

Coulibri Ridge named one of the world's best new hotels by award-winning travel media brand AFAR Dominica's off-grid resort for discreet luxury is featured on the exclusive 2023 'Stay List'

DOMINICA, April 4, 2023 - <u>Coulibri Ridge</u> has been recognized as one of the world's best new hotels in <u>The 15 Best New Hotels of 2023</u> - <u>AFAR</u> an annual ranking published by the award-winning U.S. travel media brand. The 15 resorts included on this year's list were personally vetted by the *AFAR* editorial team and are notable not just for their accommodation, location, design, and service, but also for their ability to help visitors tread lightly, connect with the land responsibly, and support local communities. All properties selected for the "Stay List" also embrace *AFAR*'s mission to offer people deeper, richer, and more fulfilling travel experiences.

"It is inspiring that AFAR has placed an emphasis on sustainability when selecting this year's 'Stay List,'" said Dominique Marchand, Co-Owner and General Manager of Coulibri Ridge. "Coulibri Ridge was a long time in the making to ensure the highest level of environmental responsibility, and, now that we are finally opened, we could not be more honored to be acknowledged amongst such an esteemed group of hotels."

A first-of-its-kind property in Dominica, Coulibri Ridge opened in October 2022, providing environmentally conscious guests a fully off-grid, nature-driven experience without sacrificing any of the creature comforts of a full-service luxury resort. Powered solely by the sun and wind, the 285-acre resort is entirely self-sustainable – from its hurricane-resistant hand-carved stone exterior to the recycled teakwood and aluminum interiors of its 14 suites, two copper-ionized common infinity pools, open-air spa, and hyperlocal gourmet cuisine. Coulibri Ridge is the first Caribbean member of Beyond Green – a global portfolio of planet Earth's most sustainable hotels.

From its inception more than 20 years ago, the resort was meant to be a platform for research, environmental testing, infrastructure building, and community engagement that could help inspire ways to improve the self-sufficiency and resiliency of vulnerable populations. Today, guests of Coulibri Ridge are invited to join a back-of-house tour to see the resort's off-grid operations first hand, as well as a property tour to learn about native flora and fauna and the land's history from pre-colonial times through slavery to present day.

Coulibri Ridge also has a deep connection to the nearby village of Soufrière, which resort ownership helped to rebuild following the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria in 2017. Coulibri Ridge embodies the "stay local" ethos by facilitating excursions to explore Soufrière, Scotts Head located less than 15 minutes away, and other nearby areas of southern Dominica via

resort-owned e-bikes, by kayak on the newly launched <u>Waitukubuli Sea Trail</u>, by foot through the mountains on the Waitukubuli Trail, or underwater snorkeling or SCUBA diving. For more information, visit <u>www.coulibriridge.com</u>.

About Coulibri Ridge

Coulibri Ridge is a 14-suite off-grid discreet luxury resort perched atop a mountain ridge in southern Dominica, just minutes from Soufrière Bay where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Caribbean Sea. The brainchild of Canadian-born entrepreneur Daniel Langlois, Coulibri Ridge was designed as a long term research project in how to respectfully develop and operate a modern, self-sufficient eco-resort that is closely intertwined with the local community. Solar panels fuel all of the resort's power needs, water is generated entirely by filtered rainwater, much of the restaurant's produce is grown on-site, and the resort's hurricane resistant exterior was constructed by locals from hand-chiseled rock sourced from the property. On-property amenities include two infinity pools, two dining rooms, a yoga pavilion, spa, two boardrooms, and complimentary high-speed WiFi. For more information, visit https://www.coulibriridge.com/.