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## WORLD-CLASS FUSION CUISINE AT THE VINE HOTEL IN MADEIRA

*Berlin, 26 October 2009* – Fancy pan-fried frogs legs with chervil sauce or steamed wild sea bass with oyster tartar? These are just two of the creations Chef Antoine Westermann spoils his guests with at The Vine, Design Hotels™ newest member hotel in Madeira. At UVA, the hotel's gourmet restaurant, the award-winning chef creates fusion cuisine at its best. Locals have also discovered this gem – for its culinary delights as well as the spectacular views.

### **Tantalising Creations Above the City**

UVA is situated on the rooftop terrace of The Vine with panoramic views over the capital Funchal. Like the hotel, the restaurant takes its name from the famous Madeira wine and means 'grape.' At this intimate restaurant Antoine Westermann combines the savoir-vivre of the French cuisine with the best and freshest ingredients from Madeira. The menu is quite diverse and includes extraordinary entrées such as roast pigeon stuffed with vegetable tagine and scallops pan-fried with walnuts and hazelnuts. To round off the dinner, a number of sweet desserts are on offer, including Westermann's famous macaroons and salted caramel croustillant, served with Madeira wine. For a special dinner party or a cocktail reception, UVA offers a private dining room.

### **Maestro Antoine Westermann**

The Alsatian chef is known for his innovative creations. His fusion cuisine blends Alsatian and international specialities. Westermann earned a total of three Michelin stars for his restaurant Le Buerehiesel in Strasbourg. Moreover, he received four Gault Millau chef hats. Westermann also runs the restaurant Drouant in Paris.

### **The “nminimalist” Design**

The interiors reflect the vision of Nini Andrade Silva, a local designer with an international reputation. In reference to her name, her style is called “nminimalism”. The interior design of the 79 room property is inspired by the Madeira wine. This is also reflected in the UVA restaurant, with the shades of green, brown and purple representing the four different seasons and the maturation of a grape throughout the year.

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