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**50 years of Independence: Beachcomber presents the documentary film “La main dans la main”**

Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels is pleased to announce the launch of the documentary film “La main dans la main” (Hand in Hand) to mark the 50th anniversary of the Independence of Mauritius. The 75-minute production recounts the closely linked history of the tourism industry in Mauritius and the pioneer in this sector, the Beachcomber Group. The documentary will be officially launched on Friday 23 March 2018 at Cine Star Bagatelle by the Prime Minister, Honourable Pravind Kumar Jugnauth. The film was made by Beachcomber following the government's call to the private sector to take initiatives to celebrate the golden jubilee of the country's independence.

The film interweaves interviews, portraits, exceptional archive footage and various testimonials. Going off the well-trodden paths, it explores the evolution of both an industry that has found a place on the world tourism map and the Group that triggered its development.

The documentary film was made under the direction of the CEO of Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels, Gilbert Espitalier-Noël. “La main dans la main” was jointly directed by the French film-maker and screenwriter, Isabelle Gendre and the Beachcomber Group's Head of Corporate Communication, Malenn Oodiah, with technical and logistical support from the Mauritian film director, David Constantin.

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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 9 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 Group recently expanded its collection, with the integration of the Beachcomber French Riviera, situated on the Côte d'Azur, in France.

The collection of 9 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.