

Luxury Resort Operator The Lux Collective Gains Four Coveted 2026 Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star Awards



Photos left to right: Overwater villas at LUX* South Ari Atoll (Maldives), LUX* Belle Mare (Mauritius) and Rooftop pool at LUX* Grand Baie (Mauritius)

Mauritius, 11 February 2026 – The Lux Collective’s flagship brand LUX* resorts and spas have once again received four coveted Five-Star Awards by the **2026 Forbes Travel Guide**, reinforcing the Group’s positioning as a global leader in luxury hospitality.

This year, **Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star honours** were awarded to both **LUX* South Ari Atoll** in the Maldives and **LUX* Belle Mare** in Mauritius for the third consecutive year, alongside the **four-time winner** - ultra-luxury flagship resort **LUX* Grand Baie** and its **LUX* ME Spa at LUX* Grand Baie**. These underscore the Group’s excellence across both resort and wellness experiences.

Leading the luxury frontier, LUX* Grand Baie has also won the prestigious **2026 Forbes Travel Guide VERIFIED™ Responsible Hospitality Badge for the second time**, in addition to the two Five-Star Award recognitions. As a ground-breaking achievement towards sustainability, **LUX* Grand Baie is the first hotel in Mauritius to receive the VERIFIED™ Responsible Hospitality badge from Forbes Travel Guide since October 2024, joining an elite group of properties worldwide**. This highly sought-after recognition reflects a continued commitment to over 100 stringent standards, focusing on environmental stewardship and the holistic well-being of employees, guests and communities. The resort emphasises on responsible management, aligning with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the principles of United Nations Global Compact.

“The Lux Collective continues to exemplify hospitality excellence across its portfolio of award-winning resorts and spas,” said Amanda Frasier, Forbes Travel Guide’s President of Standards & Ratings. “With the changing landscape of travel, the Group sets itself apart by offering unparalleled world-class culinary and well-being experiences, without compromising luxury service. We congratulate the leadership and team members for their outstanding achievements.”

Forbes Travel Guide is the global definitive authority on luxury hospitality, with ratings determined through independent, incognito inspections. Properties are evaluated against 900 rigorous standards, with a strong emphasis on service quality, guest experience, wellness integration and environmental responsibility.

“Achieving four coveted Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star Awards is a powerful affirmation of what our teams strive for every day, to create places that feel deeply human, meaningfully responsible, and luxurious,” said Olivier Chavy, Chief Executive Officer of The Lux Collective. “Each award reflects the dedication and care of our people, and our belief that modern luxury must evolve with purpose. As our Group expands our global footprints with new resort openings, we remain focused on crafting experiences that are truly Life Extraordinary.”



Photos left to right: LUX ME Spa at LUX* Grand Baie (Mauritius), Lobby of LUX* Belle Mare (Mauritius) and Senses Pool at LUX* South Ari Atoll (Maldives)

Framed by one of the most beautiful coastlines in the north of Mauritius, **LUX* Grand Baie** is a contemporary all-suite and villa resort redefining ultra-luxury stays through bold architecture and lifestyle-led design. Created by Mauritian architect Jean-François Adam with interiors by UK celebrity designer Kelly Hoppen, the resort is distinguished by its rooftop experiences, creative dining concepts including **Asian-inspired restaurant Ai KISU** and **Moroccan-Lebanese restaurant Walima by Bisou**, as well as **advanced fitness and wellness facilities**.

The **LUX* ME Spa at LUX* Grand Baie** spanning four levels, offers sophisticated hydrothermal facilities, high-tech treatment rooms and personalised wellness programmes, while **Muscle on the Roof, the Indian Ocean's first outdoor rooftop fitness concept**, provides two 30-metre Olympic-standard running tracks alongside strength and functional training equipment, complete with panoramic sea views.

Set along Mauritius' serene east coast, **LUX* Belle Mare** is known for its picturesque beachfront, light-filled minimalist design and relaxed island atmosphere. Wellness experiences at LUX* ME Spa are inspired by the elements, while dining stands out with **Duck Laundry's modern Chinese gastronomy** and **Amari by Vineet**, led by **the first Indian Michelin-starred chef Vineet Bhatia**, offering contemporary Indian cuisine through curated tasting menus.

In the Maldives, **LUX* South Ari Atoll** is celebrated for its lively island atmosphere and exceptional access to marine life, including **year-round whale shark encounters**. Spread across a lush tropical island, the resort offers a wide choice of both **beachfront and overwater villas (along with the newest Temptation Beach Pool Villa category)**, eight dining venues, five bars and an **extensive programme of water sports and conservation-led experiences**. Balancing barefoot luxury with sustainability, it delivers an energetic and socially conscious take on Maldivian resort living.

Together, these **2026 Forbes Travel Guide recognitions** firmly position **The Lux Collective at the forefront of luxury hospitality**, spotlighting the Group's passion as a global hospitality management company, which crafts purpose-led travel experiences in amazing destinations worldwide.

To discover Life Extraordinary and explore the Group's award-winning resorts, please visit the **LUX*** website.

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About The Lux Collective

The Lux Collective ("TLC") is a Mauritian-born global luxury hotel operator and manages brands [LUX*](#), [SALT](#), [TAMASSA](#), [SOCIO](#) and Café LUX*. At the heart of its purpose, TLC makes each moment matter and cares about what matters. Putting people first is the core of TLC's culture as well as staying true to the values of being passionate, responsible and innovative in all that it does. By providing comfort through thoughtful and exquisite designs, TLC creates experiences that make each moment matter for all guests. It is committed to operating in a considered and respectful manner that is mindful of future generations.

Through its signature Groupwide sustainability project Tread Lightly, The Lux Collective promises an eco-conscious stay throughout its hotels. Its partnership with Altruistiq, a group of CO2 experts, focuses on the environmental footprint and ensures that emission sources are tracked using the highest international Science-Based standard.

Growing the global presence, TLC currently manages 18 operating resorts and hotels in Mauritius, Maldives, Ile de la Reunion, China and Tanzania, and with 16 more hotels in its development pipeline in Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

An affiliate member of IBL, a major economic player in the Indian Ocean and a public-listed leader of the "Top 100" Mauritian companies, IBL is active in key sectors of the Mauritian economy, with a global portfolio of approximately 300 subsidiaries and associated companies.

About LUX*

At **LUX***, time is luxury. LUX* helps people to celebrate life by delivering consistently on the promise of a different kind of luxury. In a world where a deeper sense of connection can be hard to reach, even on vacation, it enables guests to break from the ordinary. Staging exceptional experiences in different locales – whether on the Beach, in the City or in Nature, it transforms the everyday into the extraordinary through elevated service, contemporary spaces and crafted escapes to truly disconnect and relax - with Life Extraordinary.

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