

PRESS RELEASE

Casino de Monte-Carlo takes luxury gaming to new heights with a new Surrealist Dinner

Monaco, 9 December 2017 – Casino de Monte-Carlo has been undergoing a transformation since 2016 and continues to brilliantly embody luxury gaming. On 9 December 2017, over one hundred or so exclusive guests met in the Salle Blanche of Casino de Monte-Carlo for a fleeting and exceptional experience on the subject of Marivaux's *Game of Love and Chance*. Combining stunning scenery, inventive gastronomy and gaming. This new spectacular journey plunged guests into the unique universe of gaming, Monte-Carlo style.

This Surrealist Dinner pays homage to the Game of Love and Chance at Casino de Monte-Carlo

Following the success of the first Charles Kaisin “Art of Gaming and The Game of Art” dinner which was held in April, the Casino invited Charles back to create a winter spectacle, the artistic installation *Let's Fall in Diamonds*. To pare the breath-taking instillation, the Casino de Monte-Carlo, once again, created an evening the likes of which no one had seen before. The surrealist dinner under the aegis of designer Charles Kaisin and Executive Chef at Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo Franck Cerutti, was based upon Marivaux's comedy, *The Game of Love and Chance*.

Guests of the evening flew from all over the world to attend and included well-known personalities, such as H.R.H. Princess of Hanover, Catherine Deneuve, Chiara Mastroianni, Isabelle Huppert and Lebanese singer Nancy Ajram. Guests began their journey in the Atrium to immerse themselves within the interactive *Let's Fall in Diamonds display*. Guests were then taken to the famed Salle Blanche, which had been transformed into a superb French-style garden for the evening. Once seated, a ballet of waiters, each one carrying on their shoulders a table draped in a Vichy cloth, which unfolded to music by Lully. The starter created by Chef Franck Cerutti was crunchy vegetables accompanied by white snow condiment and black truffles.

The table was then suspended to represent the Three Graces by Paul Gervais. The three muses - Emilienne d'Alençon, Liane de Pougy and the exuberant Belle Otero -, who made headlines in the Belle Epoque with their extravagance and lifestyle, sprang to life and humorously teased the guests as they enjoy a glass of wine from the legendary cellars of Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo, whilst guests sipped on winter herbs.

The garden was then transformed for the main course of bass with thorny artichokes and Alba truffle. After this, the gardeners cleared away the tables to reveal a table football made with playing cards.

To end this dinner in beauty, a ballet of dancers escorts guests to the Salle Médecin, where they enjoy sweet delights dressed up to look like playing cards and take part in the thrills of French Roulette, Punto Banco, Black Jack and Ultimate Texas Hold'em Poker. Place your bets, all bets are off!

For nearly two years, Pascal Camia, Managing Director of Gaming for Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer, and his team, have been committed to reinventing Casino de Monte-Carlo with the focus on luxury gaming, aiming to make it an essential venue for the biggest players on the planet and to win over new audiences by offering a “remarkable” experiences.

Pascal Camia, Managing Director of gaming states, “This new creative and extraordinary dinner offers our customers an unforgettable experience and allows Casino de Monte-Carlo to reinforce its image as the finest and most exclusive gaming destination in Europe. This unique event can take place thanks to the talent of 40 professions and 400 employees of Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer Group. It symbolises the expertise we have been cultivating for over 150 years and which firmly carries us into the 21st century.”

“Like gastronomy, gaming is a source of unique emotions. I want to enchant our guests with pure and honest cuisine consisting of clear and frank flavours in incredible dinner, which illustrates the background work and precision which makes the reputation of our establishments”, comments Franck Cerutti, Executive Chef at Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo.

Charles Kaisin concludes: “Casino de Monte-Carlo and its legendary heritage are an inexhaustible source of inspiration, arousing emotion and wonderment through entertainment. Since the beginning, it has been the stage for world-famous events and evenings, reflecting the luxury and glamour of the Principality. One thing is certain: it’s just the beginning.”

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A major player in luxury tourism in Europe, Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer owns the most prestigious venues in Monaco: 4 casinos, including the legendary Casino de Monte-Carlo, 4 hotels (Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo, Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo, Monte-Carlo Beach, Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort), and 33 restaurants including 4 awarded 6 prestigious Michelin stars between them. 150 years of history have shaped the soul of this legendary resort and built up an image of excellence and a global reputation in gambling and entertainment, haute cuisine and prestigious hotels, luxury shopping, wellness and real estate. Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer, guardian of its historical role in the state’s economic, social and cultural development, will reveal in December 2018 the splendid renovation of Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo. The Group is also taking the lead on creating a new One Monte Carlo district, which will be completed in 2019 with 7 new buildings for residences, offices, conference rooms, restaurants and shops. Monte-Carlo Société Bains de Mer is also one of the key partners of major events in Monaco such as the Formula 1 Grand Prix and the Monte-Carlo Rolex Masters. The Group currently has over 4100 employees and recorded a turnover of 474,6 million euros for the financial year 2017-2018. For more information about the Group, please visit www.montecarlosbm.com



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