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A new year. A restart. A new starting point for the success of a group that continues to provide proof of its dynamism.

This edition is full of new products and reports of projects that proved to be a good investment. This is the case of the Dolce Vita Shopping Centres, for example, in Porto and Coimbra.

The Group's participation in international fairs, through its companies operating in the cork production, natural products (Amorim&Irmãos) and floor and wall covering fields, continues to introduce the world to Portugal's best ideas and technology.

In relation to wines, we would like to congratulate Burmester's oenologist – who was considered to be "The Best of the Year", as part of the 15th anniversary celebrations of "Revista dos Vinhos" magazine.

And to relax, there is nothing better than the new schedule of events at Casino da Figueira, providing unique emotions!

See you soon!

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The author's design, Porto Burmester and Contemporary Art is the combination of excellence to be discovered in this bottle of Porto LBV 2000. Álvaro Siza Vieira, the world famous architect, designed the exclusive glass and bottle for the Port Wine Sector.

In the meantime, Casa Burmester and Fundação de Serralves are programming to launch other exclusive wines to meet the expectations of more connoisseurs. And the next is to be on April 8th.



Corticeira Amorim Indústria exhibits at the BAU Fair, in Munich

Just as had occurred in 2003, Corticeira Amorim Indústria (CAI) was in attendance at one of Europe's largest construction materials fair - BAU, which was held in Munich from 17th to 22nd January.

At the event, CAI focused on the promotion of the AcoustiCORK® range, which is composed of a number of agglomerated cork solutions that, when used as under-floor insulation for any kind of flooring, strongly reduce impact noise.

Of note amongst the many contacts made are those of Eastern European countries, in particular those countries of the ex-USSR, such as Russia and the Ukraine.



Amorim Revestimentos IPODECK, wood for outside use

One of Amorim Revestimentos' products is a wood assembly and fixing system for outside decking, which can be used in areas such as swimming pools, beach boardwalks, terraces, gardens and for many other different applications.

This new hidden fastening system consists of strips of Swedish pine as a sub-base, fastening clips and bolts and Ipé-Lapacho wood. Ipé-Lapacho is a very dense wood that is resistant to fungi, characteristics that give it a high quality appearance.

This fastening system for outside decking, which is considered to be the best system available in the marketplace, is the product of internal study and development by Amorim Revestimentos, carried out in order to complement the company's range of high performance natural products.

Information regarding prestigious constructions that have been made using this product can be obtained from the following site [www ipodeck.com](http://www.ipodeck.com).



Corticeira Amorim Indústria present at the Paperworld 2005 Fair – The solidification of a project!



Corticeira Amorim Indústria exhibited at the Paperworld 2005 Fair, the most important paper and office materials fair in the world, which was held from 26th to 30th January, in Frankfurt, Germany.

The company's presence at this fair, which was established as being an essential component of the marketing strategy for the Memoboards segment, provided an opportunity to present two new collections of Cork Nature, the Aluminium Board Collection (boards with an aluminium border) and the Planning Board Collection (week planners), as well as the possibility of developing contacts with existing and potential clients.

The fair also provided the opportunity to present the

"Back to School 2005" campaign, which is the Memoboard segment's principal advertising campaign for international clients.

The stand, the design of which strongly highlighted the Amorim brand name and the Cork Nature product line, was visited by large numbers. A very positive response to the range of products on show was recorded.

Corticeira Amorim Indústria plans to exhibit at three more specialised fairs for the visual communication and home and table decoration industries: Ambient 2005, in Frankfurt (February), Gourmet Show, in Las Vegas, (May) and I.S.O.T 2005, in Tokyo (July).

