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NBA LEGEND SHAQUILLE O'NEAL, AKA DJ DIESEL, DELIVERS AN UNFORGETTABLE SHOW IN UMAG

The fifth night of Umag Music Nights brought one of the greatest athletes of all time to the Dance Arena. Shaquille O'Neal, who has built a successful DJ career under the name DJ Diesel in recent years, performed in Umag for the first time. Before he took the stage, the crowd was warmed up by his son, Myles O'Neal.

A name that spent decades synonymous with the NBA is now equally at home on the stages of the world's biggest music festivals. Inspired by performances from Steve Aoki and Skrillex, O'Neal turned what began as a hobby into a new professional career. Today, DJ Diesel performs at many of the world's leading festivals.

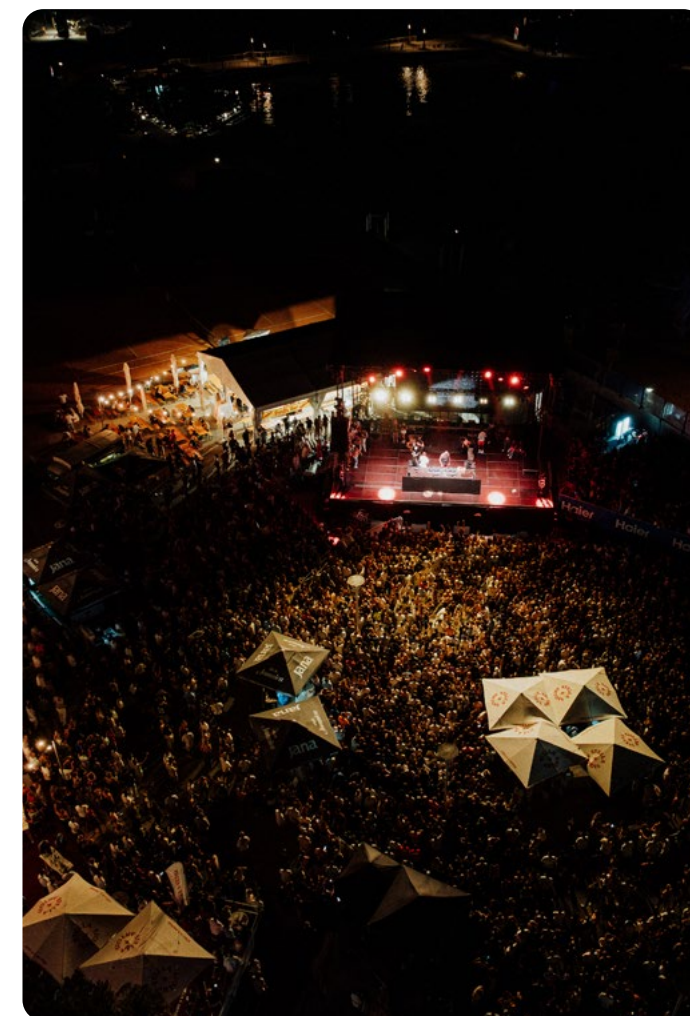
Once the tennis action came to an end, the Dance Arena quickly filled with fans eagerly awaiting his arrival. Delivering a high-energy set packed with EDM, bass and trap, DJ Diesel brought the atmosphere of



a major international music festival to Umag – the kind of electrifying performance that has become his trademark in recent years.

Shaquille O'Neal's appearance once again highlighted how Umag Music Nights, alongside world-class tennis, continues to attract performers who regularly take the stage at the world's biggest music festivals.

The music program continues tonight with a performance by Prljavo kazalište. On Friday, July 17, world-renowned DJ and producer Fedde Le Grand, known for a string of iconic club anthems, takes the stage. This year's edition of Umag Music Nights will conclude on Saturday, July 18, with award-winning DJ and producer Dombresky, celebrated for his energetic house and dance sets that have lit up festivals including Coachella and EDC Las Vegas.



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DINO PRIZMIC FORCED TO RETIRE IN THE THIRD SET

Dino Prizmic’s run at the Plava Laguna Croatia Open in Umag came to a disappointing end, as the Croatian No. 1 fell short of reaching the quarter-finals. After coming within touching distance of a straight-sets victory over Slovakia’s Alex Molcan in the second round, the momentum shifted dramatically. Trailing 0-4 in the deciding set, Prizmic was forced to retire, sending Molcan through with a 3-6, 7-6(5), 4-0 victory.

