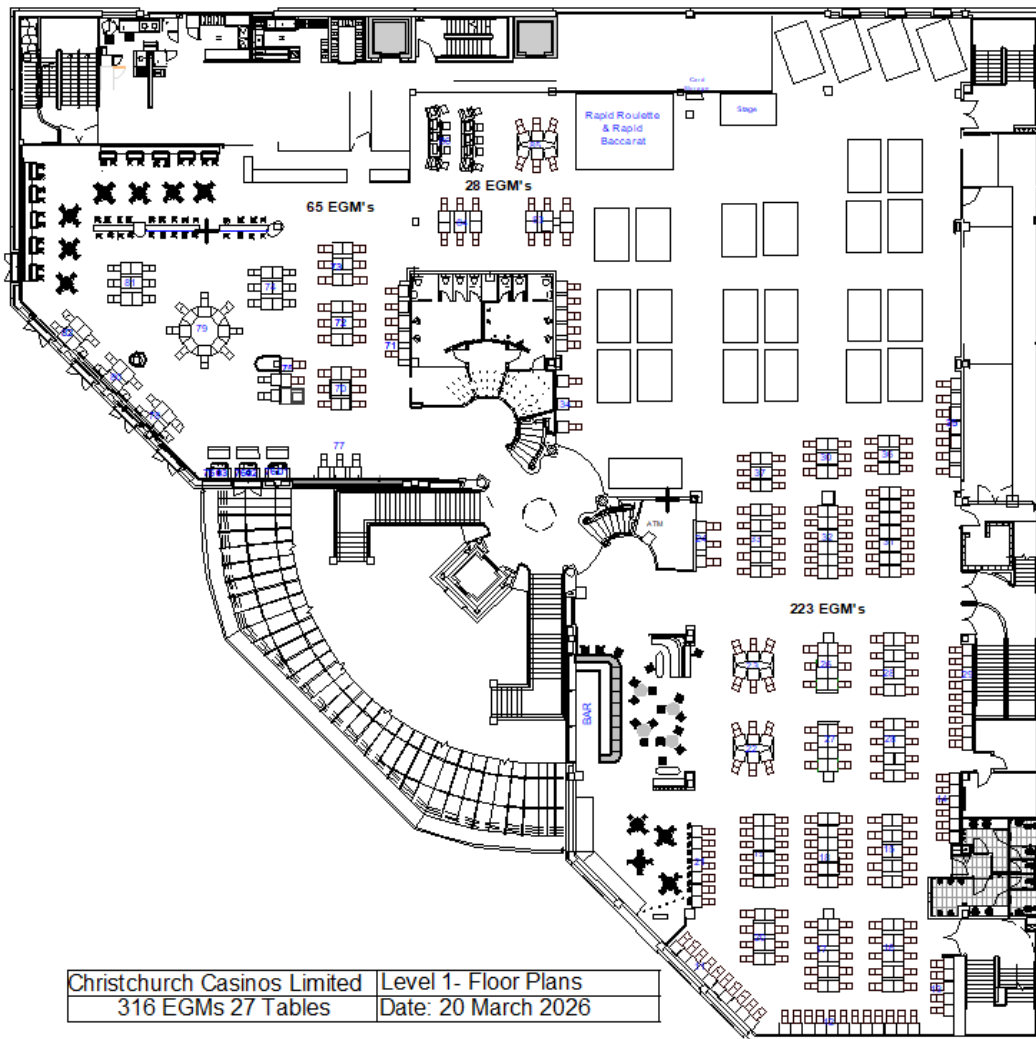
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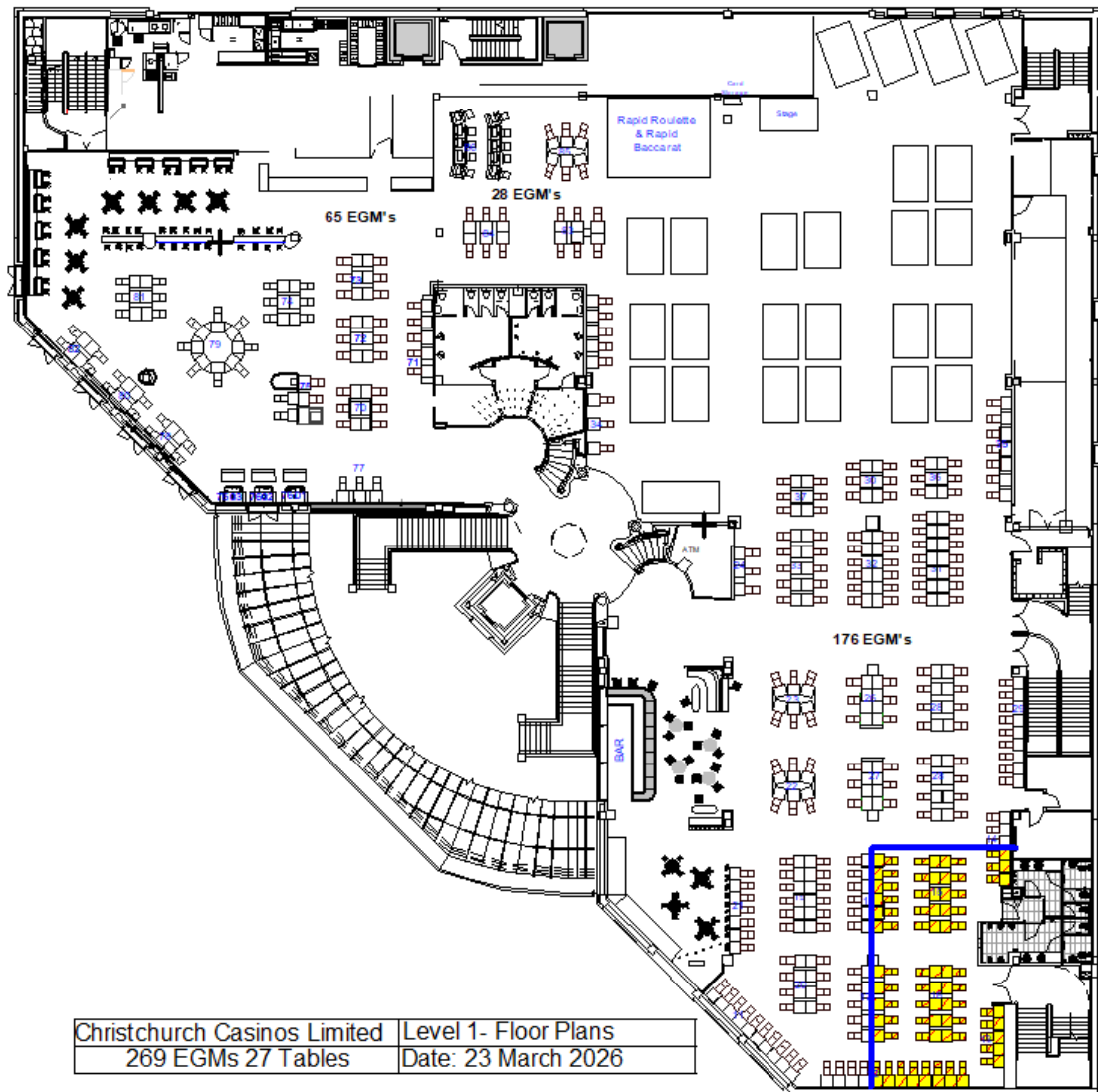