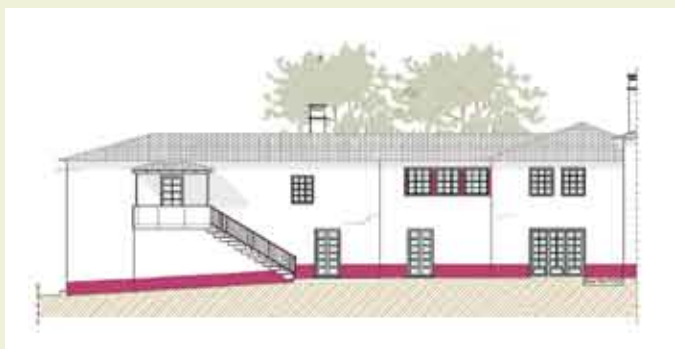
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Celebrities will get more than the red carpet treatment the next time they visit BBC Television Centre, in Wood Lane, West London, following the installation of Wicanders' cork based Wood-O-Floor in dressing rooms used by A-list stars. The dressing rooms where the likes of Beyonce, Britney and Busted are likely to prepare for shows such as Top of The Pops, have been revamped with good reason according to Studio Manager Richard Green of the BBC.

for the stylish walnut-look finish the flooring at the BBC studios captures the beauty of solid wood coupled with advantages inherent in cork.

Hotel Rural Burmester Quinta Nova de Nossa Senhora do Carmo in the Douro Demarcated Region



Hotel Rural Burmester is expected to open on June 20th, 2005. This will be the first wine hotel in the Douro Demarcated Region. It is a charming hotel built in typical regional architecture, from an old rehabilitated manor located in the heart of a 120 ha estate, the Quinta Nova de Nossa Senhora do Carmo. All 11 rooms enjoy a panoramic view and are magnificently decorated in the style of the original building.

It is a revealing project, with a unique offer of walks and a map illustrating the places to visit, the farm vineyards, as well as meals served on the

porch and bower, or picnics in the century old orchards.

These orchards, like the Pomar do Marco Pombalino, the Pomar de África and the Pomar do Laranjal, are places which once visited are recorded in our minds, as are the beautiful combinations of wines and gourmet products, and the many activities one may enjoy in the region, which are not to be missed.

Amorim Imobiliária

Antas Lifestyle Residential Project

In order to experience the true spirit of Antas, it is necessary to know the tradition and glamour of one of Porto's most prestigious zones.

Antas is a real centre of gravity for life in the eastern part of the city. For all those who want to experience the spirit of Antas in real style, Amorim Imobiliária is going to create a top of the range property development, next to Alameda das Antas avenue, which shall serve to consolidate the diversified and differentiated property on offer.

The residential project, called "Malha 3", is still seeking a name that corresponds to its premium positioning, which shall have to take into account existing competition and the local reality.

"Malha 3" shall be an imposing building located in the best position of the Antas Lifestyle project. Its proximity to Dolce Vita Porto, the surrounding transport network, the support structures of the Antas sports complex, tennis courts and green areas, make "Malha 3" a unique product in its segment of the market.

The spaciousness of the areas of the apartments, the range of apartment types, from one-bedroom apartments up to five-bedroom duplex apartments, and the exceptional coverage (with large terraced areas and expansive views), make these 88 apartments the best investment option for all those who want to invest in quality of life.

Some people are different, and their houses are too.



Mercure Póvoa de Varzim

- the country's "Casinos" provide inspiration



"Casinos" is the new theme of the Mercure Póvoa de Varzim hotel, which has renewed its decor and now has attractive offers for its clients based on this theme.

The new theme deserved a launch party, incorporating the magic, mystery and seduction that the casino experience offers. Special guests, a lot of rhythm and the emotion of Latin-American dances were supplied in a night packed full of entertainment.

Mercure hotels possess a business ethos that encompasses the interaction of the hotel with the area in which it is located. This ethos translates into the decor of the hotels being based on local themes as well as the inclusion of local dishes on the menus of the hotel's restaurants and scheduled events being subject to local influences. Themes such as "@rts" for the Mercure in Lisbon, "Vista Alegre" for the Mercure in Aveiro, "Boats" in Figueira da Foz, "Theatre" in Oporto, "Port" in Porto-Gaia and now "Casinos" in Póvoa de Varzim, ensure that each hotel shares the charms of the surrounding region with its guests.

Presentation of Keys to Dolce Vita Coimbra retailers

On 18th January, Amorim Imobiliária presented the keys, in a symbolic act, to the retailers of the Dolce Vita Coimbra shopping centre. The new shopping centre, located next to Cidade de Coimbra Football Stadium, forms part of the Eurostadium complex that comprises, in addition to the shopping centre, a multi-purpose 3,000-seat arena, a swimming pool complex (one of which is Olympic size) and a Studio Residence property development.