Prizmic made a sluggish start to the match, allowing the world No. 101 to strike first with an early break for a 2-1 lead. However, the Croatian responded impressively, reeling off four consecutive games to take firm control of the opening set.

In the second set, Prizmic looked to have one foot in the next round. He led 5-3 and, at 5-4, stepped up to serve for the match. But he was unable to close it out, as Molcan fought back to force a tie-break, which the Slovak claimed 7-5. Early in the decider, Prizmic had opportunity to break back immediately, earning a 0-40 lead at 0-1, but failed to convert. Shortly afterwards, hampered by physical issues, he retired from the match.

Prizmic’s previous two ATP Tour quarter-final appearances had both come in Umag, where he was eliminated by the eventual champions on each occasion - Australia’s Alexei Popyrin and Italy’s Luciano Darderi.

“I ran out of energy during the second set. I started feeling weak already at 3-2,” Prizmic said afterwards. “I tried to battle through and somehow finish the set, but in the third I simply couldn’t continue. I’ve never experienced anything like this before. I still don’t know exactly what happened, but I hope to recover as soon as possible.”

The day also saw a number of major upsets, with top seed Flavio Cobolli of Italy and third seed Tomas Martin Etcheverry of Argentina both crashing out.

Cobolli, the world No. 9, was beaten 6-2, 6-4 by Argentina’s Roman Burruchaga, who recorded by far the biggest victory of his career. Remarkably, all 13 of Burruchaga’s ATP Tour wins have come on clay. He produced an outstanding performance, particularly in the opening set, where he did not face a single break point. Although he surrendered his serve immediately after taking a 4-3 lead in the second set, he responded with another decisive break that sealed the biggest win of his career.

“I’d played a really good match the day before, so I believed I could reproduce that level regardless of who was on the other side of the net,” Burruchaga said.



Earlier this season, the Argentine came agonisingly close to winning his maiden ATP title in Houston, where he held three championship points before eventually losing the final to Tommy Paul. His father, Jorge Burruchaga, is a former Argentine football star best remembered for scoring the winning goal in Argentina’s 3-2 victory over West Germany in the 1986 FIFA World Cup final.

Cobolli, who arrived in Umag as the world’s ninth-ranked player, has now failed to progress beyond the second round of the tournament in all three of his appearances.

“Of course I’m disappointed,” Cobolli admitted. “I feel at home here. I spent a lot of time near Umag when I was younger, in nearby Koper. After spending two weeks at Wimbledon, I didn’t have as much time to readjust to clay as Román did, but he fully deserved the win.”

Another seeded player to fall on Wednesday was Argentina’s Tomas Martin Etcheverry, the tournament’s third seed, who lost 7-5, 6-4 to 21-year-old Spaniard Daniel Merida, currently ranked No. 82 in the world.

The match appeared to be under Etcheverry’s control when he opened up a 4-2 lead, but from that point on he won just one of the next eight games, allowing Merida to seize the initiative and close out an impressive straight-sets victory.



