



**CHEVAL BLANC UNVEILS ITS SECOND MAISON,  
CHEVAL BLANC RANDHELI, IN THE MALDIVES  
OPENING SUMMER 2013**

Cheval Blanc Randheli, the second Cheval Blanc Maison by LVMH Hotel Management, will open in the summer of 2013.

Cheval Blanc Randheli will be an intimate and contemporary haven on the unspoiled Noonu Atoll, a 40-minute journey north of Malé, which guests will enjoy in the Maison's own bespoke seaplane for an exceptional holiday start. The opening of the 45-villa Cheval Blanc Randheli complements the group's Alpine Maison, Cheval Blanc Courchevel, by offering a stylish design and relaxed, friendly atmosphere, now in the serene setting of the Maldivian archipelago.

Cheval Blanc's vision is to create environments that celebrate true craftsmanship, exclusive privacy, creativity and genuine, caring service. By leveraging the wider Group's knowledge and understanding of a most demanding clientele, Cheval Blanc Randheli will provide a setting that caters to guests' every desire; a sanctuary in which to relax and enjoy a rare and inspired variety of services and facilities. This will be combined with an exceptionally personal service approach, expertly delivered to carefully craft memorable experiences for guests - from couples and honeymooners to families and groups of friends.



## **ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN**

Elegant, refined and designed for island barefoot living, Cheval Blanc Randheli is born from a creative collaboration with celebrated architect Jean-Michel Gathy.

The Maison has been conceived in synergy with the island's natural surroundings, lush vegetation and lagoon views. Contemporary yet indigenous, graceful and understated, it is the perfect balance of modern architecture and traditional inspirations. The flow of the resort creates a residential feel that is full of surprises and variety. An abundance of settings have been designed for guests to use as per their disposition – for relaxation, for contemplation, for invigoration, for conversation or simply to enjoy a stunning view.

Great attention has been given to the privacy of guests and ensuring a feeling of space. This is reflected in the sleek design of each villa; with lofty cathedral-style ceilings framed by seven metre high hand-crafted doors and the strong sense of openness created by the continuation of the interiors into the outdoors. Large glass doors, on both sides of the villa, open fully onto the idyllic landscape or can be closed to create a warm and cosy atmosphere.

The graphic architecture is complemented by stylish interior design furnished with materials from the Indian Ocean and natural textures – teak, rattan, bamboo, thatch and coconut shell. This is in turn enhanced by a vivid palette of colours; white, taupe and oyster grey with splashes of pop yellow and green, bespoke design elements and a residential-style medley of artwork throughout. A collection of 45 sculptural colour “spots” by artist Vincent Beaurin also makes each villa truly individual.



## **CHEVAL BLANC RANDHELI IN MORE DETAIL...**

### **THE VILLAS**

The Maison features 45 beautifully appointed loft-style villas – each a retreat for barefoot living in the tropics. All villas have a large living room, adjoining powder room, spacious bedrooms – which draw the eye out to the stunning scenery – double dressing rooms and light-filled bathrooms. Outdoors, all feature a 12.5m private infinity pool and dining pergola or pavilion plus a private beach, spacious overwater decks or dedicated gardens.

### **BEACH VILLAS**

Set amidst lush gardens, the 15 one or two-bedroomed Beach Villas are particularly suited to families. To complement the main villa, a second bedroom, with private access, has an en-suite bathroom and exterior rain shower. Outdoor terraces invite relaxation next to the swimming pool or on the private white sand beach with direct access to the Maison's house reef. A fully equipped outdoor dining pavilion in the garden is the ideal place to enjoy a convivial meal specially prepared by a chef.

### **OVERWATER VILLAS**

Perched on traditional stilts over Noonu Atoll's translucent waters, the 15 Overwater Villas offer an unforgettable lagoon-side living experience. Multiple generous overwater decks feature a dining pontoon and an outdoor lounge as well as a refreshing rain shower and a large private infinity pool that appears to drop straight into the ocean.

### **OVERWATER GARDEN VILLAS**

The 14 one or two-bedroom one-of-a-kind Overwater Garden Villas combine stilt architecture with an individual garden experience. Perched right over the lagoon and surrounded by abundant private gardens, the villas provide a high sense of privacy and all the pleasures of a lagoon experience. Overwater Garden Villas feature several settings for different times of the day with a pergola, equipped with alfresco dining in the garden, as well as an overwater outdoor lounge, rain shower and private infinity pool.

### **OWNER'S VILLA**

Accessible from its own private berth and jetty, the four-bedroom Owner's Villa is Cheval Blanc Randheli's interpretation of the brand's emblematic Apartment at Cheval Blanc Courchevel. Epitome of modern island living, this exceptional residence offers lavish private spaces, a dedicated team and exclusive facilities including its own spa and oversized outside pool. It is the ultimate holiday experience for families and friends.

#### THE CHEVAL BLANC EXPERIENCE

French “Art de Recevoir” is at the core of Cheval Blanc’s philosophy. Created by Cheval Blanc’s unique team of *Experience Alchemists*, a truly personal approach translates into tailor-made activities, unforgettable experiences and bespoke surprises for each guest, creating lasting memories.

