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**It's official... the Barrière Group is standing by to reopen its 27
French casinos from May 19th**

Paris, May 7th 2021 – Further to announcements made by the French President with regards progressive steps to ease lockdown in France, Barrière is delighted both for its employees, its customers and for the whole profession to be able to reopen the doors of its 27 French casinos as of Wednesday 19th of May, in strict accordance with health and safety measures, and subject to new Covid-19 developments.

From that date, Barrière Casinos will be able to reopen Slot Machines and Electronic Gaming Machines only, until 9pm, with a 35% fixed capacity. Access to Table Games will be allowed from June 9th until 11pm, with a 50% capacity.

For Dominique Desseigne, Chief Executive of Groupe Barrière: *“We have been compliantly but eagerly awaiting this reopening, and are pleased to see that our casinos have been recognised as leisure and cultural establishments, just like museums, cinemas and live performance venues. We are keen to contribute to local economic development again and to satisfy the public’s desire to get back to places of leisure and entertainment. Our customers can rest assured that they will be welcomed back to the very best gaming, entertainment and leisure facilities that they had become accustomed to, in accordance with strict health and safety guidelines.”*

More than just good news for Barrière, this reopening signals the starting up again of locally-based businesses with strong regional ties, which is of particular importance to Barrière, as well as recognition by public authorities for this professional sector whose establishments are reopening alongside cinemas, theatres and museums after a seven and a half-month closure.

It is important to remember that all of France's gaming establishments combined represent 15,000 direct employment positions and 45,000 indirect positions. They generate 1.4 billion euros in taxes every year, 400 million of which go to local authorities.

Preventative measures, social distancing, maximum capacity levels, as well as a new layout of gaming areas for a number of Casinos mean that customers can now rediscover their preferred place of entertainment and continue to live the Barrière experience to the full.

With Barrière, enjoy your favourite entertainment and leisure activities again.

About Barrière

The Barrière brand sells two separate groups of hotels, casinos and restaurants: Groupe Lucien Barrière (GLB) and Société Fermière du Casino Municipal de Cannes (SFCMC).

Founded in 1912 by François André and subsequently developed and managed by Lucien Barrière, Diane Barrière-Desseigne and Dominique Desseigne, the Barrière group has developed an unrivalled offering in the top of the range leisure market, founded with the view to providing operational excellence, a quality of service that is second to none and French art de vivre. Today it owns 33 Casinos, 1 Gaming Club, 18 Hotels (mainly 5 stars, as well as a 5-star luxury Palace in Courchevel) and more than 140 bars and restaurants, one of which is the renowned Fouquet's in Paris (with subsidiaries in 9 other destinations) and organises around 3,500 shows and events every year. Its turnover was 1.24 billion euros at the end of its financial year on 31st October 2019, and the Group now comprises 7,000 staff members.

Barrière is also well known in the food and beverage industry, serving some 2.5 million meals, in the leisure industry with 15 spas, 1 thalassotherapy centre in La Baule, 1 balneotherapy centre in Ribeaupillé, 3 golf courses and 2 tennis clubs, and is increasingly making a name for itself through its world renown Resorts located in many popular tourist destinations.



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