The ceremony consisted of speeches by Mr. Rui Alegre, chairman of Amorim Imobiliária, and Mr. Jaime Lopes, Vice-chairman, followed by a guided tour of the site, which was open only to the media and the retailers.

Dolce Vita Coimbra, which shall be inaugurated on 19th April and opened to the general public on 20th April, expects to have ten million visitors in its first year. The shopping centre has the capacity to directly generate 1,300 jobs.

In numerical terms, the shopping centre contains 115 shops, five floors of shops and 2,700 parking places. One of the shopping centre's attractions, besides the largest bookshop in the country, is the ten screen Lusomundo cinema, furnished with the latest technology.

Dolce Vita Coimbra is located close to the historical centre of the city and it is excellently located from a regional viewpoint, with a number of access routes linking the shopping centre to its area of influence.

Finally, it can be confirmed that the new shopping centre is going to guarantee "a new and modern focal point for the entire Coimbra region, with the habitual guarantee of Dolce Vita quality".



Rui Alegre and Zita Seabra



From left to right: Carlos Pinto (Eurohypo Portugal); Jaime Lopes (Amorim Imobiliária); José Matoso and Carlos Resende (Bertrand bookshop)

More "keys" to Dolce Vita Porto



From left to right: Rui Alegre (Amorim Imobiliária), Andrzej Tlaga (Cushman - Warsaw), Jacek Gmoch (Chairman - Lodza, Warsaw), Janusz Dorosiewicz (Vice-Chairman - Lodza, Warsaw)



From left to right: João Pessoa e Costa (Ambelis); Paulo Nabais (Somague Imobiliária)



From left to right: António Carlos de Almeida; Jonas Duarte e Leal Barreto (Amorim Imobiliária)

The presentation of keys to the retailers of Dolce Vita Porto, which was held on 23rd February, turned out to be a real success, just as the same ceremony had been in Coimbra.

Despite the unsettled weather, more than 300 people from business different sectors attended the ceremony. After two brief speeches inside the shopping centre, a tour of the whole site was carried out followed by a commemorative cocktail event.

Dolce Vita Porto, located in the centre of Porto (Antas) next to Dragão Stadium, has a gross leasable area of close to 39,000 square metres, 2,152 parking spaces, 129 shops, a Continente hypermarket and a seven screen cinema exclusive to Lusomundo.

Dolce Vita Porto, which will open in May 2005, will be the fourth unit to open bearing the Dolce Vita brand name. In this way, the Dolce Vita brand increasingly underpins its strong presence in the Portuguese shopping centre market.



Dolce Vita Porto Project

Amorim & Irmãos, S.A. sponsored the 6th edition of Wine Evolution



Amorim sponsored the successful 6th edition of Wine Evolution, held on the 31st of January and 1st of February, in the Palais des Congrès de Paris.

Wine Evolution is the annual event where wine executives can access the tools and information they need to succeed, while engaging in critical discussions about the wine industry. The 2005 edition welcomed over 100 participants from more than 20 countries. Amongst the companies represented were Racked International, LVMH, Constellation, Freixenet, The Fladgate Partnership, Château Lascombes and Casa Lapostolle, while international media included

Busiessweek, Harpers, Just-Drinks and Corriere Vinicolo.

On the second day of the event, a panel on closures featured Carlos de Jesus from Amorim & Irmãos, Simon Waller of Supremecorq and Fabienne Boizard of Saint-Gobain. Following presentations by the speakers, the panel and the audience engaged in lively debate on closures that produced excellent feedback on Amorim's fight against TCA. The debate was moderated by Marc Engel from B/R/S Consulting, the US marketing company involved in the launching of the Two Buck Chuck wine.

Amorim Flooring North America exhibits at Surfaces 2005

As a consequence of the presentation of the new range of Wicanders® Acousticork® NRT (Noise Reduction Technology) products, this international fair served to strengthen Amorim Flooring North America's position amongst the key players of the US flooring market.