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Main Draw Singles

1	1	COBOLLI, Flavio	ITA	F. Cobolli 1	
2		Bye		R. Burruchaga	
3	Q	CECCHINATO, Marco	ITA	R. Burruchaga	62 64
4		BURRUCHAGA, Roman A...	ARG	61 64	
5	WC	DODIG, Matej	CRO	P. Carreno Busta	
6		CARRENO BUSTA, Pablo	ESP	64 62	C. Ugo Carabelli 7
7	Q	TOPO, Marko	GER	C. Ugo Carabelli 7	36 75 75
8	7	UGO CARABELLI, Camilo	ARG	67 ² 76 ³ 63	
9	3	ETCHEVERRY, Tomas M...	ARG	T. Etcheverry 3	
10		Bye		D. Merida	
11	WC	SESKO, Ziga	SLO	D. Merida	75 64
12		MERIDA, Daniel	ESP	64 61	
13		LAJOVIC, Dusan	SRB	L. Van Assche	
14		VAN ASSCHE, Luca	FRA	26 75 64	T. Droguet
15		DROGUET, Titouan	FRA	T. Droguet	61 16 75
16	5	BLOCKX, Alexander	BEL	36 62 60	
17	LL	NEUMAYER, Lukas	AUT	J. Prado Angelo	
18	Q	PRADO ANGELO, Juan C...	BOL	63 76 ⁶	D. Dzumhur
19		DZUMHUR, Damir	BIH	D. Dzumhur	76 ² 61
20		ROCHA, Henrique	POR	62 61	
21	Q	GOMEZ, Federico Agustin	ARG	F. Gomez	
22	WC	MCDONALD, Niels	GER	63 76 ⁴	M. Arnaldi 4
23		Bye		M. Arnaldi 4	63 57 63
24	4	ARNALDI, Matteo	ITA	D. Prizmic	
25	8	KOPRIVA, Vit	CZE	61 63	A. Molcan
26		PRIZMIC, Dino	CRO	A. Molcan	36 76 ⁵ 40 RET
27		MOLCAN, Alex	SVK	64 75	
28		ROYER, Valentin	FRA	M. Tringelliti	
29		JACQUET, Kyrian	FRA	62 63	A. Davidovich Fokina 2
30		TRUNGELLITI, Marco	ARG	A. Davidovich Fokina 2	64 75
31		Bye			
32	2	DAVIDOVICH FOKINA, AI...	ESP		

Round of 32	Round of 16	Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Final	Winner
€ 6,570	0 pts	€ 10,750	25 pts	€ 18,515	50 pts
		€ 31,955	100 pts	€ 54,360	165 pts
				€ 93,175	250 pts

Last Direct Acceptance	Seeded Players	Alternates/Lucky Losers	Withdrawals	Retirements/W.O.
Jacquet, Kyrian - 145	Player	L. Neumayer (LL)	F. Marozsan (Left knee)	D. Prizmic (Cramps)
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Jorge Mandl	1			
Gerry Armstrong	2			
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DRAW HELD FOR THE ITF WHEELCHAIR CROATIA OPEN UMAG BY HEP

A cherished tradition continues as wheelchair tennis returns to Umag, where players will once again compete for valuable points on the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Tour. The seventh edition of the ITF Wheelchair Croatia Open Umag by HEP will take place from 16 to 18 July, running alongside the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag ATP tournament. The official singles draw was held on Wednesday.

"We're happy with the draw. I believe I should get through my opening match, and if I do, I'll face the legendary Martin Legner in the second round. I think I'll have my chances there as well, so overall I'm pleased with how the draw unfolded," said Anto Joskić.

"We also have high expectations for our other two players, Ante Kolundija, currently Croatia's highest-ranked wheelchair tennis player, and Sven Maretić. Unfortunately, Sven was handed a tougher draw, as he'll face Germany's Dittmar in what I believe will be the standout first-round match. I expect Kolundija to come through his opener, which should give us at least two Croatian players in the quarter-finals, while we're hopeful Sven can spring an upset. Overall, I think the field is particularly strong this year. The top eight players are all ranked inside the world's Top 80, so the level of competition will be very high, and we're looking forward to it."

Following the draw ceremony, conducted by Luka Vujić of Ofenziva, Ante Kolundija shared his thoughts:

"This is my fifth year competing in Umag, but the first time I've arrived as Croatia's No. 1 wheelchair tennis player. In previous years I was always the lowest-ranked Croatian in the field, whereas now I'm the highest-ranked. Since last year's tournament in Umag I've made significant progress and recorded some excellent results. Last year I reached the second round, and this year I'm hoping to go at least one step further. It certainly won't be an easy draw, but I'll give it everything I've got."

The tournament features 13 wheelchair tennis players. Heading the draw is last year's runner-up, Geoffrey Jasiak of France, currently ranked No. 32 on the ITF Wheelchair Tennis Tour rankings. The second seed is Austria's Nico Langmann, ranked No. 37.

Croatia's top-ranked player Ante Kolundija (No. 72) will open his campaign against Italy's Pincella (No. 92). Sven Maretić (No. 84) faces Germany's Dittmar (No. 73) in the opening round, while Anto Joskić (No. 93) will take on Hungary's Ferenc Gábor Lelik (No. 229) for a place in the quarter-finals.

