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Gregory Coquet appointed General Manager of Royal Palm Beachcomber Luxury

Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels is pleased to announce the appointment of Gregory Coquet to the post of General Manager of Royal Palm Beachcomber Luxury with effect as from 1st February 2017. Indeed, after more than 16 years at the helm of Beachcomber's flagship resort, Jacques Silvant passes on the torch to Gregory.

Born in Mauritius and passionate about the hospitality industry, Gregory has been in this business for more than 14 years. Upon completion of his secondary schooling at St. Esprit College in 1999, he enters the Glion Institute of Higher Education in Switzerland where he successfully completes a BSc. (Hons) Degree in International Hospitality Management and a bachelor degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management.

After his university studies, he works for about ten years in Europe in view of acquiring some international experience, occupying, amongst other posts, that of Project Manager from 2002 to 2005 at Potel & Chabot, the famous French luxury caterer.

After that, he joined the legendary hotel de Crillon, in Paris, as Senior Sales Executive, before moving on to different hotels in Switzerland, such as the Mirador Kempinski Lake in Montreux (as Assistant Food & Beverage Director) or even the Grand Hotel Kempinski, in Geneva, as Food & Beverage Director.

2013 marks Gregory's return to Mauritius, where he works in various hotels before joining the emblematic Royal Palm in May 2016 as Deputy General Manager, alongside Jacques Silvant. As from the 1st February, he will act as the General Manager of this iconic address, where refinement and absolute discretion have been perfected into an art for more than 30 years.

At a time when, boosted by its new corporate identity, Beachcomber is writing a new chapter of its history, Gregory hopes that he will fly high the values upheld by this prestigious name and strengthen its sway in the Mauritian hospitality industry landscape.

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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.