The Surfaces Fair was held this year from 26th to 28th January in Las Vegas, Nevada. The number of visitors to the fair was enormous, surpassing the 40,000 barrier.

Amorim Revestimentos' presence at the fair exceeded even the most optimistic of expectations, particularly in relation to the number of potential business opportunities.

André Sardet in "Casino Unplugged" at Casino da Figueira

After Francisco Mendes having successfully premiered the new daily schedule of Casino da Figueira, it was André Sardet's turn to perform in "Casino Unplugged", with an acoustic concert in the intimate surroundings of the Salão Caffé (the old Main Ballroom). André Sardet's show included, among the many songs performed, a number of songs from his latest album, which is one of the top ten sellers of Portuguese music. A number of well known musicians, such as Luís Represas, Rui Veloso and Mafalda Veiga, make guest appearances on the album.

The Salão Caffé, which has free entry, shall continue to play host to great Portuguese musicians for many more nights of unique emotions.

Before the show, Casino da Figueira played host to the "Tuesday Wine Tasting Session", a free tasting of wines provided by Allied Domecq, the world's second largest spirits and wine company.

Amorim & Irmãos at ENOVIT 2005

Amorim sponsored the 3rd edition of Portugal's Technical Conference for the Wine Industry. The event, attended by 160 delegates, was held on the 4th of February in Lisbon and addressed the issue of "Price of Wine and Competitiveness". The panel featured seven speakers, including Laurent Dulau from Vinidea, Carlos de Jesus from Amorim & Irmãos S.A., Bento dos Santos and Luis Pato, two highly recognised Portuguese winemakers. The conference was part of ENOVIT 2005 - Technologies for Viticulture and Oenology Fair, where Amorim was also present with a well-attended stand.

Participants in this year's edition increased to almost 200 exhibitors separated in two halls - Viticulture (31%) and Oenology (69%). Visitors to the Fair had the opportunity to become acquainted with the latest and most innovative products and techniques for the wine industry.



3rd edition of Portugal's Technical Conference for the Wine Industry

Amorim Imobiliária site overhauled

Amorim Imobiliária's presence on the internet now has a new lay-out and set of functions and contents that provide the site with even greater efficiency. The new site provides all of the information that is of interest to the company's customers and investors and now possesses an easier to use product and services search facility.

The new site, which was developed by Miopia Comunicação e Design, is segmented into seven basic sections: About the Company, Profile, Portfolio, Careers, Media, Events and Links. In addition to these sections, the home page (the site's main page) of the site systematically has three projects in focus (one from each of the business units: Retail, Corporate Solutions and Residential) and an Amorim Imobiliária and property sector news area, which is updated daily.

The Portfolio section provides links to each property development, which function as independent micro-sites. Each property development's micro-site provides detailed maps of the development and its location, photographs, films, architectural drawings, 3D images and real-time images from on-site cameras. An appointment for a visit to the property development can also be made online. The micro-sites also have catalogues available for printing and provide online mortgage quotes.

In the future, the information will be connected to the intranet of the company so that the process of a potential customer or investor can be reconstructed at any time, by centralised means.

This site, through the provision of organised and detailed information, ensures that customer relations shall be based on ease of contact. Thus, the aim is to shorten distances, amplify supply and promote an even more efficient service.

To experience all this, don't hesitate, visit www.amorimimobiliaria.pt and tell your associates.



AMORIM DEUTSCHLAND successfully exhibits at the BAU 2005 international fair



The BAU Fair is considered to be, together with the Domotex fair in Hanover, one of the most important international fairs of construction material. The BAU fair was held this year from 17th to 22nd January in Munich.

Amorim Deutschland possessed a 120 m² stand where it displayed its Wicanders and Ipcork flooring products and showcased the Wicanders® Acousticork® NRT and "Very High Resistant Varnish" products, which attracted the interest of visitors to the stand.

The BAU fair is traditionally more orientated towards architects and the wood segment of the construction industry.

The comments made regarding Amorim Deutschland's new products were generally positive.

Consequently, a large number of new business contacts were generated and even some sales were made.

The company organising the BAU fair optimised the layout of the exhibition corridors. For the first time, all of the stands exhibiting flooring were in the same corridor.

