

## Barceló Hotel Group hosts the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Spanish Extravaganza Gastronomic Festival by LaLiga in UAE

- *The Spanish hotel group confirms its support for the international recognition of Spanish gastronomy partnering with LaLiga and Spanish Extravaganza to host this International gastronomic festival in UAE for the second consecutive year*
- *This year's culinary festival will showcase the flavours of Asturian gastronomy by Michelin Star Chef, Ricardo Sotres, inspired by Real Sporting and Real Oviedo, the two Asturian football teams that play in LaLiga.*

**Dubai, UAE, August 2021** – Barceló Hotel Group partners with world-famous football organization **LaLiga** and **Spanish Extravaganza Festival** to host the second edition of this gastronomic festival in UAE, taking place from **15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021**. This international event is set to celebrate the rich gastronomic heritage, culture and traditions of Spain in general, and this year will focus on the Principality of Asturias. Barceló Hotel Group welcomes guests to commemorate the flavourful festival across **Dukes The Palm, A Royal Hideaway Hotel** and **Occidental Al Jaddaf**, at the new authentic Spanish restaurant **Carmen**.

This year, Spanish Extravaganza will be partnering with **ASTUREX, the Trade Promotion Agency of the Principality of Asturias**, to offer guests a unique culinary experience showcasing exceptional Asturian gourmet products and its culinary creations. Revered Michelin Star Chef, Ricardo Sotres will be the host for a series of unique live gastronomic experiences to be delighted at the two hotels.

**José Canals, Managing Director Middle East and Asia at Barceló Hotel Group** says, “We are proud to host the second edition of this festival at our properties. As the leading Spanish hotel chain in the Middle East, it gives us great pleasure to support the international recognition of Spanish culture with residents and visitors of the UAE and introduce them to authentic Asturian gastronomic cuisine. We are honoured to partner with LaLiga and Spanish Extravaganza for the second consecutive year.”

**Maite Ventura, LaLiga Managing Director MENA** adds, “Spanish Extravaganza is an international reference festival in the promotion of Spanish gastronomic culture and working hand in hand for the second consecutive year with Barceló Hotel Group is a motivating project for us. LaLiga clubs and the culinary tradition of each region to which they belong are a boost for the Spain brand at an international level”.

Enjoy a captivating weekend with Barceló Hotel Group as it celebrates the festival with special brunch and brunch offers. Themed ‘Football and Tapas’, guests can relish in the succulent, zesty and traditional delicacies of Asturias, featuring a decadent selection of 20 LaLiga tapas, which promise foodies a captivating culinary journey,

transporting guests to the blissful oasis of Asturias. On **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021, from 7:30 pm – 10:30 pm**, indulge in an evening of Spanish flavours curated by Chef Ricardo with the **Spanish Extravaganza by LaLiga Tapas Drunch** at the Great British Restaurant (GBR), Dukes The Palm, a Royal Hideaway Hotel.

Invoking true Spanish flair, Barceló Hotel Group invites guests on **Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021** to experience the taste of Spain at the **Spanish Extravaganza by LaLiga Tapas Brunch** hosted at the newly opened Carmen Tapas Restaurant from **12:00 pm – 4:00 pm** at Barceló's recently opened property, Occidental Al Jaddaf.

Barceló Hotel Group prioritizes the health and safety of its guests and keeping in line with the group's We Care About You programme, which ensures the highest standard of hygiene excellence across all Barceló properties, and in adherence to the social distancing and World Health Organization's strict protocols, seating capacity will be limited.

For further information on the Spanish Extravaganza Festival and reservations, please call +971 (0) 58 889 9414 or email at [dukesthepalm.dining@royalhideaway.com](mailto:dukesthepalm.dining@royalhideaway.com)

**Fact Box:**

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**Date:** Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Time:** 07:00 PM – 10:00 PM

**Venue:** **Great British Restaurant**, Dukes The Palm, a Royal Hideaway Hotel

**Pricing:**

- AED 249 per person – Soft Packages
- AED 349 per person- House Beverages
- AED 399 per person – Premium Beverages

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**About Barceló Hotel Group**

Barceló Hotel Group is the hotel division of the Barceló Group, which is the 29th largest hotel chain in the world. It currently operates more than 250 leisure and city hotels with 4 and 5 stars, and over 57,000 rooms in 22 countries worldwide, all marketed under four brands: Royal Hideaway Luxury Hotels & Resorts, Barceló Hotels & Resorts, Occidental Hotels & Resorts and Allegro Hotels.

**About LaLiga**

LaLiga is a global, innovative and socially responsible organization, a leader in the leisure and entertainment sector. It is a private sports association composed of the 20 teams in LaLiga Santander and 22 in LaLiga SmartBank, responsible for the organization of these national professional football competitions. In the 2018/2019 season, LaLiga reached more than 2.7 billion people globally. With headquarters in Madrid (Spain), it is present in 55 countries through 11 offices and 46 delegates. The association carries out its social action through its Foundation and is the world's first professional football league with a league for intellectually challenged footballers: LaLiga Genuine Santander.

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