

GM, Bally Try Spins

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More spinoffs are in the news—every month, it seems. Recent entrants into this field include General Motors, which plans to spin off its Electronic Data Systems Corp. unit. (See “GM Is Planning Spinoff of EDS Prior to Alliance,” *Wall St. J.*, 5/16/94, p. A3.) Bally Manufacturing Corp. has announced plans to spin off its Bally’s Health and Tennis Club chain, thus separating its casino gambling operations from its fitness clubs. (See “Bally Mfg. Plans Spinoff of Chain of Health Clubs,” *Wall St. J.*, 5/18/94, p. A2.)

On an even larger scale, Philip Morris has at least investigated the possibility of separating the company’s food and tobacco businesses. (See “Philip Morris Takes No Action On Plan To Split,” *Wall St. J.*, 5/26/94, p. A3.) Finally, MB Communications Inc. has spun off its Micom Communications Corp. subsidiary. (See “SEC Clears Proposed Spinoff of Micom Communications,” *Wall St. J.*, 6/2/94, p. A16.) ■