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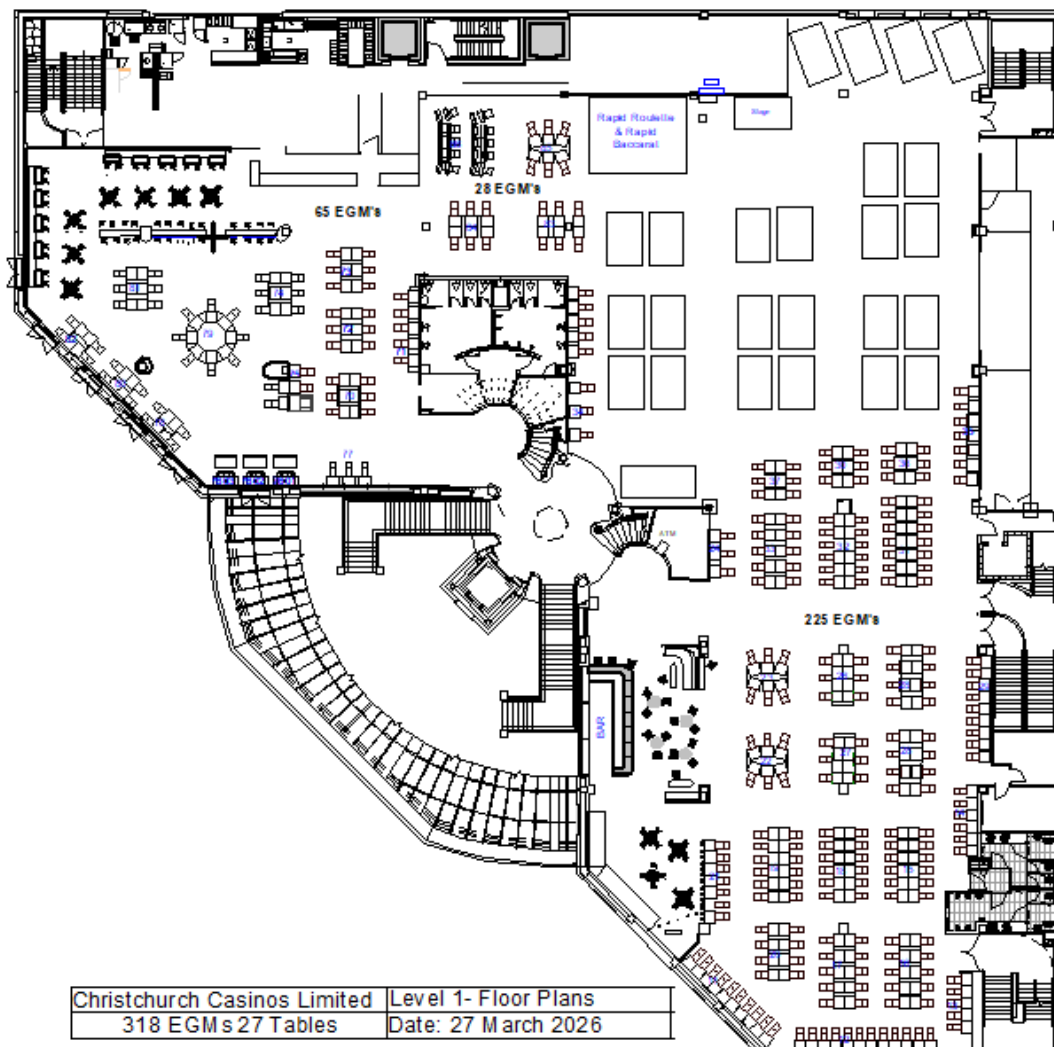
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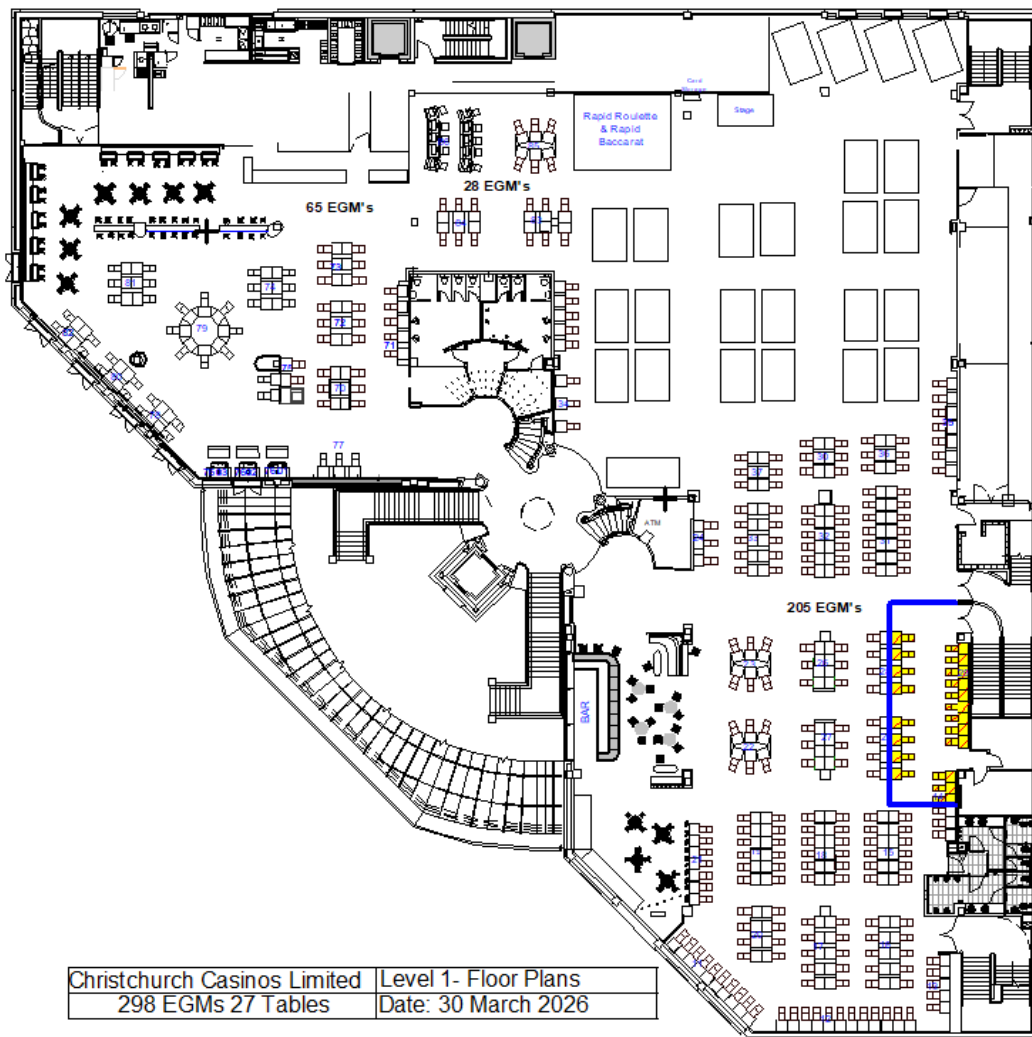
