

World Travel Awards 2017 reward LUX* Resorts & Hotels as Best Indian Ocean Hotel in Maldives and Reunion Island

Known as the Oscars of the hotel industry, the World Travel Awards, acclaim the hotels having demonstrated excellence in their respective categories. For the 2017 edition held yesterday evening, two of LUX* Resorts & Hotels' resorts distinguished themselves. LUX* South Ari Atoll – Maldives was awarded the Best Indian Ocean Hotel Award while LUX* Saint Gilles - Reunion Island won the Best Hotel on its destination.

"We are delighted that LUX* Resorts & Hotels has once again distinguished itself," shares Dominik Ruhl Chief Operating Officer at LUX* Resorts & Hotels. "There is fierce competition in the hotel industry and standards are constantly being revised. It is a testimony to the hard work of the team and our continued dedication to remain at the forefront of luxury hospitality. I want to thank our teams who work tirelessly day and night to respect the level of excellence we have had for years and ensure customer satisfaction."

LUX* Saint Gilles is the only five-star beach resort in Reunion Island, blessed with a flawless beach. Located on the western coast of this lush volcanic island, LUX* Saint Gilles faces a shimmering expanse of aqua-blue waters, fringed by a stretch of immaculate sands. Tucked away in acres of beautiful tropical gardens, Creole villas sit in the shade of coconut palms and filao trees, just steps from the coral-sheltered lagoon at L'Hermitage. The white-sand beach may call for idle lounging, but there's plenty there for thrill-seekers, too. Try a spot of tennis or volleyball in the grounds, or venture further afield to experience the rugged, dramatic beauty of the island's volcanic peaks and tumbling waterfalls at this World Heritage Site.

Whether seeking a peaceful hideaway or active adventure, the picture-perfect island of Dhidhoofinolhu is home to LUX* South Ari Atoll, a luxury resort where your fantasy of a laid-back, desert island paradise is about to come true. Dotted with 193 private villas at the water's edge along two miles of powder fine beaches or perched on stilts above a crystal lagoon, this island resort bring an entirely original vibe of coastal, beach house chic to the Maldives. LUX* South Ari Atoll boasts eight eateries and five bars. East Market is a sophisticated take on a bustling local night market. Umami offers fine dining from separate sushi, teppanyaki and robata counters as well as the Maldives' largest selection of sakes and Japanese whiskeys. Allegria, Senses and MIXE stimulate international palettes and the new Beach Rouge introduces the dolce vita of a fashionable beach club to the island.

The World Travel Awards was established in 1993 to recognize, reward and celebrate excellence in all key sectors of the tourism industry. Today, this award is recognized worldwide as the ultimate brand of quality, winners setting the benchmark to which all others aspire. The vote is made by the leaders of the travel industry and travelers.

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LUX* Resorts & Hotels helps people to celebrate life by delivering consistently on the promise of a different kind of Luxury; hospitality that is Lighter.Brighter. LUX* stages exceptional experiences in different locales – whether on the Beach, in the City or in Nature – by banishing thoughtless patterns and being more simple, fresh and sensory than our competitors.

The resorts and hotels in the LUX* portfolio include LUX* Belle Mare, Mauritius; LUX* Le Morne, Mauritius; LUX* Grand Gaube, Mauritius; LUX* South Ari Atoll, Maldives; LUX* Saint Gilles, Reunion Island, LUX* Tea Horse Road Lijiang, Yunnan Province, China, and LUX* Tea Horse Road Benzilan, Yunnan Province, China, LUX* Bodrum, Turkey

Other new properties in the pipeline and opening soon LUX* Al Zorah, United Arab Emirates; LUX* North Male Atoll, Maldives; LUX* Sud Sauvage, Reunion Island, LUX* Tuscany, Italy, LUX* Dianshan Lake, China, LUX* Lakes, Chengdu, China, LUX* Phu Quoc, Vietnam and LUX* Grand Baie Mauritius

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Other properties managed by LUX* Resorts & Hotels are Tamassa, Bel Ombre, Mauritius; Merville Beach, Grand Baie, Mauritius and Hôtel Le Récif, Réunion Island, as well Ile des Deux Cocos, Mauritius, a private paradise island.

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LUX* Resorts & Hotels strongly believes in sustainable tourism development, and has embarked in a journey towards a carbon clean future through its project "Tread Lightly". Tread Lightly is the offsetting 100% of the carbon emissions emitted during guests stay. The carbon offsetting contribution is used to support various offsetting projects in developing countries within the regions where LUX* is operating. To learn more about the LUX* Tread Lightly €1 per day voluntary participation carbon-offsetting fee, please visit www.luxtreadlightly.com