

VELASSARU

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## Chef Mirko Reeh Visits



We were proud to host Chef Mirko Reeh, a famous VIP Chef from Germany for his stay here at Velassaru.

Chef Reeh who is a celebrity of a popular TV Cooking show in Germany, stayed at the resort for five days and mingled with our chefs and other staff, engaging with them in cooking activities and recreational sports.



Chef Reeh mentioned that he was very delighted with Velassaru and was impressed by the facilities, services and the modern concept of the resort. He was also fascinated by the Maldivian dishes, culture and cuisine and expressed his desire of coming back to the country and Velassaru to enhance his Maldivian experiences.

During his stay, Chef Reeh made a trip to Malé to visit the local fish market as well as the fruits & vegetables market which he very much enjoyed. The amusing and adventurous chef also had fun cooking at the sand bank and ended up designing a five-course signature menu in Sand Restaurant, sharing his cooking experiences and tips with the resort's guests over a cocktails.

Once back in Germany, Chef Reeh intends to share his experiences in a German cookery magazine, "Gourmet Reisen".

Chef Reef is based in Frankfurt, Germany where he owns a restaurant called "Reehrestaurant"

## New Menus & Wines at Etesian and Sand Restaurant

Efforts have been put in to revamp the current menus of Etesian and Sand restaurant to keep the resort up to date with the latest tastes and preferences of the culinary world today. Etesian offers you modern Mediterranean selections that showcases gastronomic creativity and flair. A floor-to-ceiling glass room houses an extensive wine library, giving you the best wine selections to accompany your meal.

Sand Restaurant features an extensive range of grilled meat and seafood as well as the best from the eastern, western and continental cuisines. The live grill and cooking stations are the highlight of Sand restaurant and a fascinating sight not to be missed.





## RedBull Extreme

Velassaru Maldives was pleased to be the chosen location for RedBull "Queen of the Air", Susi Mai, a professional German kite surfer to show off her stunts.

Susi Mai who has been travelling all over the world came to the Maldives to attempt to jump over a water bungalow here in Velassaru Maldives. Unfortunately due to lack of wind, Susi was not able to make the jump over our 7-meter water bungalows.

Susi Mai has been kite surfing for about nine years and lives in the Dominican Republic. This is also her first visit to the Maldives and we hope not her last.



## Hotel Asia Exhibition & Culinary Challenge

Hotel Asia Exhibition & Culinary Challenge is the biggest ever gathering of Hospitality Industry professionals in the Maldives.

The three-day exhibition, reported as the prime international event held to date in the Maldives, was attended by Velassaru chefs namely NDSR Kumar, Danushka and Krishantha, led by Executive Sous Chef, Wassanth.

Velassaru chefs managed to successfully win medals and trophies at Hotel Asia Exhibition for "Dress The Cake", "Creative Salad" and "Team Challenge" competitions.



## The New Chill...

Chill Bar has recently gone through a revamp with a new seating layout, new furnishing as well as a new snack and light lunch menu.

The new furnishing on the wooden deck area comprises of several cosy cuddle seats under huge umbrellas and three large couple / family seats with its own attached overhead shelter. On the lower deck, several huge bean bags are left spread around the bar.

The new light lunch menu offers you a variety of snacks, salads, sandwiches and spring rolls. For the famish, it also offers a heavier meal like the Rib Eye Steak and Grilled or Steam Fish.

Chill Bar is the ideal place to watch the spectacular sunsets that the Maldives have to offer while you enjoy a cocktail or two at Velassaru Maldives. A wide range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available.



## What's New



### Excursions Up

Due to popular demand, we have increased the number of trips per week for our "Discover Malé" and "Sunset Cruise" excursions to cater to the uprising needs of our guests.

The "Discover Malé" trip offers guest a chance to visit the bustling capital city of Maldives on a guided journey to experience the abundant history and cultures as well as the modern sights. The "Sunset Cruise" is set upon a traditional Maldivian sail boat and offers you the most spectacular way to watch the sun setting over the Indian Ocean.

## Who's New

### New General Manager

Velassaru is pleased to welcome a new General Manager, Mr. Glenn Daniels to the resort. Originally from New Zealand, Glenn has most recently held the position of General Manager at the Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort in Australia and previously worked at Wyndham Vacations Resorts Asia Pacific in Fiji, Voyages Hotels & Resorts based in Ayres Rock and Heron Island and Heritage Hotels & Resorts in New Zealand.

Glenn brings with him an outstanding wealth of experience and we are very pleased to have him join our team



### Executive Chef

A new Executive Chef joins us at Velassaru Maldives. Chef Cedric Dambrosio started his career 20 years ago with much experience working with many Michelin star chefs in several places around the world, including France, Casablanca, Monaco. His last stint before joining us in the Maldives was for a 500 room & 64 villa spa/golf/casino resort in Morocco, under the international Kerzner Group. There he was responsible for recruiting and training some 160 staff of which were 12 Sous Chefs.

