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## TRIPADVISOR® SERVES UP TRAVELERS' CHOICE™ AWARD TO CARTE BLANCHE

EAGLE BEACH, Aruba – November 3, 2015 – Fine diners around the world have raised their glasses to toast <u>Carte Blanche</u> as one of the <u>2015 Best Fine Dining Restaurants in the Caribbean</u> according to TripAdvisor. Carte Blanche received a Travelers' Choice award as the No. 2 restaurant in the region, led by first place 2 Fools and a Bull in Noord, as "One Happy Island" proudly swept the first two spots for Aruba on the coveted list.

Carte Blanche makes its home at Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort, the <u>2015 No. 1 Best Hotel in the Caribbean</u> per TripAdvisor. The restaurant is unique on Aruba. Hosting just 14 guests at a time, Chef Dennis van Daatselaar prepares a five-course surprise menu right in front of guests in the open-air kitchen. Maitre d' Glen Bonset can complement each course with an optional wine pairing from a selection that spans the world.

<u>Carte Blanche</u> is heralded by diners who come open-minded for an exquisite dining experience without limitations. It's cozy, relaxed atmosphere in the intimate resort setting gives diners an up close, personal experience as they chat casually with one another and their hosts who prepare fresh, contemporary culinary creations that change nightly.

TripAdvisor is the world's largest travel site, enabling travelers to plan and book the perfect travel and dining experience. The annual awards are based on the millions of valuable reviews and opinions from TripAdvisor travelers worldwide.

"We tapped the TripAdvisor community to help us serve up the top fine-dining restaurants around the globe because an exceptional dining experience can be the highlight of a trip or a special occasion," said Barbara Messing, chief marketing officer for TripAdvisor. "These elite dining establishments have earned the highest praise from travelers for their remarkable cuisine and commitment to service."

"It's an honor to be recognized by TripAdvisor travelers for the exceptional dining experience we want each of our guests to savor," says Chef Dennis van Daatselaar. "We are proud to help represent Aruba with this Travelers' Choice award from TripAdvisor and look forward to welcoming back past guests and introducing new ones to the Carte Blanche experience."

<u>Carte Blanche</u> is open Tuesday through Saturday. Reservations are required and may be made by calling direct, +297 586-3339, or <u>online</u>. <u>Learn more</u> about Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort.

## **About Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort**

Honored as the 2015 No. 1 Best Hotel in the Caribbean by guest-driven TripAdvisor, <u>Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort</u> is Aruba's premier adults-only boutique resort. Led by celebrated hotelier and environmentalist, Ewald Biemans, the resort is nestled on the powdery white sands of Eagle Beach,

home to protected sea turtles and named one of the "Dream Beaches of the World." Bucuti offers 104 well-appointed guestrooms, suites and penthouses; sunbeds and shade for every guest; fresh water infinity pool; spa; WiFi; and complimentary iPad with Skype for use during stay. Award-winning, fresh, healthy dining is enjoyed at oceanfront Elements; epicurean-lovers' Carte Blanche; Tara Lounge; and private beach dining. Reserved exclusively for guests and their friends, the open-air SandBar on the beach offers top-shelf cocktails and live music daily. The resort is TAG Approved® as a gay friendly hotel. Bucuti, a worldwide sustainable tourism leader, holds eco-certifications of LEED Silver, Green Globe, ISO 14001 and Travelife Gold.

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