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Alarm bells ringing for Mallorca restaurant owners

Palma.—The high season has not ended as the Mallorcan restaurant industry had hoped, and September has started with figures that have set off alarm bells in the sector. Mallorca restaurant association said it cannot recall a September start as weak as the one recorded this year, after the last two weeks of August also failed to rebound and closed below the results for the same period last year.

The performance of the last few days is of particular concern to restaurant owners be-

cause it breaks with a historically favourable trend for the sector. September has traditionally been a good month for the restaurant industry in Mallorca, boosted by the arrival of a type of visitor who avoids the peak tourist crowds of July and August and is presumed to have greater spending power.

This year, however, the turn of the month has painted a very different picture. "The last two weeks of August were bad - worse than last year's. We expected to recover, but that hasn't happened."



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● Purse containing **3,000 euros** and found by a bus driver in Palma returned to owner after big police search across the city.

Palma.—A purse containing 3,000 euros, credit cards and personal documents has been returned to its owner after being discovered on a Palma bus. The purse was found by the driver who took it to the lost and found property office of the Municipal Bus Company. They later handed it in to police who mounted a major campaign using social media. They managed to locate the owner, who had been away on holiday, and she was presented with her purse. She was obviously delighted.

We are not amused, says Balearic President at German song targeting anti-tourism protest

Palma.—The president of the Balearic Government, Marga Prohens, slammed the German song targeting anti-tourism protests by Mallorcan residents as "unacceptable and a disgrace" on social media yesterday.

On her X account, the head of the Balearic Islands' government emphasised that this "is the kind of

tourism" the Balearic Islands do not want and stressed that such chants and "disrespectful behaviour" are unacceptable. "We will continue working toward sustainable, responsible, high-quality tourism that respects the Balearic Islands," she remarked. Anti-tourism protests have been taking place across the island this year. The largest took place in July in Palma.

