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Sir Alan is the Celeb That Poker Players Most Fear; Actors and Stockbrokers Top List of Professions

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Topping the list of the professions perceived as having the best skills for doing well at poker were actors, because of their bluffing skills (29%); followed by stockbrokers, with their experience of hedging bets and high stakes (27%). Coming third were politicians, who, because they are perceived to lie so well, attracted 13% of the votes.

The top five most feared professions²

- 1) Actor (because of their bluffing skills) 29%
- 2) Stockbroker (due to their skills in gambling/speculation) 27%
- 3) Politician (because of their ability to lie) 13%
- 4) Accountant (because of their head for figures) 11%
- 5) Public speaker/comedian (because of their skillful banter) 6%

The research also revealed the celebrities that players would LEAST like to face in a [poker game](#), and Sir Alan Sugar, with his business nous and no-nonsense not-to-be-messed-with nature, came top!

The top five most feared celebs²

- 1) Sir Alan Sugar 22%
- 2) Duncan Bannatyne 20%
- 3) Professor Stephen Hawking 20%
- 4) Gordon Ramsay 19%
- 5) Sir Trevor McDonald 12%

Peter Nolan, MD of CircusCasino.com, said: "Interestingly, actors and those working in the film industry are often great poker players - Jamie Gold, the Hollywood director, won a massive \$12m at the 2006 [World Series of Poker](#) while the likes of Ben Affleck and Matt Damon are highly respected international players. Stockbrokers deal in numbers every day, and you could say theirs is an art of betting too - so it's no surprise that both these professions are top of the most feared list.

"The celebrities featured in our list can be quite intimidating characters - either physically or intellectually. However, if you prefer not to play face-to-face games, a great place to hone your skills is online; where no one can see your face and technique and skill are paramount."

¹The research questioned more than 1,000 poker players from across the UK to find out their attitudes to the game.

²Further stats on celebrities and occupations are available

Notes to Editors

1. Genting Stanley Alderney which operates CircusCasino.com is a wholly owned subsidiary of Genting International. It places the same high level of importance on social responsibility as Genting Stanley and will operate to the same high standards of care as the land-based casinos. It is incorporated in Alderney and regulated by the Alderney Gambling Control Commission.

2. Genting Group is one of Malaysia's leading multinational corporations, which has more than 27,000 employees and a combined market capitalisation of more than US\$17 billion.

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