

CONSTANCE FESTIVAL CULINAIRE IS CELEBRATING ITS 15TH EDITION!

THE PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS ARE BACK FOR A WEEK FULL OF FLAVOURS...

First created in 2006, the Constance Festival Culinaire has grown to become the annual gastronomic highlight in the Indian Ocean. This hugely popular event on the international gastronomic calendar attracts epicureans from all over the world. During the week of the festival, world renowned Michelin starred chefs and patisserie chefs, in partnership with chefs from Constance Hotels & Resorts, share their passion for cuisine.



Two great names from French gastronomy and patisserie, Bernard Loiseau and Pierre Hermé, are once again linked to the festival in this special 15th edition. As in previous years, the programme includes an exciting series of contests and events, but it is really the very essence of Constance Festival Culinaire which comes first and makes this event so unique.

The festival encompasses the spirit of sharing and friendship - a true moment of conviviality and bonding between passionate professionals and enthusiasts united by, and for, their love of fine dining and exquisite patisserie.



An unmissable food enthusiast's event to be attended at least once in your life

For this special 15th edition, six winners from previous editions – all Michelin stars chefs – will travel from all over Europe to participate in the event from Saturday 12th to Saturday 19th of March 2022.

- Sascha Kemmerer - One Michelin starred, winner of 2019 & Chef at Kilian Stuba (Austria)
- Michael Reis - One Michelin starred, winner of 2018 & Chef at Johanns (Germany)
- Masashi Ijichi - One Michelin starred, winner of 2014 & Chef at Restaurant La Cachette (France)
- Luc Mohiban - One Michelin starred, winner of 2013 & Chef at Le Saint Placide (France)
- Serge Vieira - Two Michelin starred, winner of 2011 & Chef at Serge Vieira (France)
- Wahabi Nouri - One Michelin starred, winner of 2007 & Chef at Le Piment Rouge (Germany)

Associated in pairs, they will cook alongside six *"Constance Chefs"* from our different properties in Mauritius, Maldives and the Seychelles. Together, they will create culinary masterpieces and compete for the prestigious winning title through a week of learning, partnership and once in lifetime experience. It is also an opportunity for each of them to showcase their respective skills, savoir-faire, and passion while highlighting the warm local culture and culinary traditions of Mauritius.



WAHABI NOURI

Le Piment Hamburg, Germany
2007 Winner



SASCHA KEMMERER

Kilian Stuba Restaurant Hirschegg,
Austria - 2019 Winner



LUC MOHIBAN

Le Saint Placide, France
2013 Winner



SERGE VIEIRA

Restaurant Serge Vieira, France
2011 Winner



MICHAEL REIS

Johanns Restaurant, Germany
2018 Winner



MASASHI IJICHI

Restaurant La Cachette, France
2014 Winner

The jury for the Culinary Competition will be made up of, among others; Bérangère Loiseau (Vice President of Bernard Loiseau), Patrick Bertron (Chef at the 2-star Relais Bernard Loiseau restaurant), Joe Warwick (Restaurant critic, writer and TV personality in UK), Orjan Johannessen (Bocuse D'or winner of 2015), Davy Tissot (Bocuse D'or winner 2021 and Enrico Bernado (voted Best Sommelier of the World in 2004).

Constance Pastry Competition: Pierre Hermé - Valrhona Trophy

Over the years, this patisserie trophy has become as important as the main culinary competition. Year after year, the desserts presented have been more and more creative and innovative. Along with the culinary competition, patisserie will also be the focus of the festival this year.

Constance Hotels and Resorts will collaborate with the world's finest chocolate French brand, **Valrhona**, for the Constance Pastry competition - chaired by **Pierre Hermé** (one of the great masters of sophisticated French patisserie & World's Best Pastry Chef in 2016). The participants will use the leading gastronomic brand of chocolate Valrhona for their creations and will compete for the **Pierre Hermé – Valrhona Trophy**.

For the 2022 edition, six top patisserie chefs have been selected - great masters of French high-end pastry who will work in duo with patisserie chefs from six Constance properties to create some sweet mouthwatering innovations.

- Sébastien Bouillet – Maison Bouillet (France)
- Pascal Lac – Maison Lac (France)
- Vincent Guerlais – Maison Guerlais (France)
- Eric Vergne – Maison Vergne (France)
- Sebastien Claverie – Pierre Hermé Paris (France)
- Glenn Noel – Valrhona IMEA



SÉBASTIEN BOUILLET



PASCAL LAC



VINCENT GUERLAIS



ERIC VERGNE



SEBASTIEN CLAVERIE



GLENN NOEL

The jury will be made up of patisserie chefs **Pierre Hermé, Frédéric Cassel** (President of the prestigious Relais Desserts Association), as well as **Mercotte** (the famous TV host and culinary blogger).

These two main contests highlight this special 15th edition. Throughout the week, a total of four competitions will be held alongside tastings, master classes and exceptional dinners at Constance Belle Mare Plage and Constance Prince Maurice. The winners of the different competitions will then be announced at the awards ceremony.

Jean Jacques Vallet - CEO of Constance Hotels, Resorts & Golf, for his part is eager for this 15th edition and the success of this special culinary week. *"Constance Festival Culinaire has become over the years, a reference in fine dining in the Indian Ocean where the level of each events continues to excel each year. The 2022 edition promises even more thrilling surprises and opportunities for sharing. I wish good luck to all candidates and I am sure that each of them will show the very best of themselves to make this a truly memorable week."*

Sharing, know-how, creativity and respect for local products will be as every year, the main ingredients for the success of this high flying gourmet week. Epicureans and wine lovers, a flavorful voyage and a programme rich in competitions and emotions awaits you at this edition! On the agenda: gastronomy, patisserie and many more delectable adventures.

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Constance Hotels & Resorts, an Indian Ocean expert

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