The fair had a visitor total of 190,000 people, from Germany and other countries. The number of visitors greatly exceeded the 2003 figure.



"Arrábida Plaza" - a 6 star property development

Arrábida Plaza will be the subject of an intense advertising campaign that is about to start, the aim of which is to boost sales and position the property development at the top of the luxury housing segment. In order to achieve this, there is no better way than associate the five stars of Arrábida Plaza to the single star of Mercedes Benz.

Thus, Amorim Imobiliária will offer a new generation class A Mercedes Benz for each apartment bought in Arrábida Plaza.

Only a five star property development is capable of offering one more star in the garage. This is, consequently, a unique opportunity for all those who make quality and aesthetics part of their way of life.

Arrábida Plaza forms part of the Arrábida Multipurpose Complex, which also incorporates a Studio Residence property development, the Mercure-Gaia Hotel, the 'Arrábida Shopping' shopping centre, a 'Holmes Place' fitness club and the Arrábida Hospital. As well as six stars...



O empreendimento 6 Estrelas
 Na compra de um apartamento, oferecemos-lhe um Mercedes-Benz.
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 Visite já o andar modelo.
 Arrábida Plaza

DOMOTEX 2005 in Hanover – positive mood at AMORIM DEUTSCHLAND

Amorim Deutschland is very satisfied with the results achieved at the Domotex, the worlds most important fair for flooring. From the 15th until the 18th of January 2005 Amorim presented on its booth of 195 m² Wicanders and Ipocork cork flooring as well as Ipowood wood parquet. Besides the already known natural brown coloured cork floorings and the New Colour Collections, Amorim presented with Wicanders® Acousticork® NRT a cork flooring that guarantees maximum silence.

An additional innovation was the “Very High Resistant Varnish” (VHRV).

For its premium brand Wicanders, Amorim presented on its open and inviting designed booth a very silent new cork flooring. The Wicanders® Acousticork® NRT (Noise Reduction Technology) with an integrated cork-based core-layer was developed to significantly improve both step sound and impact sound. Independent tests have shown the Wicanders® Acousticork® NRT achieved the best results in terms of step and impact sound when compared to wood and laminate flooring. In terms of step sound Wicanders® Acousticork® NRT reaches values of 75 dB, approximately 10 dB better than acoustic wood and laminates tested. The impact sound values are 3 dB below the market standard values. On an extra area with those three different floorings, visitors we able to test the new flooring and experience the difference. The launch of Wicanders® Acousticork® NRT will start in Europe this year.

As a second novelty a new varnish for cork flooring was presented at the fair: Very High Resistant Varnish (VHRV). It was especially developed to match the unique characteristics of cork and to support the elasticity of this natural raw material. The varnish is based on a ceramic basis and free of any harmful substances. Not only the technical details have strongly convinced customers, but also the optical effects: the surfaces looks very smooth and natural, and not cold and artificial like conventional varnishes of this quality.

For Amorim Deutschland the Domotex fair was a success. The high number of visitors to the stand and the quality of sales interviews confirmed Amorim’s leading position in the market. Besides the German sales unit, Amorim Revestimentos and some other European sales units as well as Amorim Wood Supplies joined this international fair.

For the fair company in Hanover the Domotex was a success, too. 43.500 visitors from Germany and abroad proofed the importance of this leading fair for flooring. In 12 halls on 90.000 m² 1.226 exhibitors presented their innovations and creative new products.



Amorim Imobiliária purchases “Hidroprojecto” building



Amorim Imobiliária purchased, at the end of 2004, the “Hidroprojecto” building, which is now called “Campo Grande Seis”. The “Campo Grande Seis” building, which is located on the Segunda Circular Lisbon ring road, 5 minutes from Lisbon Airport, has six floors above ground, and possesses a total area of approximately 2,600 m².

After its acquisition, Amorim Imobiliária carried out the restoration of the outside of the building and the external window frames, in addition to creating a car park in the basement.

One of the floors of “Campo Grande Seis”, in order to maximise the business potential of the building, was converted into open space to meet the differentiated needs that exist in the marketplace.

At the start of 2005, an advertisement was placed on the building, which stated the available office space areas and encouraged businesses to “give their business more space” in partnership, as always, with Amorim Imobiliária.

