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Heritage Resorts & Golf announces Botanica, its first endorsed boutique hotel in Mauritius

Scheduled to open on **1 October 2027**, the 45-room garden boutique hotel introduces a new expression of Heritage hospitality within the historic grounds of Le Château de Bel Ombre.

Bel Ombre, Mauritius - 2 Nov 2026 *Heritage Resorts & Golf* announces *Botanica by Heritage Resorts & Golf,* a new experiential boutique hotel within the tropical gardens of *Le Château de Bel Ombre*, at the edge of the award-winning Le Château championship golf course. Scheduled to welcome its first guests on 1 October 2027, *Botanica* marks the brand's first endorsement and its expansion into boutique hotel hospitality.

Conceived to feel like spending a holiday at a friend's home in Mauritius, *Botanica* boutique hotel will offer 45 individually curated rooms nestled within the lush tropical gardens. Thoughtfully reimagined estate residences will preserve the site's historic character, while newly built accommodation will bring a contemporary interpretation of the same

residential spirit. An attentive, personal welcome will complete this sense of feeling at home. Set within the Domaine de Bel Ombre, *Botanica* will give guests access to an exceptional range of experiences, from championship golf, beach and lagoon adventures to nature trails, spa treatments, resorts' restaurants and refined gastronomy.

Botanica marks a new chapter in the development of *Heritage Resorts & Golf* as its first endorsed boutique hotel. With its own distinct identity and intimate residential character, *Botanica* draws on Heritage's established hospitality expertise, service standards *Inspire Meaningful Moments* to a new expression of Mauritian hospitality.

"Botanica advances our ambition to grow through distinctive experiences, extending Heritage's expertise into boutique hospitality while strengthening Mauritius's appeal as a destination of character, cultural depth and refined living" says Thierry Montocchio, Chief Executive Officer of *ER Hospitality*.

Historic residences in an exceptional garden setting

The opportunity to create *Botanica* emerged from the meeting of a remarkable landscape and a residential chapter of Bel Ombre's history. Within the gardens of *Le Château de Bel Ombre*, the former homes of the sugar estate's senior personnel offered the foundations for a boutique hotel deeply connected to its surroundings. An extensive reimaging will preserve the original residences' character, domestic proportions and shaded verandas, while additional accommodation will extend their architectural language. The transformation will bring contemporary comfort to the buildings that retain the feeling of a placelived in and cared for.

Antique and vintage furniture, including pieces sourced across Mauritius, will sit alongside local craftsmanship and cleaner contemporary lines. Aged timber, rattan, linen and lime-washed finishes will bring warmth and texture, with botanical references connecting the interiors to the gardens. Carefully chosen glassware, cups, cutlery and household linens will carry the attention into everyday life. The intention is to evoke the atmosphere of an earlier Mauritian home through spaces, objects and rituals that guests can enjoy naturally today.

Steps away, *Le Château de Bel Ombre* will add the elegance of its historic manor house and culinary experience. Beside the property, *Le Chateau Golf Course* will extend the landscape through mature trees, lakes and rolling fairways. Together these surroundings give *Botanica* a distinctive setting within Mauritian hospitality.

A garden to inhabit

The garden will shape *Botanica's* daily rhythm as much as its architecture and interiors. Established trees will offer shade, while red ginger, porcelain roses, tropical orchids and contrasting foliage will bring colour and texture. Guests will be invited to make this setting their own: coffee on a veranda, reading beside the swimming pool, an unhurried walk or an evening drink beneath the ancient Badamier tree.

The proposed programme will include croquet, garden picnics, visits to the vegetable garden and nursery of the Domaine, yoga and meditation. Sketchpads in the rooms, a library devoted to nature and Mauritian culture, and shared games will encourage curiosity and companionship.

Botanica's hosts will help guests find their own pace, suggests outings recommendations, while leaving room for quiet time. A familiar greeting, a thoughtful suggestion or a conversation at the end of the day will give the experience the warmth of staying with friends.

