

Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels

Ingrid Rima: Author of Beautiful Cocktail 2019/2020

Ingrid Rima, barman at Paradis Beachcomber and former intern of the Youth Employability Project (YEP) will create Beachcomber's Beautiful Cocktail 2019/2020. Her cocktail made of a splash of pineapple juice, honey from the garden of Paradis Beachcomber, mint leaves, fresh ginger and a pinch of cardamom for a fresh and greedy experience, impressed the jury. On September 4, the annual in-house challenge gathered bar artisans from the eight hotels of the group at Trou aux Biches Beachcomber, in presence of the CEO, Gilbert Espitalier-Noël.

At Beachcomber Resorts & Hotels, the signature cocktail which is served to clients upon their arrival is renewed every year after a competition between bar artisans from the hotels of the group. It is a long-awaited challenge for the bar teams and an opportunity for the bar artisans to show their passion for the job, their creativity and savoir-faire. Prior to the challenge, for weeks, the barmen dedicate themselves to the realisation of the Cocktail which will be served in all Beachcomber resorts. The Beautiful Cocktail is more than a drink. It narrates a story to the clients through its mix of fruits, spices, aromas and its respect of nature.

The decision was a tough one. Eight candidates were pre-selected. After much deliberation, the panel selected the cocktail of the bar artisan of Paradis Beachcomber.

"I am very happy and proud to have been chosen to be the Beautiful Cocktail of all the hotels of Beachcomber. I am even more humbled because I am a former intern of the YEP, a job entry program of the *Fondation Espoir et Développement*," shares Ingrid.

"I owe it all to the Youth Employability Program! This program taught me the basics of hotel jobs. After my training as part of YEP, I was lucky to be employed by Paradis Beachcomber in 2016. The hotel then sponsored me for the NC3 Service, Bar, Restaurant course at the hotel school. And today, I will have the honour to design the welcome cocktail of all the hotels of the group. I encourage the interns of the YEP to keep going. Where there is a will, there is a way," she recalls.

As part of the in-house challenge, Ingrid started to work on her Beautiful Cocktail in May. All throughout this experience, she could rely on the support of her colleagues on the bar and on the guidance of Emmanuel Salmine, Assistant Bar Manager of the hotel and author of the signature cocktail of Beachcomber in 2016/2017.

"Emmanuel was my mentor," affirms Ingrid.

Clients will taste Ingrid Rima's Beautiful Cocktail upon their arrival at the eight resorts of Beachcomber Group as from October 1st.

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