The tournament offers a prize fund of USD 3,000.

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KALENDER AND SERDARUSIC UPSET SECOND SEEDS TO REACH SEMI-FINALS

Admir Kalender and Nino Serdarusic continue their winning run. Fresh off last week's ATP Challenger title in Trieste, the Croatian duo have now advanced to the semi-finals of the ATP Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag in Umag.

They did it in style, defeating the tournament's second seeds, Germany's Constantin Frantzen and the Netherlands' Robin Haase, 6-3, 7-6(4) in the quarter-finals.

Kalender and Serdarusic produced an outstanding performance against the higher-ranked pair. They earned the decisive break in the opening set to move 5-3 ahead before serving it out. In the second set, they surrendered their serve immediately after taking a 4-3 lead, but responded superbly in the tie-break, racing into a 6-1 advantage before sealing victory.

Both Serdarusic (world No. 112 in doubles) and Kalender (world No. 208) reached career-high ATP doubles rankings this week, and they are already guaranteed to climb even higher when the new rankings are released. How far they move up will depend on their results for the remainder of the tournament. Their next challenge comes in the semi-finals against Britain's pairing of Stevenson and Willis.



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Main Draw Doubles

1	1	PAVLASEK, Adam RIKL, Patrik	CZE CZE	A. Pavlasek 1 P. Rikl	
2	WC	IVANISEVIC, Emanuel POLJICAK, Mili	CRO CRO	64 62	A. Pavlasek 1 P. Rikl
3		NAM, JiSung NIKLAS-SALMINEN, Patrik	KOR FIN	J. Nam P. Niklas-Salminen	63 57 10-4
4		DUDA, Filip VRBENSKY, Michael	CZE CZE	36 64 10-4	
5	3	GONZALEZ, Maximo GONZALEZ, Santiago	ARG MEX	M. Gonzalez 3 S. Gonzalez	
6		ISARO, Pruchya KALIYANDA POONACH...	THA IND	62 62	R. Burruchaga M. Kestelboim
7		HO, Ray KITTAI, Benjamin	TPE USA	R. Burruchaga M. Kestelboim	67 ⁴ 62 10-6
8		BURRUCHAGA, Roman ... KESTELBOIM, Mariano	ARG ARG	64 16 12-10	
9		REYMOND, Arthur SANCHEZ, Luca	FRA FRA	D. Stevenson M. Willis	
10		STEVENSON, David WILLIS, Marcus	GBR GBR	63 76 ⁶	D. Stevenson M. Willis
11		DZUMHUR, Damir LATINOVIC, Stefan	BIH SRB	D. Dzumhur S. Latinovic	61 64
12	4	MOLTENI, Andres TRHAC, Patrik	ARG USA	75 46 10-5	
13	WC	KALENDER, Admir SERDARUSIC, Nino	CRO CRO	A. Kalender N. Serdarusic	
14		LIUTAREVICH, Ivan REYES-VARELA, Miguel	MEX	64 61	A. Kalender N. Serdarusic
15		BANTHIA, Siddhant DONSKI, Alexander	IND BUL	C. Frantzen 2 R. Haase	63 76 ⁴
16	2	FRANTZEN, Constantin HAASE, Robin	GER NED	75 64	

Round of 16	Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Final	Winner					
€ 3,330	0 pts	€ 5,650	45 pts	€ 10,190	90 pts	€ 17,410	150 pts	€ 32,410	250 pts

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WHAT DO PLAYERS DO AT THE PLAVA LAGUNA CROATIA OPEN UMAG WHEN THEY'RE OFF THE COURT? HERE'S HOW THEY SPEND THEIR TIME BETWEEN MATCHES

Between practice sessions and matches, players competing at the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag also found time to enjoy activities away from the courts. They met with fans and took part in a variety of fun events, which have become one of the tournament's most recognizable traditions. These moments give visitors a unique opportunity to get to know the players from a more personal and relaxed perspective.

