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### **Grann Kaz and Island Kitchen: A Celebration of Creole**

**SEYCHELLES - February 4th, 2015** - Hilton Seychelles Labriz Resort & Spa are pleased to unveil their latest vibrant creole menu at the historic Grann Kaz restaurant that combines locally sourced ingredients indigenous to the Seychelles - organic spices, fruits and vegetables grown on Silhouette Island and the freshest produce from nearby markets; creating a unique dining experience in an historic plantation house, over 150 years old, with an unparalleled ambience that is both exotic and yet comfortingly familiar.

Secreted within the paradise island of Silhouette and set against the dramatic slopes of Mount Dauban, overlooking the Indian Ocean, Grann Kaz is the restored home of the Dauban family, the original owners of this beautiful island. The house was lovingly renovated using fallen Takamaka wood, which grows naturally on the island, before being converted into a restaurant steeped in history.

The menu focuses on local and regional produce in addition to seasonal native flora such as Breadfruit and Vanilla to conjure a sublime fusion of flavours. Resident fisherman deliver their catch of the day to Chef Heshan Peiris, who combines traditional ingredients with modern skills.

Creole cooking, a favourite with visitors to the Seychelles, traditionally melds the subtleties of French cuisine with Indian spices and piquant Oriental flavours. Chef Heshan has created a menu that is renewed daily and encompasses a range of classic creole dishes including Smoked Blue Marlin Salad, Crab Soup, Seychellois Octopus or Chicken Curry and Caramelized Bananas, to name but a few. Guests can choose between five and seven dishes to share and create a tailor-made menu; the perfect way to start your local culinary adventure.

The menu is perfectly accompanied by the famous Seychelles tea, spiced with endemic fruits and seasonings to compliment the diverse menu. Diners can also refresh their palates with a cup of fresh 'Citronelle' tea. For something a little stronger, Grann Kaz's homemade 'rum arrange' is a must, bottle aged for a minimum of three months and spanning a vast range of seasonally changing flavours.

Guests at Hilton Seychelles Labriz Resort & Spa can experience this authentic menu whilst enjoying the timeless character of Grann Kaz, surrounded by colourful creole art and artefacts and the impeccable service of its staff. Guests can also learn about the art of cooking creole cuisine playing with flavour combinations, colors and textures at the weekly cooking class, Island Kitchen, at Grann Kaz. Using the same local ingredients, guests will create their own reinvention of creole classics.

Seating options include the ocean-facing Salon Coco de Mer or the Terrasse and its tropical garden surroundings. Private dining is also available at Salon Veuve. Weekly live creole music takes place by the stunning restaurant, to help celebrate the unique culture of this beautiful destination.

Claus Steiner, cluster general manager, Hilton Seychelles Hotels said; "Hilton Worldwide is delighted to show their support for the Seychelles 2015 slogan 'I Love Seychelles' through the Grann Kaz at Hilton Seychelles Labriz Resort & Spa; by inviting guests to embrace the cultural cuisine of Seychelles while immersed in the rich heritage and history of Silhouette Island and the Dauban family".

Discover the beauty of Seychellois cuisine and the heart of creole culture at Grann Kaz.

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### **About Hilton Seychelles Labriz Resort & Spa**

Hilton Seychelles Labriz Resort & Spa is located on Silhouette Island, 20 km northwest of Mahé; this luxurious mountainous beach hideaway is sandwiched between a dazzling 2.5 km long white beach with leaning palms over turquoise seas strewn with granite boulders and tropical forest. Only a 20 minute helicopter transfer from Seychelles International Airport, Mahé and a 45-minute boat trip via Bel Ombre Jetty, the resort is home to one of the largest nature reserves and National Marine Parks in the country. Guests can choose from three spacious and peaceful villa categories, from Garden Villas, to Beachfront Villas to Deluxe Hillside Pool Villas and Deluxe Beachfront Pool Villas. The jewel in the crown of these rooms is the magnificent Presidential Villa offering panoramic views of the Indian Ocean. Families, nature lovers, divers, adventure-seekers and romantics can all find a haven at Hilton Seychelles Labriz Resort & Spa.

- World Travel Awards' Seychelles Leading Resort – 2013, 2014
- World Travel Awards' Seychelles Leading Spa Resort – 2013, 2014
- Global Traveller Awards' Best Resort in Africa - 2013
- Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence – 2013, 2014

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