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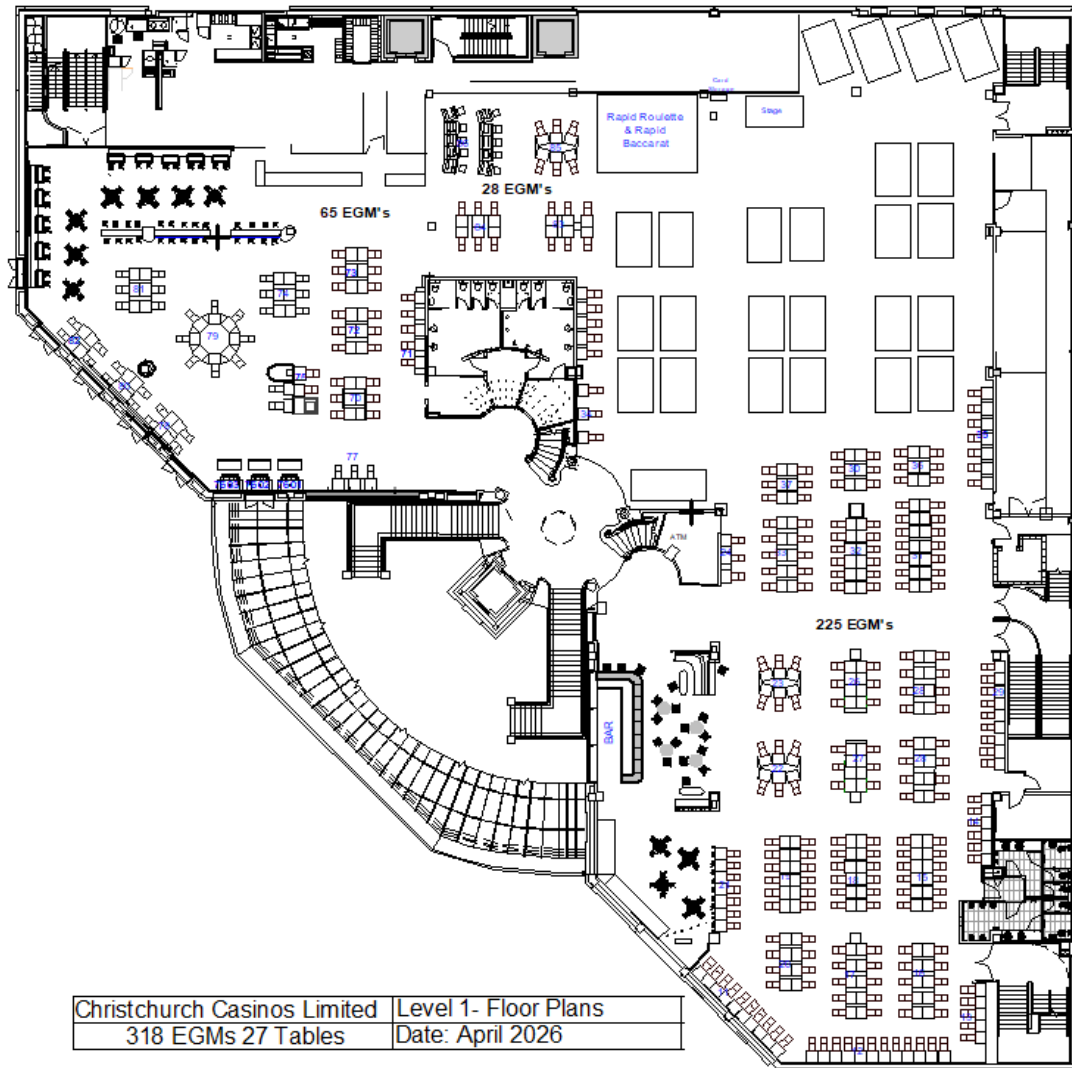
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