Portuguese player Henrique Rocha and Alexander Blockx spent part of their free time in Umag riding jet skis. Matteo Arnaldi greeted fans during an organized Meet & Greet, signing autographs and posing for photos. He also answered a series of quick-fire questions, revealing that the US Open is his favorite Grand Slam tournament, naming Novak Djokovic as the toughest opponent he has faced, and recalling the incredible support from Italian fans during his previous appearance in Umag. He also admitted that pizza is his favorite cheat meal and said he would choose beach tennis if he had to play another racket sport.

On Monday, the Ofenziva Corner at the Plava Laguna Stage welcomed Belgian player Alexander Blockx. During the interview, he said he was immediately impressed by Umag, where he and his team received a warm welcome. Coming from a sporting family, Blockx first picked up a tennis racket at the age of four, inspired by his older brother. He shared a few fun facts as well: the Australian Open is his favorite tournament, Alexander Zverev has been his toughest opponent so far, he enjoys playing padel in his free time, and when he takes a break from his strict diet, he goes for a cheeseburger.

Later that day, fans also had the chance to meet Tomás Martín Etcheverry, K-Swiss brand ambassador. The Argentine is making his second appearance in Umag and reflected on the moment, two years ago, when he became

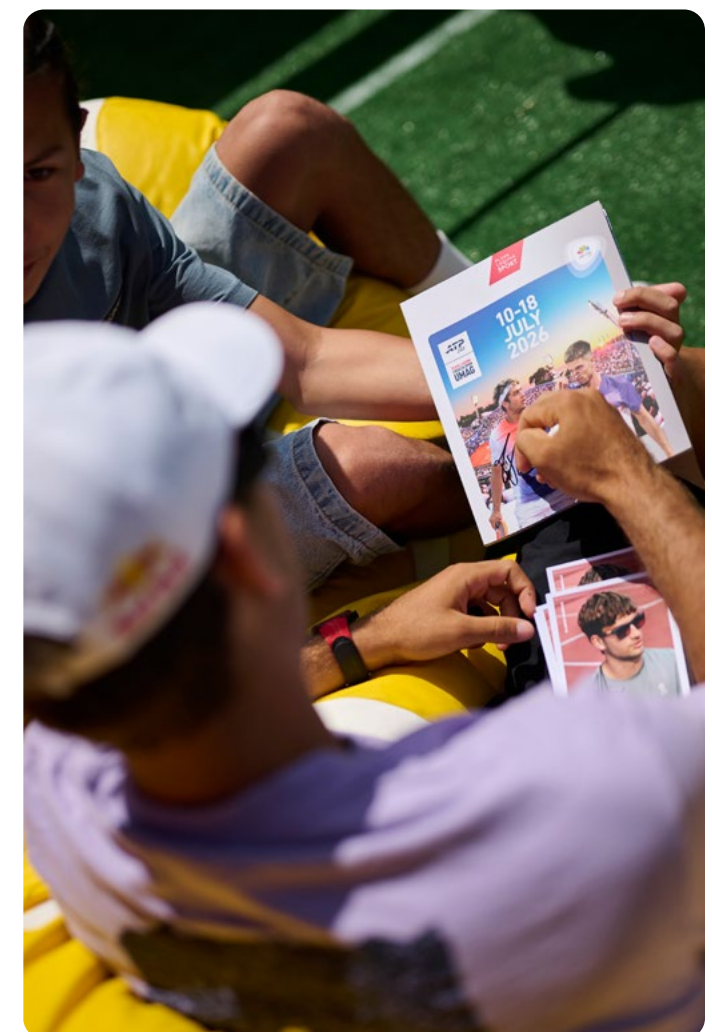
the highest-ranked Argentine on the ATP rankings, reaching a career-high No. 25. Speaking about his approach to tennis, he explained that he has never smashed a racket because he sees it as a tool of his profession, even when a match is not going his way. He named Novak Djokovic as both his greatest tennis idol and the toughest opponent of his career. The Australian Open is his favorite tournament, while outside of tennis he enjoys playing padel and soccer, and his favorite cheat meal is a hamburger. He also revealed that he will be following Argentina's FIFA World Cup campaign during the tournament, including the semi-final against England.

Fans were equally excited to meet Flavio Cobolli, the tournament's top seed. The Polaroid ambassador said it is always a pleasure to return to Umag. This year he arrived with his family, girlfriend, and friends, making him especially happy to spend a few days at the tournament together with them.

