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CHEF MARCEL RAVIN FROM THE BLUE BAY AT THE MONTE-CARLO BAY HOTEL & RESORT RECEIVES A SECOND STAR IN THE 2022 MICHELIN GUIDE

The Michelin Guide unveiled its list of new starred chefs in Cognac on Tuesday 22nd March. At the ceremony, Marcel Ravin, Chef of Le Blue Bay at Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort, received a second star.

Marcel Ravin joined Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer group in 2005 and decided to rise to the challenge of taking over the reins of the Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort restaurant when it opened, as Executive Chef. The establishment is a hub of the Monaco experience, a “Resort in the Resort” combining a hotel, restaurants, night life, well-being and entertainment, in a stylish and relaxed atmosphere.

The adventure, which had to be designed and built from nothing, is an invitation to partake in an original journey based on gastronomy, where the accents are universal, lively and deep, in the image of an atypical chef who was awarded his first Michelin star in 2015.

Marcel Ravin was born in Martinique. He left his native island at the age of 17 to learn the ropes in the East of France and embarked on a brilliant career that took him to from the West Indies to Brussels, via Lyon, before arriving in the Principality. More than a meeting between his native Caribbean and his adopted land of Monaco, Marcel Ravin’s cuisine tells the private journey of a man: an itinerary marked by his native land, the memory of the flavours of his family cuisine, his meeting with the Mediterranean and also with the many gastronomic cultures discovered along his journeys.

For Marcel Ravin, culinary creation comes from the heart. It is a universal marriage where the attractive and the good mean something to everyone and make them happy, wherever they come from.

Marcel Ravin's cuisine draws on his personal history and his taste memory, his “mental palate” as he likes to say, as well as on the seasons and his current environment, from his entirely organic vegetable

garden in Monaco to markets all over the world. It changes depending on his inspiration of the moment, all the while building his identity over time. His well-studied and delicate technique leads to a lively cuisine, full of energy and optimism, where smelling, tasting and talking become an almost impassioned art. "Technique is important and may be unique, but good taste is not something you can learn. I am not selling a dream, I am giving pleasure. It goes together with high expectations of oneself: in matters of the heart, you never want to disappoint."

Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer group is particularly proud of chef Marcel Ravin's success today. This second star is recognition for the constant, generous and exceptional work that Marcel Ravin serves up every evening in Le Blue Bay.

With four star awarded restaurants, Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer Resort offers its guests gastronomical experiences that are unique in Europe. From Louis XV - Alain Ducasse for Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo in the hands of chef Dominique Lory, via the culinary signatures of chefs Marcel Ravin, Yannick Alléno and Franck Cerutti, Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer offers an exceptionally diverse range. This offer is applauded by the Michelin Guide, which has rewarded the Resort with seven stars, making it the destination with the most stars in Europe.

Le Louis XV – Alain Ducasse at Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo: 3 stars

Le Blue Bay – Monte-Carlo Bay Hôtel & Resort: 2 stars

Yannick Alléno at Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo: 1 star

Le Grill at Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo: 1 star

About Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer Group

Since 1863, Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer has been offering an exclusive lifestyle in a world-unique Resort with four casinos, including the prestigious Casino de Monte-Carlo, four hotels (Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo, Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo, Monte-Carlo Beach, Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort), the Thermes Marins Monte-Carlo, and 30 restaurants, including four with a total of seven Michelin stars. A hub of night-life, the Group offers a wonderful range of events. The metamorphosis of Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo, the creation of One Monte-Carlo (luxury residences, shopping, restaurant, conference centre), and the new Place du Casino contribute to make Monte-Carlo the most exclusive experience in Europe.

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