
**Young World Champion to compete in Kite Surf World Cup at
Paradis Beachcomber Golf Resort & Spa**

Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels is proud to sponsor the Kite Surf World Cup, once more, contributing to the promotion of our island as a first-choice destination in sports tourism.

From the 6th to the 16th September 2017, the Paradis Beachcomber Golf Resort & Spa will host one of the most awaited kite surfing events of the year. The GKA KITESURF STRAPLESS WORLD CUP will gather a crowd of professional riders and thrill-seeking amateurs from all parts of the world. Among the biggest names of this extreme sport, Kite Surf World Champion Gisela Pulido will attend the 10-day competition, during which she will stay at the Paradis Beachcomber.

Ten times Kite Surf World Champion Freestyle and gold medallist at the 2007 Gravity Games, the Spanish kite board star has an impressive track record. Always fascinated by water sports involving a degree of risk, she developed a passion for kite boarding at a very young age. She won her first World Champion title when she only ten years old, awarding her a Guinness World Record for being the world's youngest female kite surfing champion. Gisela is most probably the youngest athlete in sports history to win an international competition. Now at 23, she is determined to continue her rise as one of the most talented kites on the international scene.

"I can't wait to be in Mauritius for this competition. I consider myself lucky to stay at the Paradis Beachcomber, which overlooks one of the most amazing lagoons of the planet," says Gisela.

The emblematic Morne Peninsula, where two of Beachcomber's prestigious hotels are located, is considered as one of the most exciting kite surf spots by surfers from all around the world.

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About Beachcomber

Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels is the pioneer and leader of the Mauritian tourism industry. Since the creation of Park Hotel in 1952, a collection of 11 resorts have emerged over the years, including the mythical Royal Palm Mauritius in 1985, considered by everyone as the reference in hospitality for luxury holidays in Mauritius.

Beachcomber has exported the tradition of Mauritian hospitality beyond the shores of the island, with the launching of Sainte Anne Resort & Spa in Seychelles, in 2002.

The Group is presently expanding its collection, with the integration of the Beachcomber French Riviera Resort & Spa, situated on the Côte d'Azur, in France.

The collection of 10 resorts affords a choice of accommodation options ranging from rooms and apartments to suites and villas. Each hotel is imbued with a particular history and cachet, embodying an image of discrete luxury.

Social responsibility – Fondation Espoir Développement (FED), by Beachcomber

Set up and financed by Beachcomber since 1999, with the participation of hotels and employees, this foundation takes care of these main projects:

- Projet Employabilité Jeunes (PEJ): professional insertion of school drop-outs through a training programme and industrial attachments.
- Collaboration with NGOs, schools and associations
- Regional projects – youth mentoring: the “Amour et Espoir” NGO; IT initiation; youth monitoring via the “Duke of Edinburgh International Award” programme, participation of regional sports clubs in the organisation of the Beachcomber UTRB Trail 2015

Social responsibility – Local Hands

Programme launched in 2006 to support small local artisans by providing them with training and guidance as they embark upon the process of creation, production, marketing and sales.

Sustainable development – our environmental actions – EarthCheck label

Sustainable development and environmental protection constitute real considerations within the Group, which has set up, amongst other initiatives, practices that ensure energy savings and favour renewable energy sources. These initiatives in favour of sustainable development have been recognised and rewarded, with two of our hotels recently obtaining the EarthCheck Benchmarked Bronze accreditation for their ongoing commitment to environmentally responsible practices.