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**Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels honoured as best hotel chain at Swiss Travel Awards**

Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels was presented with the award for the Best Hotel Chain at the 2016 Swiss Travel Awards during the closing ceremony of the third edition of the Swiss Travel Day on Thursday 27 October at the Kongresshaus, Zurich.

Beachcomber topped a shortlist of 10 hotels with at least 5% of the votes in a poll conducted among the readers of the Swiss travel trade magazine, Travel Inside. The final ranking was based on a survey among travel agencies in German-speaking Switzerland.

All the trades of the travel industry in Switzerland were represented in Zurich at the Swiss Travel Day, which was attended by 1,543 participants. The day's programme included the Travel Trade Workshop for German-speaking Switzerland, a whole series of Spotlights on various destinations, seminars and the Swiss Travel Summit, which was capped by the Swiss Travel Awards.

This award is another testimony of the appreciation from guests and industry professionals for the quality of the 11 hotels of the Beachcomber Collection in Mauritius, the Seychelles, Morocco and France, as well for their artisans of hospitality.

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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.