One of the most entertaining activities once again proved to be Triglav's SUP(er) Challenge, which combines tennis with balancing on a stand-up paddleboard. Argentine players Tomás Martín Etcheverry and Marco Trungelliti took on the challenge, with their competitive spirit, plenty of splashes into the sea, and lots of laughter making for an unforgettable experience.

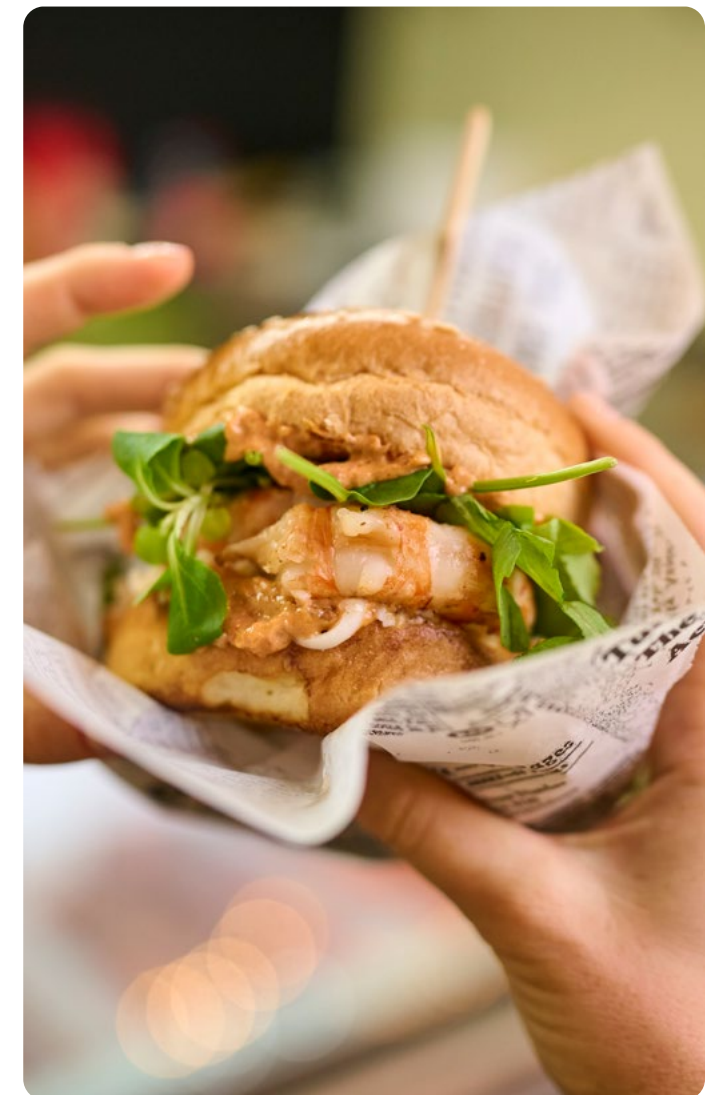
Another popular fan event featured French player Luca Van Assche at the Haier Corner. After signing autographs and taking photos with fans, Van Assche also tested his accuracy in a target-hitting challenge.

Player appearances once again formed an important part of the tournament's entertainment program, highlighting how the Plava Laguna Croatia Open Umag continues to bring players and fans closer together through relaxed, off-court experiences alongside world-class tennis.



TASTE ISTRIA'S SIGNATURE FLAVORS

Taste Istria has once again been one of the most popular spots in the ATP Zone throughout this year's tournament. Day after day, visitors have enjoyed a rich selection of food combining authentic Istrian ingredients with a modern street food concept. Local specialties, crowd favorites, and sweet treats have completed the tournament experience, once again proving that world-class tennis and great food make the perfect combination.





SPANIARDS LEAD THE ROLL OF HONOUR IN UMAG

Spanish players have enjoyed by far the greatest success at the ATP tournament in Umag, claiming one-third of all singles titles. Much of that success came thanks to Carlos Moya, who lifted the trophy a record five times. Spain's list of champions also includes Alberto Berasategui, Tommy Robredo, Felix Mantilla, Fernando Verdasco, Juan Carlos Ferrero, and Carlos Alcaraz.

