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### **Beautiful Cocktail: The latest creation of Stephan Apollon**

Beachcomber welcome cocktail is renewed each year following a competition between the barmen from all the Group's hotels. Through this competition, Beachcomber seeks to highlight the creativity and the engagement of its teams.

The Beautiful Cocktail is one of the eight exclusive rituals conceptualized by Beachcomber to enhance the welcome experience of the clients and provide them with a foretaste of the exceptional moments which await them during their stay.

This year's competition was won by Stephan Apollon, Barman at Trou aux Biches Beachcomber. His creation, Beautiful Cocktail, a combination of tropical flavors - mint leaves, sugarcane syrup, lime from Rodrigues, ginger and passion fruit – conquered the jury at the final of the annual competition on August 23rd at Dinarobin Beachcomber.

The final gathered eight barmen from each hotel of the group. The jury gave its verdict after two hours of conception and presentation – and was literally amazed by Stephan Apollon's proposed cocktail.

« I am extremely happy and proud that my welcome cocktail will be served in all the Group's hotels, » says Stephan Apollon, adding that it took him a few weeks and no less than eight attempts, to find the right mix.

Stephan Apollo serves as Barman at Trou aux Biches. He joined the hotel when it reopened in 2010. The competition was a premiere for him.

« I was very stressed for the final and my hands were shaking. It is my very first competition. I had to present my creation and explain the choice of my products. I was not expecting to win. But then, I wanted to give it a try ! Of course, it is an honour to have created Beautiful Cocktail. I thank my colleagues at Trou aux Biches Beachcomber for encouraging me. It is first and foremost a team work, » concludes Stephan Apollo.

The Beautiful Cocktail with its exotic scent and flavours, calls for relaxation and conviviality. Its fruitiness and flashy colors celebrate the holidays at Beachcomber and speak volumes of the Art of Welcome which is present in all the Group's hotels.

His Beautiful Cocktail will be served at the reception of all the Group's hotels starting October 1st.

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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.