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## **Constance Festival Culinaire 2024**

The prestigious gastronomic competition returns for its 17<sup>th</sup> edition!

An intense and gourmet week will take place from 8<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> March at Constance Belle Mare Plage and Constance Prince Maurice. Since 2006, Constance Festival Culinaire has become a highlight on the international culinary calendar, attracting epicureans from all over the world. Throughout the week, renowned Michelin-starred chefs and pastry experts, will be put in pairs with Constance Hotels & Resorts' chefs, from our different properties in Mauritius, Maldives and the Seychelles.

In this special 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the festival, we are thrilled to announce a new addition, Régis Marcon, the esteemed and renowned French Chef who holds three Michelin stars. He will serve on the jury for our culinary contest, now named the Régis Marcon Trophy. Chef Marcon will join the well-known Pierre Hermé, an icon of French patisserie. As in previous years, the programme will include an exciting series of contests and events. Participants can look forward to competing in four main competitions:

- Deutz Trophy
- Régis Marcon Trophy
- Pierre Hermé Trophy
- Jars Art of the Table Trophy

The festival celebrates the spirit of sharing and friendship, bringing together professionals and enthusiasts who share a true passion for fine dining and exquisite desserts.

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## The Deutz trophy and the Regis Marcon Trophy

For this 17<sup>th</sup> edition, one Michelin star Chefs will travel from around the globe to participate in the event:

- Chef Bin Wang China
- Chef Robert Chambers UK
- Chef Thomas Sjogren Sweden
- Chef Yohann Chapuis France
- Chef Mathieu Martin France
- Chef Maurizio Oster Germany

The jury for both trophies will be made up of, among others; **Patrick Bertron** (2 Michelin star Chef), **Orjan Johannessen** (Bocuse D'or winner of 2015), **Sebastian Gibrand** (Bocuse d'Argent 2019), **Benjamin Gallein** (2 Michelin star Chef).

## **Constance Pastry Competition: Pierre Hermé Trophy**

For this 2024 edition, six top pastry chefs have been selected to create some sweet, delectable innovations.

- Jean Michel Perruchon Meilleur Ouvrier de France
- Ophélie Barès Pastry Chef, France
- Germain Decreton Pastry Chef Le Jules Verne , France
- Lok Hin Yam Executive Pastry Chef from Macau
- Fabrizio Fiorani 2019 Asia's Best Pastry Chef, Italy
- Marc Ducobu Pâtisserie Ducobu, Belgium

The jury will be made up of patisserie chefs **Pierre Hermé, Frédéric Cassel** (Maison Frederic Cassel, Fontainebleu), as well as **Mercotte** (the famous TV host and culinary blogger).

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This year's festival will include four main competitions, eight special dinners and three masterclasses, which will be held at Constance Belle Mare Plage and Constance Prince Maurice over a week. Once again, we are inviting all Constance fans and culinary lovers to be part of the decisions. The photos of the four main competitions will be available on our <u>website</u> and everyone will be able to vote for the winning dishes or tables, both based on their visual presentation. Winners of the different competitions will be announced at the awards ceremony on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Jean Jacques Vallet, CEO of Constance Hotels & Resorts, expresses his anticipation for the 17th edition and the achievements of this outstanding culinary week. "Throughout its history, the Constance Festival Culinaire has established itself as a standard for fine dining in the Indian Ocean, with each event surpassing the last. This edition is set to bring even more exciting surprises and moments of connection. I extend my best wishes to all



Constance Festival Culinaire participants and I am confident that they will each bring their best efforts to create an unforgettable week."

As in the previous years, the festival's success centers around sharing, creativity, and respect for local ingredients. We invite epicureans and wine connoisseurs to join us for a rich programme filled with culinary and pastry wonders. Get ready for an unforgettable journey of tastes and sensations at the Constance Festival Culinaire 2024!

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## About Constance Hotels & Resorts, an Indian Ocean expert

Constance Hotels & Resorts is a Mauritian hospitality brand with nine eco-chic resorts across Mauritius, Seychelles, Maldives, Madagascar & Rodrigues, and three championship golf courses (one in Seychelles and two in Mauritius). With Mauritian roots, warmth and smiles are in the brand's DNA. A sense of place and nature is the inspiration behind selecting properties that preserve their environment's natural beauty. Highflying gastronomy and fine wine is integral to the brand's proposition, with around 90 sommeliers working across different properties. Guests' wellbeing is the focus with a Constance Spa in each resort combining treatments, fitness and nutrition. Constance Hotels & Resorts is an Indian Ocean expert offering guests unique experiences in each location. Today, its diverse offerings unfold under the "Constance Hotels, Resorts & Golf" brand, which encompasses a range of properties, including Leading Hotels (members of The Leading Hotels of the World), Luxury Resorts, Lodges, and Boutique Hotels. Enhancing its collection, the sister brand C Resorts caters to those in search of unique experiences. For more details: www.constancehotels.com

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