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Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo writes a new page in its history

The world-renowned, iconic Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo is writing a new page in its history. In the centre of Monaco, the area around Place du Casino has undergone a huge transformation, giving rise to a new Monte-Carlo - with the Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo at its heart. A metamorphosis aimed at giving an even greater sense of definition to François Blanc's dream of **"a hotel that surpasses everything created up to now"** and of perpetuating the legend in the 21st century.

A magical hotel at the forefront of the luxury hotel sector

Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo was built in 1864 on the arid Plateau des Spélugues, when Monte-Carlo was barely taking shape. Thanks to support from Prince Charles III and Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer et du Cercle des Etrangers, the billionaire François Blanc took a big gamble and decided to entirely change an area of the city covered in olive trees and lemon trees into a **decadent venue of gaming and luxury** – Casino de Monte-Carlo and Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo. For players travelling from all over Europe to discover the new face of the Principality, he had a hotel built on the model of the Grand Hôtel in Boulevard des Capucines in Paris. Affluence in all its splendour, the international elite rushed to stay - Kings, Princes, Heads of State, Ministers, the very best from governances, industry, science and the arts.

Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo, along with Casino de Monte-Carlo, established **the foundations of the "resort concept"**. Over the years, it has been modernised on numerous occasions to meet the demands of the international clientèle. In 1909, the hotel was entirely renovated, when the architectural style of the Belle Epoque was adopted in Monte-Carlo. From its renovation to its extraordinary history, its life has been marked by visits of countless VIPs, world-renowned artists and celebrities. From the Prince of Wales, the future Edward VII, Alexandre Dumas, Jacques Offenbach and Winston Churchill, to James Bond (where the cast of *Golden Eye* stayed) and artists and stars of the stage and screen including Sarah Bernhardt, Charlie Chaplin, Maria Callas and Salvador Dali. Errol Flynn also celebrated his marriage there in the Salle Empire.

During the 1950s, the world came to visit the Princely Couple, Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace, where the Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo soon became a favourite venue for the Princess.

Continuing the story: A metamorphosis starts in 2014

Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo continues to be admired by guests from all over the world and bears witness to a **lifestyle that harmoniously combines tradition and contemporaneity**. Now, it is writing a new page in its history, with the renovation of its interior spaces and bedrooms, the creation of two exceptional Suites and the launch of ÔMER- the new restaurant by Alain Ducasse. A multi-phase renovation (where the Rotunda and Alice wings were completed between October 2014 to May 2017, Beaux-Arts wing, Casino wing, Lobby and Bar Américain from May 2017 to December 2018) has allowed the new features to be exclusively revealed prior to the full reopening in December 2018.

Monte-Carlo is being reinvented for the 21st century and a new chapter is beginning.

Act I

An iconic palace

“There, there is nothing but order and beauty, luxury, calm and sensual pleasure”,
Charles Baudelaire

The first part of the metamorphosis of Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo was **its exalted architecture**, with a façade that regains its Belle Epoque spirit from 1909. The hotel’s timeless feeling is preserved and enhanced by a contemporary design by the architects, Richard Martinet and Gabriel Viora, who put themselves at the service of the building. A monumental porch now decorates the hotel’s entrance, along with a new lift, of which the decorative railing has been reused from an earlier lift in the Lobby, adding a touch of modernity, while giving a second life to historic features that capture the hotel’s soul.



The new Rotunda of Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo

Scene 1: The transformation of the indoor spaces

With the addition of **more contemporary and greener spaces** (including gardens and planted alcoves), Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo now offers its guests the opportunity to relax in a garden setting in the heart of the city. **The new Lobby**, which was revealed in December 2018, has direct access to the new open-air inner courtyard called Le Patio. The large central bouquet continue to delight customers and visitors from all over the world, along with the statue of Louis XIV on horse-back. Guests can spot his shiny knee due to the continuing tradition of touching the horse's paw for luck.

A new **rooftop Wellness space “Wellness Sky Club”** opened since July for guests only, with 370 sq.m. of indoor spaces and 490 sq.m. of outdoor spaces, a terrace, swimming pool and loungers, steam room, sauna, fitness room and bar/lounge area. The new space complements the **Hairspa by Rossano Ferretti** and the Thermes Marins Monte-Carlo, accessible directly from the hotel.

