

NEW CASINO IN SPAIN GRAN CASINO DE EXTREMADURA



Façade of Gran Casino de Extremadura

ORENES-FRANCO GROUP CLIMBS POSITIONS ON THE EUROPEAN LADDER

The Orenes-Franco Group continues to expand in Spain, last July opening Gran Casino de Extremadura in Badajoz, in the south-west of the country, shortly after the recent inauguration of Casino Electra Gran Rioja in Logroño. By the end of the year, these two will be joined by another new Casino in the Canaries.



Joaquín Franco, co-president of Recreativos Franco welcomes Juan Carlos Rodríguez Ibarra, president of the Government of Extremadura



Owners with municipal and regional authorities

5-star NH hotel, a top-class restaurant and other amenities. The new Casino required an investment of €1 million, double the initial forecast. The Orenes-Franco Group owns the complex together with "Río Hostelería y Decoración", "Isim Cartago" and entrepreneur José Luis Iniesta. The Casino, equipped with state-of-the-art material from the main international manufacturers, has 13 gaming tables:

The Group thus confirms its leadership of the Spanish market, where it already manages 4 of the 35 in operation in the country, namely "Gran Casino Murcia", "Casino Lanzarote", "Electra Gran Rioja" and "Gran Casino de Extremadura". In addition to these Spanish Casinos the group also operates Casinos in Croatia, in Dubrovnik, Bol, Umago and Brijuni, which are amongst the most important leisure amenities in Croatia. Gran Casino de Extremadura, on the banks of the Guadiana, is part of a large 251,000m² complex, which also features



José Luis Iniesta addresses the crowd



Eliseo Orenes, chairman of the Casino



Miguel Ángel Celdrán, Mayor of Badajoz, during his speech

3 American roulette, 3 French roulette, 3 Blackjack, 2 chips by Gaming Partners International, and the markers and Poker, 1 Punto Banco and 1 Baccarat, in addition to 75 Chipper Champ by TCSJohnHuxley and a bingo hall with seating for 600. According to Eliseo Orenes, chairman of the Casino, they expect the slots were provided by Recreativos Franco, Unidesa to change on average 100,000 in chips daily, totalling over 1 million per annum. Likewise, the forecasts are for some 70,000 Equipment: the playing cards by Fournier; the cylinder: persons to visit the Casino in the first year, approximately a



Cutting the ribbon



Throwing the first roulette ball: 21 red odd low

coming from Portugal, given its proximity to Badajoz. The figure is expected to increase substantially from the second year onwards. The Leisure complex has 350 full-time employees (129 croupiers), 60% of whom are women. All have had to undergo a rigorous 7-month training programme. The lessons have even included a course on "Portuguese for Croupiers".



Juan Carlos Rodríguez Ibarra



Atmosphere at the Casino

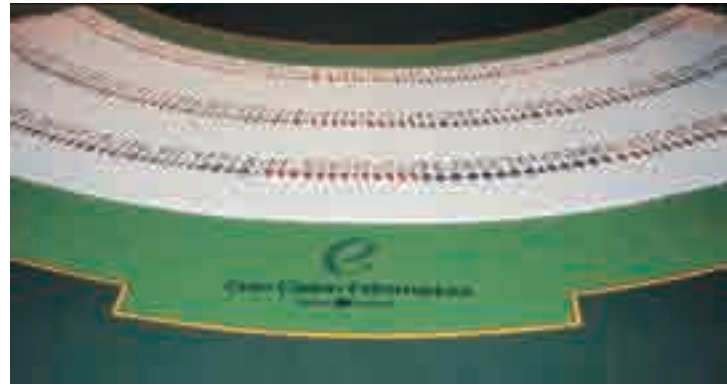


José Luis Iniesta, Joaquín Franco, Jesús Franco, Ángel Orenes, Pedro J. Martínez and Eliseo Orenes



Executives from the Orenes Group in Croatia: Antonio Pagán and Ana Sihtar

GRAN CASINO DE EXTREMADURA



Representatives from Spanish Casinos: Casino Gran Madrid, Casino Torrequebrada, Casino Costa Calida, Casino de Ceuta, Casino de Castilla y León and Electra Rioja Gran Casino

The inauguration of Gran Casino de Extremadura was the social high point of the summer in this Spanish region, gathered over 2,000 persons, who packed the modern facilities.

The authorities in attendance included Juan Carlos Rodríguez Ibarra, president of the Government of Extremadura, who officially inaugurated the Casino. "This Casino is the fruit of intelligence and hope, and will be very important for the progress and development of the region" said Mr Ibarra.

The Mayor of Badajoz, Miguel Ángel Celadrán, classified



Manuel Martín Portugués, Spanish Casino Association; Javier Sevillano, Atronic for the Iberian Peninsula and Sebastian Salat, managing director of WMS Gaming International



Casino as a "leisure port" and congratulated its owners on the great work carried out to set it in operation. He also underlined the importance of the Casino as an employer in the area. After the speeches, Mr Ibarra cut the inaugural ribbon and threw the first roulette ball, which fell on 21 red odd low. Entertainment at the party was provided by "Los del Río", famous the world over for their popular song "Macarena".

Los del Río in concert

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