

« Dining in the dark for a cause » An unforgettable sensory journey at LUX* Grand Gaube



Mauritius, 26 March 2025 – In celebration of the Earth Hour, LUX* Grand Gaube hosted an unforgettable "Dinner in the Dark" on Saturday 22 March 2025. Immersed in complete darkness, guests embarked on a unique culinary journey that redefined their dining experience. This special event not only raised awareness about environmental issues related to energy consumption but also highlighted the importance of inclusivity, offering guests the opportunity to experience dining through the senses of the visually impaired. Part of the proceeds will be donated to Lizie Dans La Main.

This Earth Hour at LUX* Grand Gaube was organised in collaboration with Lizie Dan La Main, a dedicated organisation advocating for visually impaired individuals. With the presentation by visually impaired servers and musicians, guests relied on their sense of touch, taste, hearing, and smell to navigate their dining experience—shifting the focus from sight to the deeper sensations of truly being present.

"This initiative was not just about offering a unique experience; it was about challenging perceptions and fostering a culture of true inclusivity. At LUX Grand Gaube, we believe that hospitality is about connection, empathy, and breaking barriers. This event embodied that philosophy by placing ability and expertise at the forefront, rather than limitation," shared Stephan Anseline, General Manager of LUX* Grand Gaube.

As the room was enveloped in darkness, conversations flowed differently, and every dish was explored with heightened curiosity. Meanwhile, the visually impaired professionals moved with remarkable precision, proving that mastery is not only defined by sight, but also by skill and experience. The 'live' musicians added a sensory element to the meal, deepening this unique experience with harmonious musical notes.

Thus, another layer was added to the meaning of the Earth Hour, an initiative to spread awareness on environmental issues caused by high energy consumption levels. By partnering with Lizie Dan La Main, LUX*



Grand Gaube also took the chance to underscore the importance of equal opportunities in a world where vision plays a central role.

This event underscored the message that diversity enriches society, and that talent knows no bounds. By stepping into an unfamiliar reality, guests confronted their own preconceptions, discovering that blindness does not equate to dependency. Instead, they witnessed firsthand the confidence and expertise of visually impaired professionals, dismantling stereotypes and redefining the meaning of ability. A Braille menu was available, enabling guests to discover how to read without the use of their sight. Additionally, part of the proceeds will be donated to Lizie Dans La Main to provide tangible support to the visually impaired community.

"This collaboration marks a significant step toward true inclusion, highlighting that visually impaired individuals are not just recipients of support but professionals with remarkable skills to offer. The donation will help us further our mission of empowerment, ensuring that more individuals gain access to education, training, and opportunities that enable them to thrive independently," shared Azad Chutkai, representative of Lizie Dan La Main.

By blending social impact with innovative hospitality, LUX* Grand Gaube has once again demonstrated that true luxury extends beyond indulgence, it's about awareness, inclusion and a shared commitment to a better world.

To discover the extraordinary experiences at LUX* Grand Gaube or to make a reservation, visit www.luxgrandgaube.com, email reservation@theluxcollective.com, or call +230 204 9191.

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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, lle de la Reunion, China and Tanzania, and with 12 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 <u>LUX*</u>, time is luxury. LUX* helps people to celebrate life by delivering consistently on the promise of a different kind of luxury; hospitality that is Lighter. Brighter. 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

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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.

About SALT

SALT is a humanistic approach to hospitality launched in November 2018, connecting modern explorers with meaningful travel experiences. It introduces a new breed of hospitality for the culturally curious. Devoted to the wonder of all things local and sustainable, SALT takes guests to people - not just places. Unveiling the heartbeat of destinations and their communities, it gets them out there exploring – the SALT way.

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