Scene 2: New rooms to continue the legend

Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo has reinvented itself with a new type of bedroom, which is larger (a minimum of 34m²), more open and modern. There will be 209 rooms of which 60% are suites, 90% are bedrooms with a balcony or terrace and with a modern or classical design, and 43 are adjoining rooms. Precious materials have been used including Tussar silk for mattresses; chandeliers and lamps in Murano glass; floors in white Calacatta marble and leather from luxury Italian brand, Elite – who comply with very strict environmental standards. The bed linen from Italian company, Quagliotti is woven in Pima cotton or “Silk of the Andes”, a healthy and biological material. The bathroom products are supplied by Guerlain. Lastly, the fruity and captivating notes of Dr. Vranjes’ fragrances contribute to the elegant and refined atmosphere of Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo. The new bedrooms have superb and varied views including the new tree-planted inner Patio, over the Principality, the Place du Casino, the port of Monaco or across the sea.

The **rooms are contemporary and light, with modern decoration and soft shades**. Expect furniture with sleek lines in precious wood, with inserts of gilded or patinated brass or glass. Leather, antique mirror, bronze and gold are also included, with a few coloured decorative items and the golden and warm tones of artists’ works add harmony to the whole look. The result is a warm and welcoming ambience, allowing guests to feel at ease.

The classically decorated room offer a more colourful atmosphere. The furniture is timeless, paired with Louis XVI style pieces for a touch of classicism. Bronze fabrics add a shimmer in the bedrooms and lounges while antique mirror, brass in the mini bars, velvet additions and decorative cushions in precious fabrics add refinement and additional comfort. The luxurious, soft and smooth materials create a room full of light and contrasts, delicately designed with the guest in mind.



Diamond Suite at Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo

Scene 3: The most exceptional Suites on the Riviera

The new Princess Grace Suite is the most exclusive and exceptional setting on the Riviera to date. Inspired by the timeless elegance and delicate refinement of Princess Grace of Monaco, this 910 sq.m. Suite is spread over two floors (7th and 8th), including 440 sq.m. of outdoor space – offering a rare, ultra-private experience like no other.



Thanks to its spectacular outdoor space, guests of the Princess Grace Suite can experience sublime views from its terraces over the Mediterranean and the Prince's Palace. A heated infinity pool awaits opening onto an adjoining outdoor lounge and a rare granite jacuzzi. Not only does the suite offer excellent outdoor space, but plenty of room to relax. On the 7th floor, guests will find a bedroom, a bathroom with bath tub, steam shower and sauna, desk, two walk-in wardrobes and a lounge. On the 8th floor there is another bedroom, a bathroom with bath tub and shower, a living room and a dining room – perfect for groups of friends or families. Along with the exceptional interiors are the luxury services; a private Meet & Greet service at the airport or heliport, a private wine cellar and open bar with top-quality products, a dedicated private room at the Thermes Marins Monte-Carlo spa in winter and a tent at the Monte-Carlo Beach hotel's private beach during the summer.

In February 2019, Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo has announced a new addition with the opening of a second **exclusive 525 sq.m. suite, the Prince Rainier III Suite**. The largest suite in Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo, it has more indoor space than any other room with two bedrooms and the possibility to extend to 600 sq.m. with a third adjoining room - all of which overlooks Place du Casino. Guests can experience their own steam shower and sauna, private bar in the lounge, an office space and a superb 135 sq.m. terrace with an infinity pool with wave system.

Lastly, the **Monte-Carlo Suite is exclusively dedicated to the biggest players in the game and offers an ultra-exclusive gaming experience**: a 115 sq.m. suite reserved for the top customers of Casino de Monte-Carlo, with an English Roulette table and a Punto Banco or Black Jack table - which can welcome up to 10 people. An initiative that strengthens the historic ties between the Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo and the Casino de Monte-Carlo.

Act II

A unique culinary repertoire

“Cooking is a love story: you have to fall in love with the products and the people who make them”

Alain Ducasse

Scene 1: Le Louis XV – Alain Ducasse à l’Hôtel de Paris, the Table of excellence

At restaurant Alain Ducasse, Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer has opted for excellence, which led to Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo becoming **the first palace in the world to be awarded 3* in the Michelin guide** in 1990. Set inside Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo, “Le Louis XV-Alain Ducasse à l’Hôtel de Paris” surprises and charms guests with Mediterranean haute cuisine. Alain Ducasse and his Executive Chef Dominique Lory develop “essential cooking” at the restaurant, paying homage to the product and endeavouring to release its perfumes and flavours. Up to 50 guests can choose from an unforgettable menu with an impressive wine list which reflects the destination and Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo - with a cellar containing over 350,000 bottles, showcasing France's best wines from its most prestigious vineyards. On warmer summer days, the restaurant opens out onto an elegant ground-level terrace which overlooks Place du Casino. Like Salle Empire, it regularly takes part in the most grandiose celebrations of the culinary world.