Chef Cedric has been brought in to create new sumptuous dining experiences, bringing a focus on fresh local ingredients to the menu. Having seafood delivered daily by local fisherman is part of his effort to bring the freshest and most authentic tastes to Velassaru.



## Guest Comments & Facebook

### ON TRIPADVISOR

- "Total relaxation"
- "Paradis"
- "Picture Postcard Paradise"
- "fantastica vacanza"
- "Weltklasse Design, Location...ein Traum auf den Maldives"
- "Could have stayed there forever"
- "Viaggio di nozze al Velassaru..... un sogno..."
- "Amazingly great place."

### ON FACEBOOK

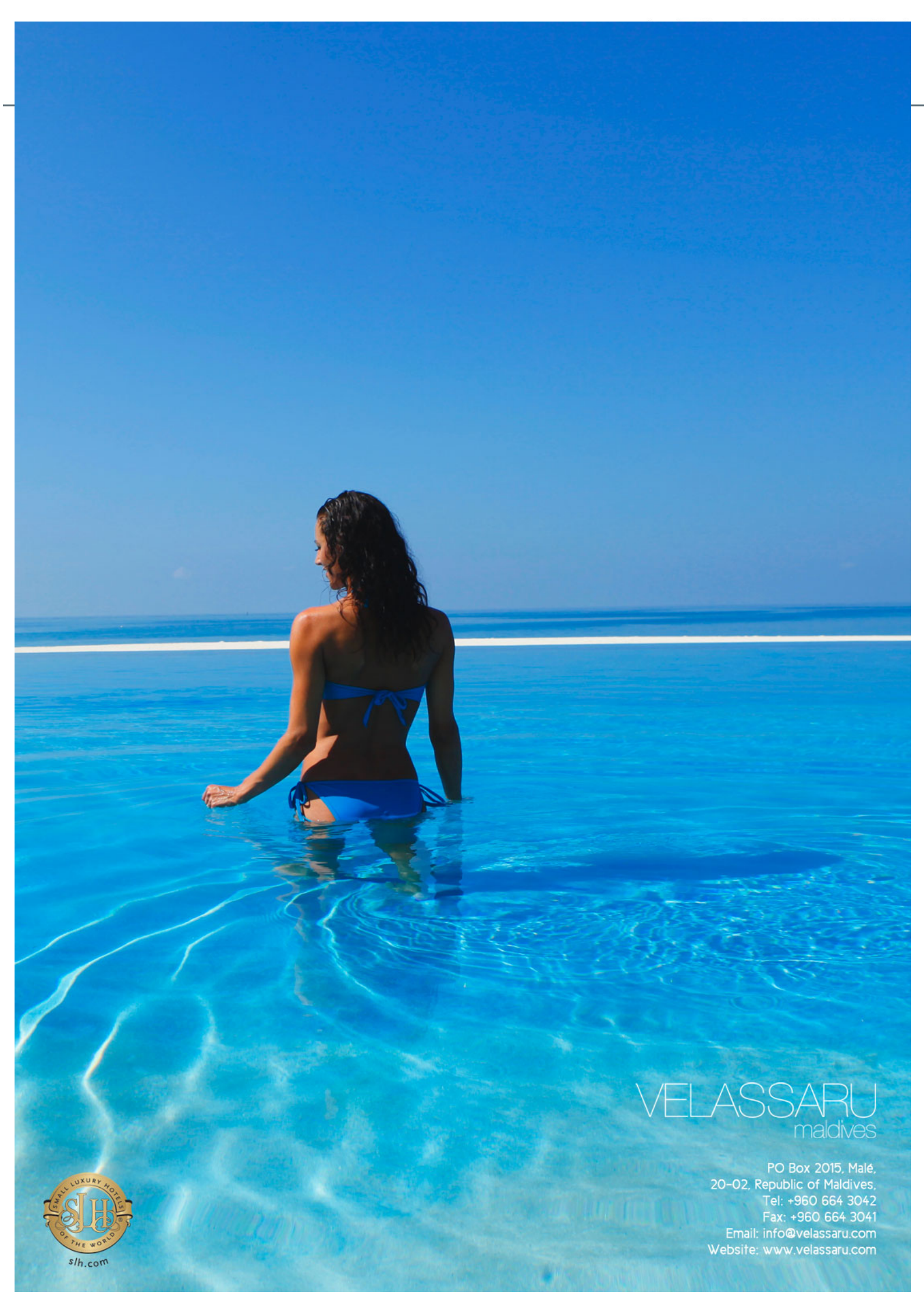
"I have to say that Maldives is a paradise on earth and Velassaru is one of the most beautiful resorts I have ever been...everything is nice...the staff are amazing and always cheerful...most of them call you by name...and you feel that they'll try everything to make you happy and at ease. Very professional indeed. Am sad to leave but have already started planning my next holiday here :) Well done Velassaru team. Keep it up. You are the best"  
- *Quidad Berrada*

facebook

Currently, there are more than 1950 Velassaru Facebook fans on the page with many of them actively interacting with the resort as well as other fellow guests.

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