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**NEW SUCCESS FOR THE BUDDHA-BAR MONTE-CARLO:
SUSHI CHEF, WAGNER SPADACIO, WINS THE SUSHI VICE-WORLD CHAMPION TITLE IN TOKYO**

An exceptional dining place located close to the famous Place du Casino, the Buddha-Bar Monte-Carlo continues to shine thanks to the new gastronomic victory for Sushi Chef Wagner Spadacio. Already a winner in 2016 at the French Sushi Open and in 2017 at the French Sushi Championship, he now wins the title of Vice-World Champion Sushi Chef. The Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer Group congratulates Chef Wagner Spadacio for this distinction, which confirms the Buddha-Bar Monte-Carlo as a reference location for luxury Asian gastronomy in Monaco.

The World Sushi Cup, a major creative challenge

Already highly motivated, his victory at the French Sushi Championship in 2017 persuaded Chef Wagner Spadacio to participate in the "World Sushi Cup" in Tokyo in 2018. His tireless efforts and holidays in Japan allowed him to prepare himself to be competition ready. It was therefore no surprise that our Chef was easily able to impress at the sushi making competition which took place over two days. His very refined dishes were applauded by the jury who saw that he had perfected the Japanese gastronomic technique. His precision, his ability to work quickly and his creativity allowed him to win the title of Vice-World Champion Sushi Chef on August 24th, 2018 in Tokyo.

Become a sushi master with cooking classes at the Buddha-Bar Monte-Carlo

From October 20th, Chef Wagner Spadacio will share his know-how during Japanese cooking classes. The programme: making sushi, maki, California rolls or Futomaki. This workshop will end with a tasting session, accompanied by a cocktail or a glass of wine.

Hours: from 15:00 to 18:00

Price: 200 euros per person including a cocktail and tasting session.

Dates: Saturday 20th October, Saturday 24th November, Saturday 15th December, Saturday 26th January, Saturday 23rd February, Saturday 23rd March and Saturday 27th April.

Reservations required.

Wagner Spadacio - Sushi Chef at Buddha-Bar Monte-Carlo

29-year-old Chef Wagner Spadacio has been managing the Japanese side of the Buddha-Bar Monte-Carlo since April 3rd, 2017. Originally from Brazil which is home to one of the world's biggest Japanese communities, he developed a fondness for this cuisine when he was very young. He moved to France in 2003 and trained with some of the greatest French and Italian chefs. He then took part in a highly reputable training course for Japanese cuisine. This is when he decided to become the best in this culinary art. His thirst for learning took him to London, Saint Barthélemy, Guadeloupe and finally to Monaco where he decided to compete. In 2016 he won the French Sushi Open, and in 2017, he won the 1st French Sushi Championships, during which a jury of MOF and big names in the speciality appreciated Spadacio's talent, knowledge and technique. This distinction allowed him to compete in the World Sushi Cup where he was able to win the title of Vice-World Champion in 2018.

About the Buddha-Bar Monte-Carlo

The Buddha-Bar Monte-Carlo came to life in 2010 where, at the beginning of the last century, the former Cabaret of Monte-Carlo was located, in the very heart of the Casino de Monte-Carlo. Its seven-metre high ceilings and fascinating scenography, with a majestic Buddha at its centre, make it both historic and exotic. The Buddha-Bar Monte-Carlo offers a culinary experience where flavours and aromas from China, Japan, Thailand and South-East Asia are combined with those of the West.

About Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer

Since 1863, Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer has been offering an unparalleled experience, a unique resort in the world with 4 casinos including the prestigious Casino de Monte-Carlo, 4 hotels (Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo, Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo, Monte-Carlo Beach, Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort), the Thermes Marins Monte-Carlo, entirely dedicated to well-being and preventive health, 33 bars and restaurants including 4 with a combined total of 6 Michelin stars. At the end of 2018, One Monte-Carlo will complete the property with 37 high-standard residences and will broaden the luxury shopping experience with the biggest names in international fashion. A hub of night-life, the group organises an incredible selection of events, including the Monte-Carlo Sporting Summer Festival and the Monte-Carlo Jazz Festival. With the opening of COYA Monte-Carlo and the metamorphosis of the famous Jimmy's Monte-Carlo, Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer has been reinventing the spirit of celebration on the Larvotto peninsula.

Buddha-Bar Monte-Carlo

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