Le Louis XV – Alain Ducasse à l’Hôtel de Paris

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Lunch: 12.15pm - 1.45pm from Friday to Monday inclusive

Evening: 7.30pm - 9.45pm from Thursday to Monday inclusive

Closed: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, except July and August. Open Wednesday evenings

Inside capacity: 50 seats

Terrace capacity: 15 seats

- Riviera Lunch: €165 (€195 with beverages)
- Les Jardins de Provence €240
- Pour les Gourmets €360
- A la carte from €200 (excluding beverages)

Scene 2: ÔMER, Mediterranean creations by Alain Ducasse

At Alain Ducasse's new restaurant, his second in the Principality, is a new Mediterranean feel. Found on the ground floor of the new Rotonde wing at Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo, the restaurant, designed by Pierre-Yves Rochon, references the décor of a boat. Consisting of three alcoves and a surprising “Circle of wine”, it overlooks the beautiful hotel gardens, created by Jean Mus, with the sea visible in the distance. The atmosphere is warm and casual, with a delightful taste of the good life.

Here, more than anywhere else, produce from the land and the sea are intimately linked, which is key to the complexity of this cuisine. With his chef Patrick Laine, Alain Ducasse has created a menu that spans the diversity of Mediterranean influences, consisting of dishes which translate this wonderful culinary heritage with a focus on sharing. The menu combines freedom of choice and includes flavours and tastes from Greece, Lebanon, Turkey, Morocco, and Tunisia – with a hint of the Hispanic, Nice or Maltese shores.

Breakfast: à la carte 7am – 10.30am from Monday to Friday

7am – 11am Saturday & Sunday

Lunch: 12am – 2.30pm from Monday to Friday

12.30am – 2.30pm Saturday & Sunday

Evening: Winter (From October to April inclusive): 7.30am – 10pm

Summer (Beginning of May to the end of September): 7.30am – 10.30pm

. Open seven days a week, year round

Inside capacity: 50 seats

Scene 3: Le Grill, an iconic address in the Principality

One of the most elegant and lively venues in the Principality of Monaco, Le Grill is on the 8th floor of Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo. With breath-taking views of the Mediterranean and the Principality, the restaurant features marine-inspired décor, high-quality cuisine and a roof that can disappear to offer guests the magical experience of dining under the stars.



Le Grill restaurant on the 8th floor of Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo

Now open with a more contemporary design, Le Grill has a new private Winston Churchill lounge and an extended outdoor terrace with stunning views. Franck Cerutti, Executive Chef at Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo, summarises his vision of Le Grill in a few words: marine and Mediterranean.

From the new terrace, take in a **breath-taking view of the Mediterranean all the way to Corsica**. At night, the sea twinkles with the lights from the coasts of Monaco, France and Italy, bouncing here and there with the lights of boats anchored in the bay. The Mediterranean flows from food to design as it was also the inspiration for the marine pattern on the blue carpet. The **Salon Winston Churchill**, with capacity for up to 18 guests, can be fully privatised. The “Cigare” on the dessert menu is a reference to Churchill’s illustrious character.

The interior décor has been updated with a **modernised wood-fired rotisserie, which is still at the heart of the restaurant**. Suspended from the spit, the pieces of meat and fish grill slowly for a more delicate taste. From the sea, local fish include sea bass, wolf-fish or John Dory, whereas from the land, choose the rack of lamb with a savoury sauce, or cockerel with the flavours of Provence. The pieces of meat are presented on table-top hooks, then sliced to be served.

Food enthusiasts shouldn’t miss the famous soufflés. Pastry chef, Olivier Berger, has created soufflé masterpieces with chocolate from the Manufacture Alain Ducasse in Paris with red fruits, whilst also revisiting classic recipes such as Grand Marnier or vanilla soufflé.