- The Cheval Blanc experience begins upon arrival at the Maison’s private seaplane lounge with an island transfer in Cheval Blanc’s specially customized seaplane. This magical journey across the archipelago starts the holiday experience with facilities and amenities illustrative of Cheval Blanc’s sense of detail
- The crystal blue waters, preserved coral reefs and naturally rich marine life are an ideal playground for reef snorkelling, diving expeditions, fishing adventures and sunset cruises, either on one of the Maison’s local dhonis or its private yacht. The Maison’s Chefs are also on hand to prepare a delicious picnic to accompany the journey
- The gigantic infinity-edge pool is the heart of the Maison – a chance for guests to relax and meet like-minded Cheval Blanc guests
- The Maison’s concept store is a treasure trove of local curiosities and limited edition items from sought-after brands. Private in-store or in-villa presentations are available on request
- Throughout the year, Cheval Blanc Randheli hosts exclusive events with the world’s most prestigious brands including those from the LVMH Group portfolio and up-and-coming artists
- A Majordome is on hand 24/7 offering services such as packing and unpacking, the preparation of snorkelling or diving equipment, imaginative daily turndown gifts, twice daily gourmandises as well as a sense of the unexpected...
- A Spa Bar proposing an array of nutritious snacks and fresh fruit juices served in its private gardens and on the spa beach
- State-of-the-art sport facilities including a fitness centre and personalised training sessions

#### CHILDREN AT CHEVAL BLANC

The wellbeing of families is another key element of Cheval Blanc's Art de Recevoir and, at Randheli, a dedicated team ensures that children are completely catered to; from specially designed linen, to carefully crafted furniture and tailored food and drinks menus. A rich collection of experiences, ranging from nature to culture, adventure, art and sport, provide many memorable activities for families to enjoy. The Maison also invites children to play at the Carousel Kids Club's pool or arts & crafts playrooms and the Paddock Teens Club. This teenage lounge is equipped with a juice bar, a media lounge, table-football and ping pong. Its proximity to the watersports centre also makes it an ideal place for teenagers to socialise.

#### WELLBEING

The Cheval Blanc Spa offers tailored treatments by Guerlain created exclusively for Cheval Blanc Randheli including the *Sun Ritual* - preparing skin for a day in the sun - and the *After-Diving Experience*. This peaceful spa retreat comprises:

- Four single and two prestige treatment villas for two - the Orchidée Salons - where guests can discover Guerlain's exceptional anti-ageing skincare products inspired by the longevity of the orchid and the result of ten years of research and all of Guerlain's wellbeing treatments
- A Guerlain boutique, a first in the Maldives, displaying the brand's skincare, make-up and fragrance collections
- A Hair Spa by Leonor Greyl which offers exclusive, tailored hair beauty treatments using only natural ingredients
- A beauty studio and a barber shop
- A yoga studio and a Thai pavilion
- A Spa Bar proposing an array of nutritious snacks and fresh fruit juices served in its private gardens and on the spa beach

## DINING AT CHEVAL BLANC

Food is an art at Cheval Blanc Randheli. In collaboration with three-Michelin starred Chef Yannick Alléno - already at the helm of Cheval Blanc Courchevel's *cuisine moderne* - the Maison's culinary experience is entertaining, surprising and deliciously varied. It is delivered across a collection of outlets, including the brand's signature concepts:

- **THE 1947** – set in lush tropical vegetation and named after Château Cheval Blanc's most sought-after Grand Cru, it is the expression of Alléno's sparkling creativity as he revisits French culinary know-how and infuses it with local inspiration. A wine cellar with rare vintages and a cigar lounge complete this fine dining experience
- Relaxed and contemporary, **THE WHITE** is open around the clock serving breakfast and brasserie-style cuisine. Its terrace, with views over the coral reefs, is the perfect place to relax at any time of the day
- **THE DIPTYQUE** - a live-cooking theatre with a split personality, serving the finest Japanese cuisine alongside Iberian gastronomy. Once an evening, within the same restaurant, the Maison's chefs perform this contrasting culinary experience. The restaurant's interior design also reflects this duality, enticing guests to explore the alternatives during their stay
- **THE DILANI** is a lively fish restaurant offering local seafood and guest's catch of the day in a relaxed alfresco environment, before transforming into an open-air late-night venue
- **THE TABLE DE PARTAGE** - a private dining space connected to the 1947 by a shaded walkway running through the Chef's garden. The creative menu is prepared by the Chef according to each party's wishes. Served with magnums of vintage wine and champagne only
- **THE WHITE BAR** – the Maison's poolside bar offers all-day cocktails, refreshments, pastries and light snacks with a tropical twist in a convivial atmosphere
- **THE CARTE BLANCHE MENU** offers classic and fine-dining in-villa menus as well as live cooking with a Private Chef in the dedicated garden pavilions, a barbeque on the beach and more...
- **EXPERIENTIAL DINING** - Chefs cater to guests' whims for one-of-a-kind dining experiences in a setting of their choice across the resort and beyond



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**NOTES TO EDITOR**

**LVMH HOTEL MANAGEMENT**

Cheval Blanc is the luxury hospitality brand developed by LVMH Hotel Management, a specialist entity of the LVMH Group. The group formed with the 36-room Cheval Blanc Courchevel. Cheval Blanc Randheli is the second property in the Cheval Blanc collection. LVMH Hotel Management has complete ownership of the brand; its direction, design, service and management are led by its own, dedicated in-house team. This team of specialists, selected from across the luxury goods and hospitality industries, demonstrates the brand's commitment as a long-term player in the luxury travel market and to providing guests with an intimate and exclusive experience.

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