Casino da Figueira “Barriga de Riso”

[A Bellyful of Laughs], with Aldo Lima, was a success



Nilton, one of the comedians of the “Barriga de Riso” show



Aldo Lima's performance

Aldo Lima, considered to be one of Portugal's best stand-up comedians, performed his “Barriga de Riso” show at the Casino.

After Óscar Branco and Nilton, it was the turn of Aldo Lima “to provide a bellyful of laughs” for those present in Casino Figueira's Restaurant -Bar.

Following in the tradition of the great comedians, Aldo Lima is one of the few modern comedians that use their body to create comedy, and he uses it well. An example of this is his impersonation of a Spanish and a Portuguese bullfight. This sketch shows preparation and a sense of humour that is both incisive and open at the same time, something that is not very easy to achieve, according to the critic Eduardo Cintra Torres.

Aldo Lima uses body and facial expression a lot because he deems “it important to unite the text to the physical”, further adding that it is possible to provide humour without offending people, given that “in comedy, good sense and taste are also necessary”...

While this show was going on, the Salão Caffé, as part of the new schedule of events, had music and microphones available for all, as part of one more session of karaoke, which takes place every Thursday.

With the new schedule of events, the unique emotions at Casino Figueira don't stop!

Eastern Fortnight at Casino da Figueira

An Eastern Fortnight was held in Casino Figueira between 28th January and 13th February, with events from Macao, China, Japan and Thailand.

Origami, calligraphy, martial arts, documentaries, sculpture, photography, literature, music, painting and eastern cuisine were just some of the areas represented over the fortnight.

Some eastern and national artists exhibited their work. In this context we shall highlight the composer, Soares Branco, and the sculptor, Cristina Leiria.

Casino Figueira, with free entry, celebrated the Chinese New Year with unique emotions.

A.I.S. places CorkRubber at the forefront of Industrial Applications



Amorim Industrial Solutions, using a strategy that is based on market research and knowledge associated to an evident policy of investing in research and development and innovation, has successfully placed cork with rubber - CorkRubber – in the most demanding and complex industrial situations.

Multinational and worldwide companies such as ABB, Alstom, Bosch, Honeywell, American Meter, Caterpillar, Valeo and many others throughout the world nowadays directly and indirectly use CorkRubber components in a huge range of applications, from natural gas seals to electricity transformers, electric motors, friction/abrasion applications, anti-vibration applications, etc.

CorkRubber, which possesses this tendency for use in applications with high technical requirements, has proven to be, within the limits of its field of use, a modern product with huge future potential.

Amorim Imobiliária Library: everything just a click away

The Amorim Imobiliária Library, which was launched on 15th February, is an essential and innovative work tool that provides access to a range of documents, studies, newspapers, books and magazines, all by just a simple click of the mouse. The Amorim Imobiliária Library is designed as a browser, in other words, it is accessed via the internet, and it is open to any user with a valid username and password.

This extensive work tool permits the registration of works and users, their respective profiles and access control.

The Library provides a structured bibliographical search and document location mechanism and it also has the capacity to record loan requests and stock acquisition suggestions.

The library's software has an extensive range of functions which include permitting the library manager to register and control acquisitions, control the library inventory and loans and also consult complete reports, by means of the statistics' module.

The Amorim Imobiliária Library backs up the objective of creating a "continuous learning environment", in addition to aiding the development of information access by any part of the company.

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JAPANTEX 2004

Amorim Revestimentos in the land of the "Rising Sun"

As has come to be usual practice, Amorim Revestimentos, through Kobe Cork, exhibited at Japantex, an annual interior coverings' fair held in Tokyo.

Japantex was held from 24th to 27th November and had more than 29,000 visitors and 201 exhibitors.

A number of technical demonstrations concerning the easy mounting and maintenance of the Wicanders and Ipcork were given during this fair.

Once again, the large number of visitors to the Kobe Cork - Amorim stand proves the increasing interest in Japan for cork coverings.



João Portugal on the International Women's Day



On 8th March, International Women's Day, João Portugal played one more memorable show at Casino da Figueira.