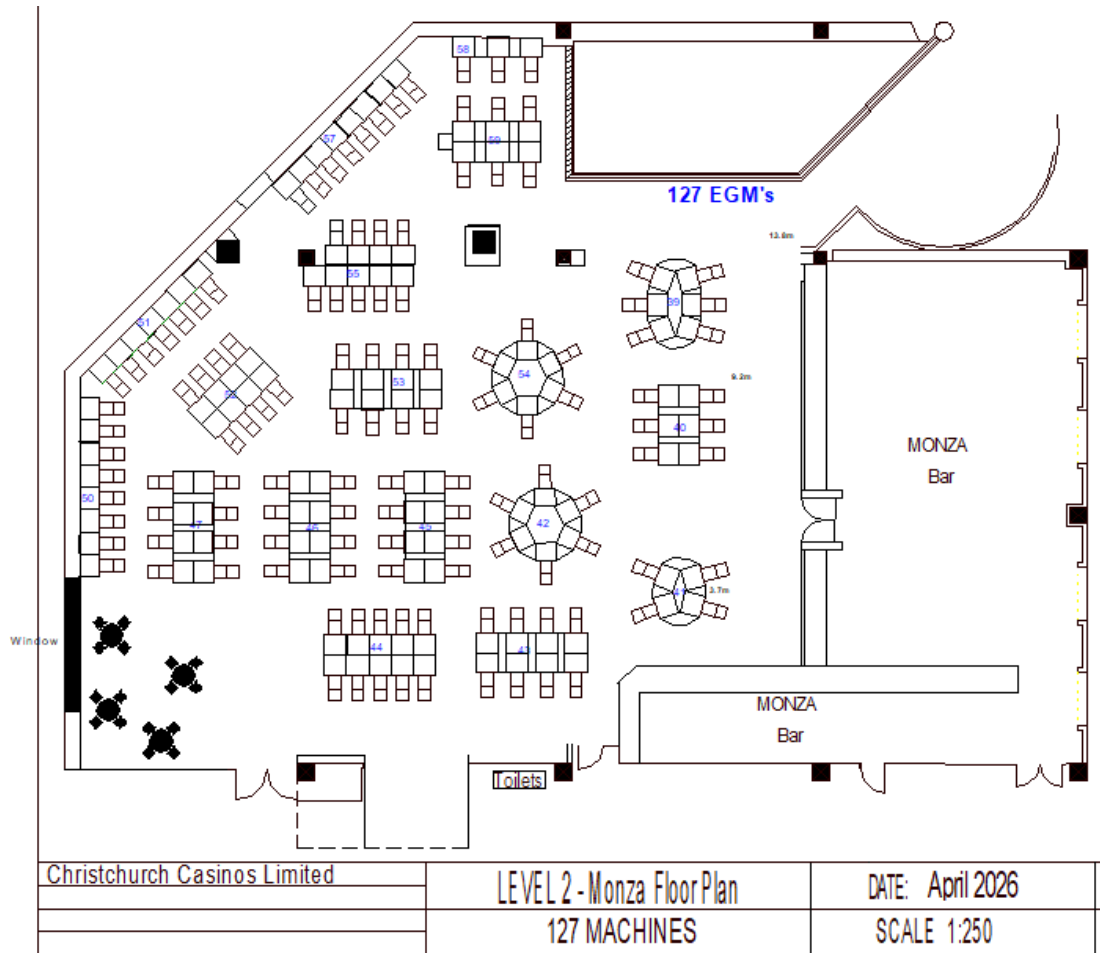
Appendix 15  
Proposed Level 1 Floor Plan 30 March 2026



Appendix 16  
Proposed Permanent Level 1 Floor Plan April 2026



**Appendix 17**  
**Proposed Permanent Level 2, Monza Floor Plan April 2026**



**Appendix 18**  
**Proposed Permanent Level 2, Premium Lounge Floor Plan April 2026**