In January 2019, Le Grill, headed by Executive Chef of Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo Franck Cerutti, has been awarded its first Michelin star.

Le Grill

Open: 7 days a week

Lunch: 12.15pm - 2.30pm

Evening: 7.30pm - 10pm

Restaurant capacity: 80 seats

- 3-course lunch: €60 (excluding holidays)
- 3-course lunch + 2 glasses of wine, water: €85 (excluding holidays)
- 4-course Tradition: €135
- A la carte from €32

Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo also owes its reputation to its cellars, which were built behind the palace in 1874 based on the model of a Bordeaux winery. Named 'Cave Centrale', these cellars supply every establishment of the Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer resort. Today, the cellars of Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo are exceptional thanks to their large 1,500 sq.m. surface area with over 350,000 bottles stored in over 1.5 kilometres of racks and 3,700 wine references. It is undoubtedly the biggest hotel and restaurant cellar in the world, showcasing rare wines and famous liqueurs in optimal storage conditions. Much older, ancient vintages cannot be sold and instead are stored in the Réserve Marie-Blanc, which was built on site in 1990. Guests can experience a one-of-a-kind dining experience in Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo's cellars in a reception room for up to 40 people. Available on request only, this wonderful opportunity was popular also with H.S.H Prince Rainier and H.S.H Princess Grace, as they celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary here in 1976.

Act III

Moments for eternity

"Beauty cannot be summed up"

Paul Valéry

Scene 1: Le Patio, the new ultra-exclusive setting for high end jewellers

The new tree-lined Le Patio offers an ultra-exclusive setting for leading fine jewellery houses from December 2018, such as Graff, Harry Winston, Stardust Monte-Carlo and Omega. Le Patio offer direct access to the Avenue des Beaux-Arts, opening onto the new One Monte-Carlo shopping area and its beautiful promenade. Surrounded by a covered walkway, with mosaic flooring using motifs found in the Lobby's central cupola, and the marble-clad façades using the distinctive dark black Saint Laurent marble with strands of red and yellow, the central Patio area will be cobbled and decorated with palm trees and Mediterranean trees - creating a calming green space at the heart of the hotel.

Scene 2: Le Bar Américain, a myth reinvented

The legendary Bar Américain unveiled its new look in summer 2018. With new interiors created by David Collins Studio, the design elegantly combines the bar's traditional features with new elements that revive its personality. The walls are lined with amber and burgundy-coloured silk, subtly framed by rosewood, with new leather furniture in tones to match the walls creating an immediately welcoming environment. A marble floor mosaic and deep-pile rugs create a cosy and calming atmosphere, providing a glamorous daytime and night-time setting, thanks to soft, warm lighting.



The Bar Américain of Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo

With its central location in the city, both locals and international guests mix to experience live music and entertainment provided every evening by a group of musicians. The new terrace offers remarkable views of the sea, the Casino and Place du Casino. Lastly, Le Bar Américain has a humidor, which is offered to prestigious guests, who have the privilege of having their cigars kept in personal boxes.

In March 2019, Le Bar Américain has been named “Best Hotel Bar of the year” by European Hotel Awards.



Le Bar Américain

Open: 7 days a week, from 10.30am to 2.00am

Inside capacity: 120 seats

Terrace capacity: 40 seats

Scene 3: La Salle Empire, the centre stage of the unmissable Place du Casino

For the 2018 festive season, the Salle Empire has also been given a fresh look with a restoration of its paintwork and gilding, and cleaning of its legendary frescoes. A new carpet has replaced the old but has retained its original pattern, the technical equipment has been modernised and the back of house areas have been redeveloped. Still used as *the* destination for the most wonderful evening events of the Principality, the listed Salle Empire is the perfect setting for private dinners which can host to 350 guests, as well as concerts and shows for a carefully selected audience. This one-of-a-kind venue in Monte-Carlo has played host to some of the world’s most spectacular and prestigious parties including weddings, ceremony, international meetings, numerous charity galas and memorable celebrations.

🌀 Epilogue 🌀

Every guest has their own story at Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo

With its Belle Epoque architecture and grand steps, the melody in the entrance, the perfumes in the lounges and the sunning spectacle of Place du Casino, people come to see and be seen. Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo offers each guest the chance to experience a story like no other.

