

Beachcomber World Club 10s gets the ball rolling!

The presentation of the official ball of the Beachcomber World Club 10s marks the final run-in to the kick off of this prestigious rugby tournament.

"We reaffirm our pride in being part of what is shaping up to be a major international rugby event. We are looking forward for the show to begin on Saturday and we are confident that this second edition of the Beachcomber World Club 10s in Mauritius will be another successful one." This statement was made by Gilbert Espitalier-Noël, CEO of Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels, the tournament's Title Sponsor, during the presentation of the official ball on Friday 9 June 2017 to Heyneke Meyer, Managing Director of Carinat Sports Marketing, the organisers of the event.

Eight world-class teams divided into two pools of four will compete for this international tournament's trophy over the weekend of 17-18 June at Anjalay Coopen Stadium, in Mapou. This year again, the matches will enjoy widespread media coverage.

All participating players will be hosted by the Group's hotels, including Victoria Beachcomber Resort & Spa, Trou aux Biches Beachcomber Golf Resort & Spa and Mauricia Beachcomber Resort & Spa. Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels is celebrating its 65th anniversary this year and is already very active in organising sports events such as the Ultra Trail Raidlight Beachcomber and the Mauritius Tour Beachcomber.

The participating teams are as follows:

Pool A

Western Force (Australia, defending champion)

Africa Pacific Dragons (Africa, New Zealand, Fiji, Samoa and Tonga)

Harlequins (England)

Kubota Spears (Japan)

Pool B

Toyota Cheetahs (South Africa)

Vodacom Bulls (South Africa)

Pyrénées Club Seven (France)

Brumbies (Australia)

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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.