The flavours and conviviality of Botanica

Botanica Lounge will be the social heart of the hotel, offering a welcoming and relaxed setting where guests can gather throughout the day. From early morning grab-and-go options and barista-crafted coffees to fresh seasonal dishes, Mauritian gadjacks and evening tapas, the Lounge will celebrate the flavours of the island in a convivial atmosphere. Botanical-inspired cocktails, tropical infusions and a curated selection of Southern Hemisphere wines will complement the offering, while inviting reading corners, a terrace and a garden pergola will provide spaces to unwind, connect and enjoy the leisurely rhythm of *Botanica*.

Bel Ombre's terroir will inform the food offering. Palm heart, pineapples, bananas and seasonal produce from the Domaine, Chateau gardens and local growers will bring the surrounding landscapes to the table, according to availability. Fresh, produced-led bites and vegetarian and vegan options will complement "*croustilles*" featuring venison and wild boar.

Afternoons will have their own pleasures, from homemade cakes and locally inspired crêpes to ice creams with combinations such as taro and coconut or honey and rosemary. As day light fades, *The Badamier* and its storytelling fire will offer a gathering place for local rum, herbal infusions, music and conversations under the stars.

A different table for every occasion

The gastronomic experience will extend across thirteen restaurants within the Domaine and neighbouring Heritage resorts, allowing guests to discover different flavours and settings throughout their stay.

Breakfast will offer two distinctive beginnings: a continental breakfast at *Le Château de Bel Ombre*, immersed in its history and atmosphere, or an A La Carte breakfast at *C Beach Club*, facing the lagoon.

Lunch offers a choice of local flavours; Italian-inspired seaside cuisine at *C Beach Club*, dining at *Heritage Awali* and the restaurants at both golf clubhouses. Access to H*eritage Le Telfair* during the day requires a paid resort day pass.

For dinner, guests staying on a half-board basis receive a food credit to use at any restaurant at *Heritage Le Telfair*, *Heritage Awali*, or *Le Château de Bel Ombre*.

Botanica Lounge serves refreshments and light bites, while the wider Domaine offers a rich variety of dining experiences. Our hosts will help guests choose restaurants to suit their preferences and arrange reservations.

"Botanica is more than a unique tropical garden boutique hotel; it's your gateway to the whole Bel Ombre experience. Start the day with breakfast at Le Château de Bel Ombre or at C Beach Club, with your feet in the sand. Then set out to explore the Domaine, play our golf courses and discover the restaurants and experiences across Heritage Resorts & Golf. There's so much to enjoy and Botanica is the perfect place to come back to at the end of the day," says Raoul Maurel, Chief Operating Officer of *Heritage Resorts & Golf*.



The Domaine de Bel Ombre as a playground

A stay at *Botanica* opens up the entire Bel Ombre playground, bringing together the intimacy of a garden boutique hotel as well as access to the Domaine's exceptional experiences and its resort facilities on the territory. Guests will be able to explore two championship golf courses, *C Beach Club* and *Bel Ombre Nature Reserve*, enjoy 13 restaurants and bars, including the gastronomic experience at *Le Chateau de Bel Ombre*, and access *Heritage Awali*'s land and water sports, fitness, spa and leisure facilities, and Kids Club.

At *Heritage Golf Club*, two award-winning championship courses offer contrasting ways to discover the landscape. *Le Château Golf Course* brings parkland golf through mature trees, lakes and gently rolling terrain, while *La Réserve Golf Links* combines panoramic ocean views with a more exposed, strategic playing experience. Lessons at the *Heritage Golfzon Leadbetter Golf Academy* will provide opportunities to learn and improve.

C Beach Club will connect the garden address with the beach and lagoon, as it is the boutique hotel access to the beach and lagoon. Kitesurfing lessons, pedalo outings, Hobie Cat sailing and coastal boat excursions will sit alongside beach volleyball, bocce and relaxed time by the water.

At *Bel Ombre Nature Reserve*, guided trekking, nature walks, quad outings and safari rides will reveal forests, rivers and hills. The reserve lies within the transition zone of the UNESCO protected *Black River-Bel Ombre Biosphere Reserve*, linking these experiences with a wider landscape of biodiversity conservation.

