

LUX* Belle Mare partners with Michelin-star chef Vineet Bhatia

Discover award-winning modern Indian cuisine at Amari by Vineet

Recently reopened after an extensive makeover by design queen Kelly Hoppen, luxury Mauritian beach resort LUX* Belle Mare welcomes the culinary talents of celebrity chef Vineet Bhatia, dubbed the 'finest modern-Indian chef anywhere' by *The Times*' critic AA Gill.

This is not the first accolade for the innovative chef, who made his name after arriving in London with nothing but ambition and a love of Indian food. A leading light in the reinvention of Indian cuisine, chef Vineet won his first Michelin star at Zakia in 2001, followed by another in 2009 for his own restaurant Rasoi in London and Geneva. His imaginative cuisine combines a masterful use of textures, flavours and temperatures with a deep respect for Indian cooking traditions.

Not content with opening restaurants around the world and acting as First and Business Class in-flight dining consultant for Qatar Airways, Vineet has also created the concept for the menu at **Amari by Vineet**, LUX* Belle Mare's fine dining restaurant. 'Mauritius is like my second home', says the chef, who fell for the beautiful beaches and restaurants around the resort, where guests can celebrate life and enjoy light living. And adds "Together with LUX*, we both believe in quality products and in looking at the guest's satisfaction. We share a common platform to share our philosophy and hosts together." His aim is to create a memorable gastronomic experience for guests to cherish long after they've gone home – after all, 'amari' means 'forever' in Hindi.

Chef Vineet has travelled extensively throughout India to understand the subtle variances and the range of flavours and tastes. At Amari, the island's tropical bounty has also been an inspiration, from local fish and chutneys to citronella-infused desserts. Here, food is all about the senses: expect the lightest, freshest taste of India on plates prepared with contemporary flair.

For the past three years, LUX* Belle Mare – the flagship five-star property of LUX* Resorts & Hotels – has undergone a head-turning transformation, with a light and bright take on Indian Ocean luxury. Peeking out over the palm trees, LUX* Belle Mare's thatched roofs are typically Mauritian, blending in seamlessly with the rustic charm of the neighbourhood. For a dash of scintillating Asian fare in a picture-perfect tropical setting, take a seat at the spectacular restaurant Amari, a modern, opulent space with spice-lined walls, carved wooden screens and unforgettable views of the sea.

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