

Swiss search for answers over bar fire

A criminal investigation is under way into the managers of Le Constellation bar, as pressure mounts for answers over a New Year's fire at a Swiss ski resort that killed 40 people and injured a further 119

Jan 1, 01:30 (00:30GMT): Fire breaks out in Le Constellation bar in Crans-Montana, in canton of Valais



Sparklers on bottles being carried too close to ceiling are likely cause of fire, according to preliminary investigation

Video inside bar appears to show moment foam on ceiling catches fire

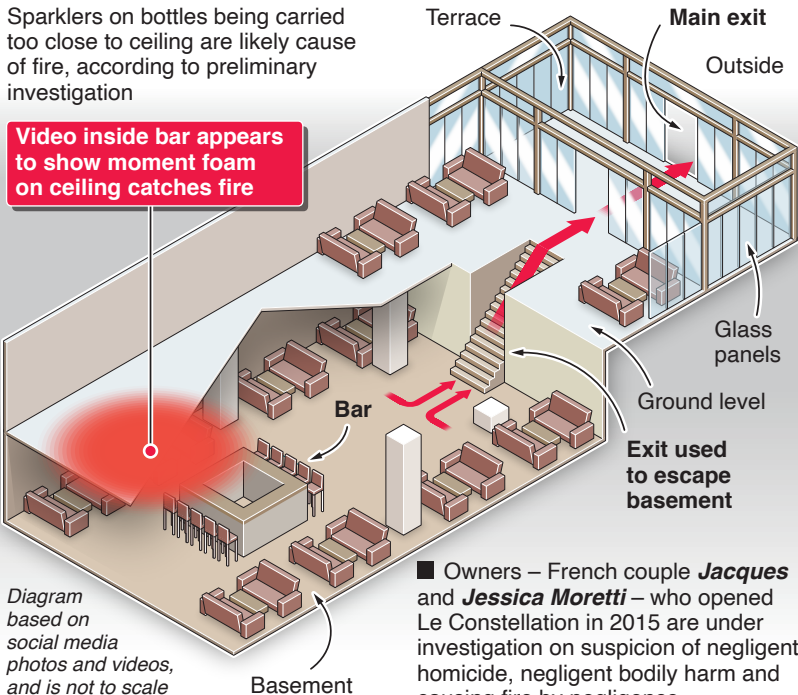


Diagram based on social media photos and videos, and is not to scale

■ Owners – French couple **Jacques** and **Jessica Moretti** – who opened Le Constellation in 2015 are under investigation on suspicion of negligent homicide, negligent bodily harm and causing fire by negligence

■ Questions must be answered over possible failures to ensure bar's basement was safe, adequacy of its emergency systems, and whether inspections had been carried out frequently enough