

Kandima Maldives Welcomes Dermot Birchall as General Manager



Maldives, 19 February 2025: Kandima Maldives, the game-changing island (desti)nation known for its vibrant hospitality concept and innovative experiences, is excited to introduce Dermot Birchall as its new General Manager.

With over 20 years of experience across leading luxury resorts and five-star hotels in Asia, the Middle East, and Europe, Dermot brings a dynamic leadership style and a strong track record in driving operational excellence, guest satisfaction, and commercial success. At Kandima, Dermot is set to build on the island resort's playful, smart, and socially responsible ethos, focusing on creating innovative guest experiences, enhancing service excellence, and expanding Kandima's diverse lifestyle offerings. With a deep passion for the hospitality industry, his vision is to take the island's unique concept of active, fun, and laid-back luxury to the next level.

"Kandima is not just a resort—it's a lifestyle, a vibrant island escape unlike any other. From the moment I stepped onto the island, I could feel its energy, its pulse, and its potential to redefine what a Maldivian island getaway can be. I'm incredibly excited to work alongside the amazing Krew to push the boundaries of guest experiences, introduce fresh, innovative ideas, and continue delivering the kind of seriously stylish, anything-but-ordinary hospitality that Kandima is known for. My goal is to ensure every guest leaves with unforgettable memories, whether they're seeking adventure, relaxation, or something in between. I can't wait to take this journey with the team and our guests!"

Dermot's extensive background in leading high-performing teams, launching new guest experiences, and integrating sustainability into resort operations aligns seamlessly with Kandima's forward-thinking approach. His leadership will be instrumental in strengthening Kandima's position as one of the Maldives' most exciting and diverse

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lifestyle destinations, catering to couples, families, solo travellers, MICE groups and thrill-seekers alike.

Spanning 3km of tropical paradise in Dhaalu Atoll, Kandima offers an unmatched blend of world-class water sports, outdoor adventures, creative dining concepts, and entertainment hubs, alongside ten exceptional restaurants and bars. Adding to its dynamic offerings, Kandima has made waves with the launch of the Maldives' first and longest asphalt e-go-karting track, delivering high-speed thrills in an island setting. Under Dermot's guidance, guests can expect an even more elevated island experience, packed with surprises, innovation, and Kandima's signature fun and fresh approach to hospitality.

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About Kandima Maldives

This game-changing resort is an affordable lifestyle destination. Kandima Maldives is smart, playful, rooted, and responsible. This 3-kilometre resort is a place with an authentic Maldivian soul. It is all about genuine hospitality with a human touch and innovative solutions that make use of the latest technology. Kandima Maldives is part of the hospitality group Pulse Hotels & Resorts and caters to guests of all ages: families, couples, groups of friends, and honeymooners.

Whether you seek relaxation, both aquatic and island adventures, well-being, fitness or just family time, this 270-room beach resort has something for everybody. With one of the longest outdoor pools in the Maldives, a football pitch, tennis and volleyball courts, Aquaholics water sports, E-Go-Karting and dive centre, Kula art studio and many more, there is plenty to keep everyone occupied.

For more details, please visit our website – www.kandima.com, or follow us on our social channels: Instagram [@kandima_maldives](https://www.instagram.com/kandima_maldives) Facebook [@kandima.maldives](https://www.facebook.com/kandima.maldives) X [@kandimamaldives](https://twitter.com/kandimamaldives)

About Pulse Hotels & Resorts

Established in 2015, Pulse Hotels and Resorts is an umbrella brand for a range of innovative and contemporary hotels and resorts that are being built upon their core philosophy of being smart, playful, rooted and responsible. Creators of extraordinary experiences, the company uses commercial and innovative thinking to develop hotels, resorts and properties that are intelligent, inspire and delight.

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