Unlike other hotels, Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo has a unique sense of service, where every guest plays the lead role in their own stay. The doormen, housekeeping staff, chefs and maître d's all strive to personalise each guest's experience to make it unforgettable. Whether British, Russian, Middle Eastern, Italian, American, French, Brazilian, Chinese and so on, with each visit, hotel guests rediscover that everlasting aspect of Monaco, the magic of renewed rituals and the spectacle, day and night, of the Place du Casino. These precious moments and sensations create a deep connection between the hotel and its guests, creating their own story.

The individuality of Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo brings together a range of activities all under one roof, to delight an international clientele with high expectations:

- Visit Casino de Monte-Carlo, a jewel in the Principality, for a high-end gaming experience
- The Thermes Marins Monte-Carlo, Europe's largest spa, is equipped with state-of-the-art technology and a health and wellness restaurant (L'Hirondelle)
- The Opéra de Monte-Carlo (Salle Garnier)
- One Monte-Carlo – a brand new home to luxury boutiques, both inside the hotel or just steps away outside on the promenade
- The beach at the Monte-Carlo Beach hotel, accessible by shuttle from Hôtel de Paris
- A wide range of varying restaurants and bars with divine ambiances

About Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer

A home for luxury tourism in Europe, Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer has the **most prestigious establishments in Monaco**:

- Four casinos, including the magical Casino de Monte-Carlo
- Four hotels: Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo, Hôtel Hermitage Monte-Carlo, Monte-Carlo Beach and Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort
- 33 restaurants, five of which combine seven prestigious Guide Michelin stars: Le Louis XV-Alain Ducasse à l'Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo, Le Vistamar, Blue Bay, 100% organic Elsa and Le Grill.
- Bars with an array of atmospheres, concert halls and the most iconic club on the French Riviera: Jimmy's Monte-Carlo
- The Thermes Marins Monte-Carlo, Europe's largest spa, equipped with state-of-the-art technology and a health and wellness restaurant (L'Hirondelle)
- Sports clubs, including Monte-Carlo Country Club, Monte-Carlo Golf Club and the Beach Club
- More than 50 of some of the most prestigious luxury goods companies in the world around Place du Casino

The inventor of the "resort" concept, Monte-Carlo Société des Bains de Mer has kept up with consumer and technological developments since its creation, remaining true to its founding vocation: "This is where we offer dreams" (François Blanc, April 1867). 150 years of history has forged **an image of excellence and an international reputation in the areas of gaming and entertainment, gastronomy, prestigious hotels, luxury shopping, well-being and real estate.**

The group's ambition for 2020 is to **make Monaco the most exclusive luxury destination in Europe.** Today, the heart of the resort based around the Place du Casino is completing its transformation:

- **Hôtel de Paris Monte-Carlo, a world-renowned iconic palace, is writing a new page in its history today** with the metamorphosis of its indoor spaces and bedrooms, the creation of two exceptional Suites and a renewed gastronomic offer in partnership with Alain Ducasse. The latest developments are gradually being revealed on an exclusive basis, leading up to the full reopening, scheduled for February 2019
- **Casino de Monte-Carlo, a symbol of luxury gaming** and a significant venue for the biggest players in the world, has been undergoing a renovation since 2016 to win new audiences by creating an all-encompassing and exclusive experience, combining the thrills of gaming, events, luxury hotels, star-awarded gastronomy and shopping. Casino de Monte-Carlo is a creator of original experiences and is showcasing the new image of gaming in Europe.
- A veritable institution in Monaco for 150 years, **Café de Paris Monte-Carlo is also receiving a new look** with a new healthy Mediterranean menu
- **One Monte-Carlo, a major real estate and urban planning project, started a new chapter at the heart of Monaco in 2019**, with a new ultra-modern district offering a full luxury experience, combining high-end accommodation, shopping, event spaces, gastronomy, culture and business in an exceptional setting. A haven of peace for both residents and the public, with an emphasis on green spaces, where living, working or just ambling along is a joy
- A talent spotter and **committed sponsor of artistic creation** (Opera, Sporting Summer Festival, Monte-Carlo Jazz Festival, Ballets de Monte-Carlo, Orchestre Philharmonique de Monte-Carlo, Printemps des Arts, Monte-Carlo Dance Forum, etc.), the group also **partners with major sports competitions in the Principality** including Monte-Carlo Rolex Masters, Formula 1 Grand Prix and Monte Carlo Rally