

## Château Paradis: A wine journey

**On November 17, Paradis Beachcomber embarked its guests on a wine tasting journey. Guests were convened to a cocktail reception in one of the villas of the resort, where they had the exclusive opportunity to discover the « Château Paradis ». Paradis Beachcomber and the estate of Château Paradis, Coteaux d'Aix en Provence in southern France, joined hands to the delight of wine amateurs. The event rhymed with conviviality and shared aromas.**

The idea of a partnership with the Château Paradis started during a food and wine gastronomic fair in Singapore which was attended by a team of Paradis Beachcomber.

« When the delegation from the hotel discovered Château Paradis, they were immediately conquered. The wines from this estate are made from the best vines and are meticulously crafted. Not only is it a good wine but it also alludes to the association between Paradis and Château Paradis in a beautiful way. So much so, that we decided to make it our house wine. » explains Stephane Sogliuzzo, Hotel Manager of Paradis Beachcomber.

The aim of this partnership is to propose a palette of terroir wine, colours, textures and aromas to the guests of the hotel.

During the launch, Marie-Astrid Thomassin, Commercial Director of the estate, presented a selection of wine white, rosé and red --- from the Premium collection « Terres des Anges ». The artisans made the palatal experience even more memorable with an exceptional menu featuring a crab and mango compression, mushroom risotto and truffle toasts.

Marie-Astrid Thomassin also led a series of workshops on vineyards, vines and wine. She shared her expertise with more than sixty artisans from Paradis Beachcomber and Dinarobin Beachcomber.

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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.