In 2000, the singer turned a corner in his career and published his first solo album, called "Luz". This album, which has sold twenty thousand copies, produced a number of successful singles written by the singer: "Quero-te Abraçar", "Luz" and "Sonho Azul".

Casa Burmester

Burmester's oenologist – "The Best of the Year"

Last February, the prestigious wine magazine, Revista de Vinhos, celebrated its 15th anniversary in the building of the old Customs House in Porto. The "Year's Best" prizes were awarded at the event for different categories in the wine sector: wines, companies, winemakers, winemaking experts, organisations, wine-tourism projects, etc.

Jaime Costa, the winemaker who has worked with Casa Burmester for the past 15 years, was elected "Winemaker of the Year" (fortified wines). As in the distinguished words of the jury, he "has endowed Burmester and Quinta Nova de Nossa Senhora do Carmo Vintage and LBV wines with a new dimension and consistent critic praise", in spite of the 250-year long tradition of Colheita and old Tawny wines. It was also a great honour for Casa Burmester to have a number of its wines elected the "Best of the Region" (Port Wines) for Burmester wines Colheita 1996 and Burmester LBV 1997, and the "Best Buy" for Burmester wines LBV 2000 and Quinta Nova de Nossa Senhora do Carmo Vintage 2000.



Oenologist Jaime Costa

Carnival in the Mercure Hotels

"Samba no Prato" [Samba Dishes] and other special events

Mercure Porto-Gaia

The Oporto restaurant served "Samba no Prato" during the entire week, which consisted of a wide variety of traditional Brazilian dishes. There were also prizes of weekends in any Mercure hotel in Portugal for the best carnival costumes.

Mercure Póvoa de Varzim

The Mercure in Póvoa de Varzim also opened its doors to Brazilian cuisine in its Full House restaurant. On 7th and 8th February, all meals in the restaurant were accompanied by live music from the band Inovasamba. Caipirinha drinks were on the house...

Mercure Aveiro

The carnival processions in the central region of the country were a good pretext for a stay in the Mercure Aveiro, which had special conditions on offer: an extra night free of charge (for stays of more than three days) and free entrance passes to the Vista Alegre Museum and the Estação da Luz Nightclub.



Casino da Figueira

New more exhilarating daily schedule



As of 1st February 2005, Casino Figueira is strongly backing a new diversified daily schedule of events that includes, among the many fields encompassed by the new schedule, music, dance, comedy, circus, theatre and cinema. This new schedule of events has already started bringing some of the best names of the national music scene to the casino.

Francisco Mendes, Óscar Branco, Joana Rios, Nilton, André Sardet and Aldo Lima are just some of the many artists that have been providing the daily entertainment at Casino Figueira.

Cuisine and wine also makes its mark on the new schedule of events, through "Tuesday Wine Tasting Sessions" and "Tuesday Food Tasting" where, for EUR 20.00 or 200 Casino Figueira Club card points, you can try out wines or traditional cuisine before dinner.

Quinta dos Cozinheiros and Allied Domecq have already provided their wines for tasting and eastern cuisine also left its mark on the Casino during the Eastern Fortnight, held from 28/1 to 13/2.

The challenge, which Casino Figueira is already making a success of, is to make the schedule different, by adding value to the events and focusing on a young audience, associated to greater informality.

Casino Figueira opens the Salão Caffè and Restaurant - Bar daily, with free entry, so that everybody can experience the unique emotions.

Hotel Mercure and Casino da Figueira

launch a special offer -

"Magical Nights" in Figueira da Foz



"Magical Nights" is the name of the special offer that the Mercure hotel has just launched in conjunction with Casino da Figueira da Foz, which is valid until 30th June 2005.

The program starts in the hotel, but just to put down your luggage and admire an afternoon's end with a view over Praia da Claridade beach! The night promises magic, starting with a dinner for two in the casino, with a special side plate consisting of the show on the card...

On returning to the hotel, rest for the warriors can be put off for a while longer... given that the moment shall certainly demand a toast with sparkling wine, waiting, at the perfect temperature, for such a special moment.

Waking up in the morning can be a long and leisurely affair... just like the buffet breakfast in the Astro-lábio restaurant...

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