Among the other nations, Austria has been the next most successful, with Thomas Muster winning three titles and Dominic Thiem adding one. Italy has celebrated victories through Fabio Fognini, Marco Cecchinato, Jannik Sinner, and Luciano Darderi, while Argentina has produced champions in Guillermo Coria, Guillermo Canas, and Francisco Cerundolo.



Croatia's champions are Goran Prpic and Marin Cilic, while Ukraine has been represented by Dmytri Polyakov and Oleksandr Dolgoplov, and Russia by Nikolay Davydenko and Andrey Rublev.



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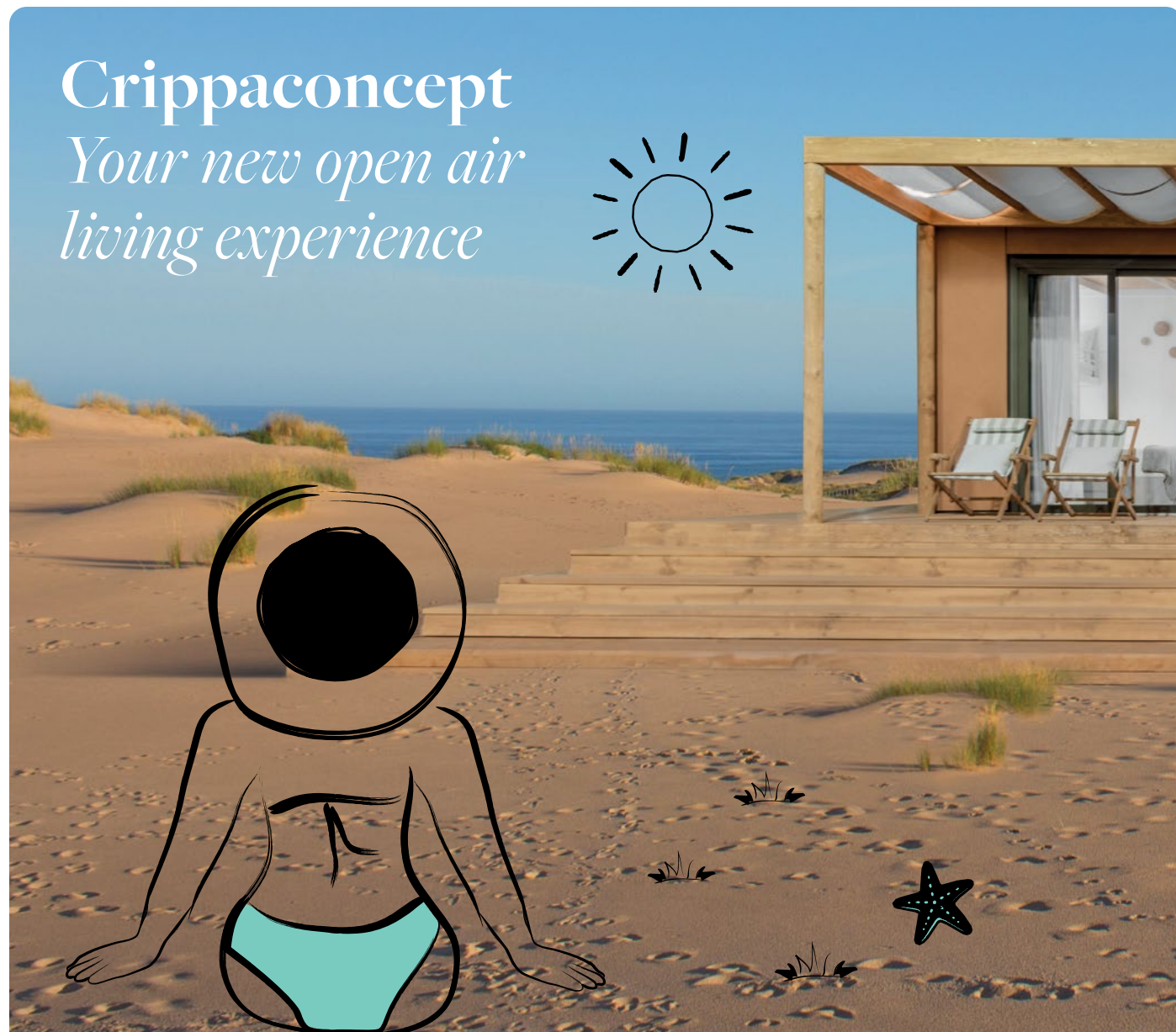
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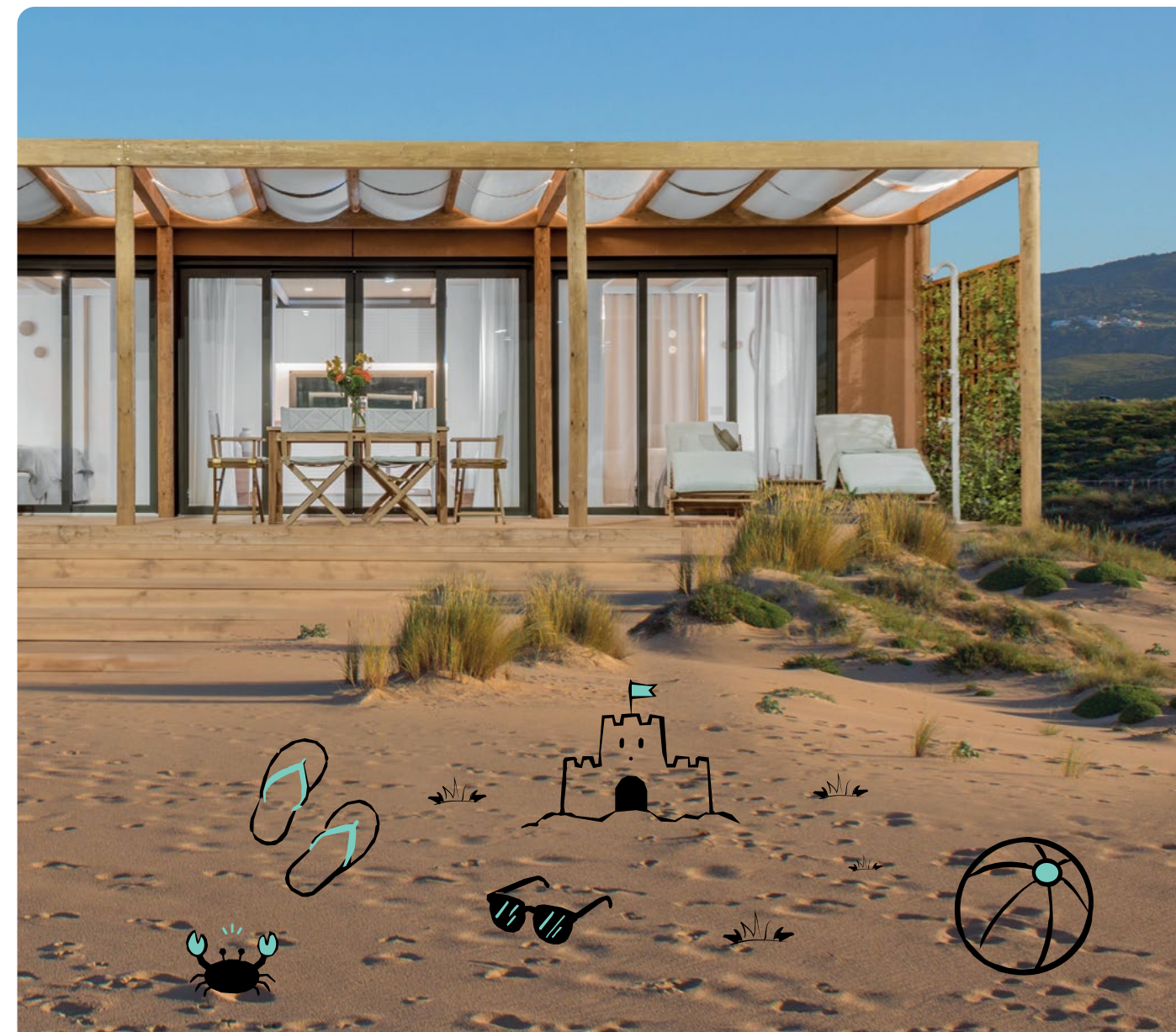
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