



European Dealer Championship 2018 comes to Adriatic country of Montenegro



Brussels/Budva, 20 April 2018 – The 12th edition of the European Dealer Championship (EDC) organised by the European Casino Association (ECA) is coming to Resort & Casino Maestral in Montenegro from 7 – 9 May 2018. The long-running competition once again brings together Europe's croupier elite to one of the premier casino destinations in Europe to compete for the prestigious title of best dealer in Europe. Following in the footsteps of 317 competitors before them over the past 12 years, a record number of 37 participants from 20 countries will join the competition this year.

The Mediterranean country on the Adriatic Sea plays host to the EDC for the first time in the 12-year history of the competition after joining the ECA in 2016. It is famous for its stunning landscape and coastline with Resort & Casino Maestral at the centre of the country's thriving tourist industry in the Budva region.

As Per Jaldung, ECA chairman said: *"After the first impression of the fantastic Resort & Casino Maestral in 2017 at the ECA summer meeting, we are thrilled to be back just one year later for the European Dealer Championship. The competition is a great reminder of the impact our industry for tens of thousands of croupiers in our casinos around Europe who are at the forefront of a great customer experience every day. We look forward to an exciting competition."*

Christos Tsemperas, CEO of Resort & Casino Maestral added *"We are proud to host the European Dealer Championship at our seaside location in Montenegro and very much look forward to welcoming the European croupier elite. It will be a true celebration of the art and skill of being a dealer and I am certain that we will gain ambassadors for Montenegro who will carry their great experience of Resort & Casino Maestral across Europe."*

Special thanks go to the long-term supporters of the 2018 EDC: Clarion Gaming, Scientific Games, ICSE, CLS, Association of Gaming Equipment Manufacturers (AGEM), GPI Gaming, Abbiati and CTC.

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About the ECA

The European Casino Association (ECA) represents licensed land-based casinos in Europe, with 28 members and over 70,000 direct employees supporting local economies across Europe. It has members from nearly all EU Member States, as well as non-EU countries. The main purpose and objective of the



ECA is to address and promote issues related to casinos and promote the positive contribution of the industry. To find out more about the ECA, please click [here](#).

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About the EDC

The European Dealer Championship (EDC) is the long-running competition organised by the ECA that takes place yearly at an ECA member casino. Croupiers chosen at national level compete against each other in a competition that involves technical skill, control of the game and hospitality. Also taking place are competitions to find the best chipper, best card handler, best cutting chips, best pushing stacks and best mathematician.

About Resort & Casino Maestral

Maestral Resort & Casino is a luxury, contemporary and modern hotel, situated in a unique and attractive location in Pržno, only 8 km away from Budva. This five-star hotel is one of the most attractive vacation spots on the Montenegrin coast, and rewarded with the prize “Best hotel in Montenegro”. Its architecture and design follow current fashion trends in hotel industry architecture in its class, while the atmosphere keeps the spirit of Montenegrin clear sea, and famous domestic hospitality, in whose many amenities you will find your own private beach. There are 181 comfortable rooms and 22 luxury suites with radiating comfort and style, where rooms with direct views of the warm sea colours, carefully selected details and comfortable king size beds make you always want to stay here forever. The gastronomic offer of the Hotel has been designed to be provided in several restaurants and bars with spectacular views of the Adriatic Sea and enables ultimate pleasure even to real hedonists. Guests have at their disposal a luxurious Wellness & Spa Centre which holds title of the Best Spa Centre in Montenegro, and one of the best Casinos in Montenegro, equipped with state-of-the-art modern equipment.

Staying at Hotel Maestral is a special experience that you wish to repeat. From waking up “by the very sea” to having fun deep into the night, a full sense of rest, amusement, hedonism and relaxation is found here. This is a unique place where you really experience the connection between the tradition and modernity you leave with a full heart, rich memories, feeling that you leave a perfect own home to which you have to return at least once again.

To find out more about Resort & Casino Maestral, please click [here](#).