

Beautiful Cocktail: Curty Laviolette will create Beachcomber's signature drink

In line with the Beachcomber Collection of Hotels' tradition, the Beautiful Cocktail served on arrival to our guests is revisited every year following an in-house competition among our Bar Artisans. For the 2018-2019 season, a bartender from the 5-star Trou aux Biches Beachcomber Golf Resort & Spa has scooped the title once again. Curty Laviolette will create Beachcomber's signature cocktail for the coming season. The fruity-fresh taste of his creation bowled over the jury at the final of the competition on 12 September.

Eight enthusiastic and inspired bartenders representing all the hotels of the group in Mauritius faced each other in the finals at Trou aux Biches Beachcomber. After spending an intense two hours showcasing their talent and creativity, Curty Laviolette claimed the winner's spot. He succeeds his colleague Stéphane Apollon, who walked away with the title in 2017.

"I'm happy! It's the result of a team effort. I tried many times before finding the perfect mix and received helpful advice from my colleagues. It's a real delight for Trou aux Biches Beachcomber to win the competition for the second year in a row! We played at home and won," he said with a broad smile on his face after the results were announced.

This Artisan, who joined the Trou aux Biches Beachcomber team this year, prepared a perfectly balanced drink – with delicate mint and passion fruit notes, a hint of ginger and cardamom, and a subtle touch of lemon – that brings a wonderful taste of holiday experiences with Beachcomber and embodies the Art of Welcome of the group's hotels.

The new signature drink also celebrates nature and respect for the environment, two values upheld by Beachcomber. "We tried to use natural ingredients as far as possible. We also demonstrated our care for the environment by replacing the usual stirrer with lemongrass leaves," he said.

Much more than a welcome drink, the Beautiful Cocktail has been designed to showcase the creativity of Artisans and provide guests with an authentic experience from the moment they arrive. As from the 1st of October, the cocktail created by Curty will be served on arrival at all Beachcomber hotels.

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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 9 resorts have emerged over the years, including the mythical Royal Palm Beachcomber Luxury Mauritius in 1985, considered by everyone as the reference in hospitality for luxury holidays in Mauritius.

The Group recently expanded its collection, with the integration of the Beachcomber French Riviera, situated on the Côte d'Azur, in France.

The collection of 9 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 Silver accreditation for their ongoing commitment to environmentally responsible practices.