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### **Mauritius Tour Beachcomber 2019: A success from start to finish**

The fourth edition of the Mauritius Tour Beachcomber, held between the 25th and 27th of April, met the expectations of mountain bikers of every level of experience. As both a sporting challenge and a leisure event, the MTB 2019 attracted a record 180 contestants who raced over four stages, or a total of 190 km.

Among the event's regular participants were Quentin Soubadou and Gregory Maillot from Reunion Island, Aurélie Halbwachs Lincoln and Yannick Lincoln from Mauritius.

Mauritian rider Yannick Lincoln was ultimately crowned the men's champion of the MTB 2019, with a time of 07:39:55. Quentin Soubadou from Reunion Island and Niels Hartmann from Mauritius, finished second and third respectively. Among the women, Raphaëlle Lamusse, from Mauritius, topped the podium with a finish time of 10:01:40.

The MTB is both a mountain biking competition and a family-friendly event, thanks to the introduction in 2018 of a race aimed at children aged 5 to 12. "The children's race has generated a lot of interest with the public and mountain bikers enthusiasm to sign up their kids for the competition. A number of child-friendly attractions were also provided this year, including pony rides and a bouncy castle", explains Arianne Devienne-Bellepeau, Leisure & Events Manager at Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels. The amenities provided within the MTB's Games Village, located in the Shandrani Beachcomber, also allowed participants and spectators to enjoy a fun day out.

"We were completely satisfied with the MTB's fourth edition, which was a success from start to finish. We witnessed some great racing stages despite rainy weather on the first day, with the participants outdoing themselves throughout. They, in turn, benefitted from beautiful routes and flawless signage", adds Arianne.

"I want to thank all the artisans who worked so hard to ensure the event went smoothly. I would also like to recognise our many partners and sponsors, including Lucozade, Ribena, Nicolas, Bonduelle, Yop, Vital, Karcher, Mautourco, Innodis, Farmstead, Sweet Switch Stevia, Nestlé and Aero Sporting, as well as Pointe d'Esny Le Village, our Platinum Sponsor," she concludes.

Congratulations to the winners, and see you in 2020 for the next edition of the race!

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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 Silver accreditation for their ongoing commitment to environmentally responsible practices.