
French Chef Christian Née takes over at Royal Palm Beachcomber Luxury

The French Chef, Christian Née will take on his new role as Executive Chef of Royal Palm Beachcomber Luxury on 1 May 2020.

With more than 30 years of experience, Christian Née has polished his skills in various recognised French culinary establishments. The Executive Chef's background includes more than 20 years over two distinct spells at La Pyramide, a two-Michelin-starred restaurant in Vienne. Other restaurants where he worked include L'Auberge des Adrets, La Bastide – Les 5 Lys, La Brasserie Le Nord and Pavillon Sévigné.

Royal Palm's new Executive Chef has also previously honed his talent at Château de Divonne with his predecessor, Michel de Matteis. A renowned figure of French cuisine, the latter has left the hotel after 16 years for new challenges in January 2020.

Recognised among the Best Craftsmen in France (Meilleurs Ouvriers de France), Christian Née has shone in a number of prestigious competitions, including the Pierre Taittinger International Culinary Award, the Concours Gastronomique d'Arpajon, the Nérios d'or and the Trophée Culinare Jean Troisgros. He also took part in a series of gastronomic weeks in different countries including Canada, Belgium, Singapore, Japan, Indonesia, Taiwan and Mauritius together with La Pyramide Restaurant and the Paul Bocuse Institute.

Married with two children, Christian Née brings all his passion and inspiration to carry on the long-standing tradition of culinary excellence of this iconic landmark of the hospitality industry in Mauritius.

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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 8 resorts have emerged over the years, including the mythical Royal Palm Beachcomber Luxury Mauritius in 1985, considered by everyone as the reference in hospitality for luxury holidays in Mauritius.

The collection of 8 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 all of our hotels recently obtaining the EarthCheck Benchmarked Silver accreditation for their ongoing commitment to environmentally responsible practices.