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The YGS Group Adds GAVIN™ to Family of Companies, Expands Services

Expands with customized branding and public relations services to support continued growth.

YORK, PA (April 18, 2023) — The YGS Group is thrilled to announce GAVIN – an award-winning strategic brand communications agency serving regional, national and international clients in healthcare, financial services, education, government and manufacturing—has joined The YGS Group family of companies.

GAVIN has been recognized nationally for excellence in public relations, brand strategy and company growth by <u>Inc. Magazine</u> and <u>PRNews</u>. Headquartered in York, Pennsylvania, The YGS Group brings customized brand solutions for retail, e-comm, marketing automation, tradeshow management and more. YGS clients include Aetna, Consumer Reports, The Hershey Company, People magazine, AdWeek, Investor's Business Daily and many others. Together, the two companies offer unrivaled expertise in all aspects of brand communications and custom marketing solutions.

"YGS has been on a strategic growth path over the past several years to become THE complete resource for our clients. The addition of such an accomplished and respected brand communications agency supports our vision for the future of our companies," said Jim Kell, YGS CEO. "With the addition of GAVIN's expert marketing and communications teams, the future holds enormous opportunity for our clients and our teams."

GAVIN has offices in both Maryland and Pennsylvania. The agency provides attentive, performance-focused brand communications services to clients across the country who are seeking marketing strategies for complex market challenges. With the addition of GAVIN, The YGS Group now boasts 260 associates to serve clients nationally and globally.

"After a decade of double-digit growth and market expansion, we are looking ahead to the future needs of our clients in an ever-changing landscape," said <u>Mandy Arnold, GAVIN CEO.</u> "By combining GAVIN's brand strategy, digital and public relations expertise with YGS' customized brand solutions, our clients now have the expansive services they seek in a single strategic partner able to serve as a complete agency of record."

"The synergy between GAVIN and YGS was evident from our first meeting and affirms the opportunities we knew would come with the collaboration between our expert teams to benefit our clients," said



Serena Spiezio, GAVIN executive vice president. "Combining GAVIN's boutique-service mindset with YGS' customized solutions and client support is already delivering strategic success for our clients."

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About The YGS™ GROUP

The YGS Group of companies is made up of expert teams bringing together deep experience and knowledge in the industries and companies it serves, including, Association Solutions, Publisher Solutions, Print Solutions, Caskey, and now GAVINTM, all focused on being leaders in cutting-edge, custom solutions for clients. YGS Association Solutions is truly a Total Solution for associations, offering the ability to extend their teams to provide tangible results with breakthrough communications, non-dues revenue, impactful marketing, distinctive branding, and memorable events. YGS Publisher Solutions is an industry leader in delivering profitable content sales and licensing solutions, accolade and award programs, and reprints. YGS Print Solutions, a founding entity and brand established 70 years ago, provides complete print production services. GAVINTM, a leading brand communications agency has joined The YGS Group of companies, allowing YGS to now provide complete, full-service marketing solutions. Learn more at www.TheYGSGroup.com.

About GAVIN™

GAVINTM, a part of The YGS Group, is a nationally recognized, award-winning brand communications agency serving regional, national and international clients in healthcare, education, government, manufacturing and business-to-business industries. The agency has won numerous prestigious industry awards including being named to *Inc. Magazine's* influential Inc. 5000 2022 list, winning a *PRNews* Agency Elite Top 100 award and being honored as one of Central Penn Business Journal's Best Places to Work in Pennsylvania. Headquartered in downtown York, PA, with offices in Baltimore, MD, GAVIN provides expert public relations, crisis communications, brand strategy, media buying, and digital advertising services. For more information, visit www.evolving-Influence.com.