
Beachcomber French Riviera: The Verrazano Open enjoys a successful premiere

Beachcomber French Riviera has hosted the players who took part in the Verrazano Open, the Mouratoglou Tennis Academy's first ATP Challenger tournament held from 3 to 9 April 2017.

The Slovenian-born British tennis player, Aljaz Bedene capped a perfect week by winning this maiden edition of the Verrazano Open against the Frenchman, Benoit Paire. In the doubles tournament, Tristan Lamasine from France and the Croatian, Franko Skugor clinched the title against the Belarus, Uladzimir Ignatik and the Slovak, Jozef Kovalik.

The Verrazano Open is an ideal stop on the road of Roland Garros and a launch pad for the world's most promising tennis players. This tournament offering a total prize money of USD75,000 and 90 ATP points for the winner, has attracted 32 singles and 16 doubles players carrying an ATP ranking between 50 and 150, with a few top players and the best future tennis champions.

For a whole week, players have enjoyed the facilities available at Beachcomber French Riviera, a 155-room, 4-star property nestled between Nice and Cannes, including its famous tennis racket-shaped swimming pool. Along with the Mouratoglou Tennis Academy, a leading tennis academy in Europe, the hotel forms part of the Mouratoglou Resort, an outstanding complex set on a 13-hectare estate. Players also had access to the Academy's medical centre offering a cryotherapy service, cold baths, hammam, gym, etc.

The tournament drew some 10 000 visitors over the week and displayed one of the best fields for an ATP Challenger circuit event. High-end services including private boxes, a VIP stand, a Premium Partner section and a village for the general public were also available.

This year's edition was an exceptional week of tennis and the 2018 edition promises to be an even bigger spectacle!

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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 RoyalPalm 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, and that of the Royal Palm Marrakech in 2013 in

Morocco.

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 11 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.