

Beachcomber supports Porlwi by Light

After endorsing the Mauritius Tomorrow initiative, Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels has lent its support to another national event, the Porlwi by Light festival. Following on from the success of the first edition, Porlwi by Light 2016 took place from Friday 02 to Sunday 04 December. This festival of lights aims at promoting the wealth of history and heritage of Port Louis. In addition to some new and creative installations, the public has discovered a number of talented musicians, taggers, stilt-walkers, clowns, mimes, poets, slammers and dancers, among others.

As a partner of the event, Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels has hosted until the 5th of December a dozen artists who took part in the event. A welcome cocktail was held in their honour on Tuesday 29 November at Trou aux Biches Beachcomber Golf Resort & Spa.

Beachcomber Group also had a marked presence through its new visual: during the festival, a group of artists have used sand to create a mandala (Rangoli) representing the 'B Nautilus'. It took 5 hours to complete this work of art live on-site at the Port Louis Waterfront Esplanade on Friday evening.

This festival with a cultural, tourism, educational and socio-economic purpose attracted some 450,000 visitors to the capital of Mauritius in 2015. The central theme for this second edition was '**People**'. "Beachcomber is proud to be a partner in this project, which reflects The Art of Beautiful, a concept which, just like Porlwi by Light, blends the beauty of places with the good-heartedness of artisans," says the CEO of Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels, Gilbert Espitalier-Noël.

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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.