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Francesca's Beach Club Bar & Restaurant is a smart casual beach club, bar and restaurant, located right on the calm crystal coral waters of Havannah Harbour, on West Efate island in Vanuatu. We invited Francesca Grillo to tell us more.

Francesca's utilises its amazing setting and excellent hospitality to offer a truly extraordinary experience to every diner, as Francesca highlights.

"Here at Francesca's we strive to deliver delicious, unique, simple and healthy food, inspired by traditional Italian cuisine. Our good selection of wines and cocktails and a friendly and polite service complement it all. I personally designed and built our venue to offer great comfort and elegance to our guests, in a unique tropical yet modern ambience. Everyone seem to love our place, but only the discerning and adventurous diners with good taste buds and style without fuss, are the ones who return again and again.

"To ensure truly great food, our 36m2 open plan stainless steel kitchen is one of the wow factors at Francesca's Beach Club, and ensures all our cooking is done right in front of our guests with no room to hide food handling and hygiene standards. I base my recipes on traditional Italian food but to be competitive I must embrace innovation and follow demand. Success in our industry is very hard to achieve unless you are perseverant, flexible and understand what your customers want, and this is my constant focus."

Looking ahead, Francesca is exhilarated and believes that there are many great opportunities in store for her establishment, as she is proud to conclude.

"Overall, Francesca's Beach Club future will be exciting, as we are keen to take advantage of local fruit and vegetables, local nuts, vanilla, cocoa, coffee, coconut oils, Vanuatu renowned beef, fresh local river prawns, sea cockles, lobsters, oysters and all the fabulous big fish like yellow fin tuna, wahoo and mahi mahi to choose from.

"This local, fresh approach to food is vital for our continued success, as nutrition and health are now a prime concern among our discerning customers. We must be aware of this trend. We must stop seeking what we do not have and focus on working with the great ingredients we do have to delight taste buds and continue to amaze our guests."

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