Helicopter excursions departing from Bel Ombre will reveal the southwest coastline from above, including Le Morne's celebrated underwater waterfall illusion. Spa experiences at *Heritage Awali* will offer time to unwind, complementing Botanica's garden walks, yoga and meditation.

Discovering the Wild South and its heritage

Beyond the Domaine, *Botanica* will provide a welcoming base for exploring Mauritius's Wild South, from quiet beaches and dramatic coastal cliffs to waterfalls and the seven-coloured earth of *Chamarel*.

The evocative remnants of Bel Ombre's old sugar mill will reveal another chapter of the estate's history.

World of Seashells and the *Heritage Marine Education Centre* will invite adults and children to discover marine life and the importance of caring for it, adding an enriching dimension to the holiday.

Hosts will help arrange journeys according to the guests' interests, with planned golf cart and shuttle connections across the Domaine and arranged transport for outings further afield. Dining, resorts and facilities access, treatments, golf and activities will be subject to the accommodation offer, reservations, availability and applicable charges.

Preserving the character of the place

The reuse of estate residences will underpin Botanica's sustainability approach, alongside planned responsible operations under Heritage's *Now for Tomorrow* programme.

Measures will address energy and water efficiency, waste reduction, fewer single-use plastics and thoughtful procurement. The boutique hotel also intends to support Bel Ombre's biodiversity, community and circular economy initiatives. Proposed botanical talks, an endemic plant trail and eco-printing experiences will bring these commitments into the guest experience.

Through its historic homes, individual character and connection to the Domaine, *Botanica* will add a new dimension to Heritage's hospitality collection, and a distinctive way to discover Mauritius from the comfort of a welcoming garden boutique hotel.

About Botanica by Heritage Resorts & Golf

Botanica by *Heritage Resorts & Golf* is an upcoming 45-room experiential boutique hotel within the Domaine de Bel Ombre, Mauritius, in the gardens of L*e Château de Bel Ombre* and beside *Le Château Golf Course*. Reimagined estate residences and new accommodation provide the setting for individually curated interiors, tropical gardens and a personal, family-like welcome. With its own identity endorsed by *Heritage Resorts & Golf*, *Botanica* connects guests with championship golf, beach and watersports, nature adventures, helicopter excursions, spa experiences and a diverse gastronomic offering across Bel Ombre.

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About Heritage Resorts & Golf

Nestled in the heart of the majestic *Domaine de Bel Ombre*, *Heritage Resorts* is a distinguished collection of luxury hotels, two championship golf courses, and a diverse range of leisure experiences.

The resort is dedicated to celebrating the harmony of nature, elegance, and meaningful living, ensuring guests enjoy an unparalleled experience in an authentic and sustainable setting. Wake up to the gentle rhythm of the Indian Ocean, a soft breeze carrying whispers of adventure and relaxation. *Heritage Resorts* curates an extraordinary collection of luxury escapes, each designed to captivate the senses and enrich the soul.



About ER Hospitality

ER Hospitality (formerly Rogers Hospitality), the hospitality and leisure cluster of the *ER Group*, a diversified Mauritian company listed on the stock exchange, offers an extensive array of services, spanned across seven cohesive categories: boutique hotels with Veranda Resorts and Kaz'alala brands; luxury hotels through *Heritage Resorts & Golf*; business hotels with *Voilà*; leisure offerings including *Bel Ombre Nature Reserve*, *Heritage Golf Club*, *Chamarel 7 Coloured Earth Geopark*, educational entertainment with the *World of Seashells*, and holistic well-being provided by *Seven Colours spas*; gourmet dining experiences such as *Le Chamarel*, *Château de Bel Ombre*, and *C Beach Club*; quick service restaurants including *Ocean Basket, Domino's, MOKA'Z*; and territorial brands like *Bel Ombre* and *Chamarel*. The group currently employs over 2,000 people.



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