

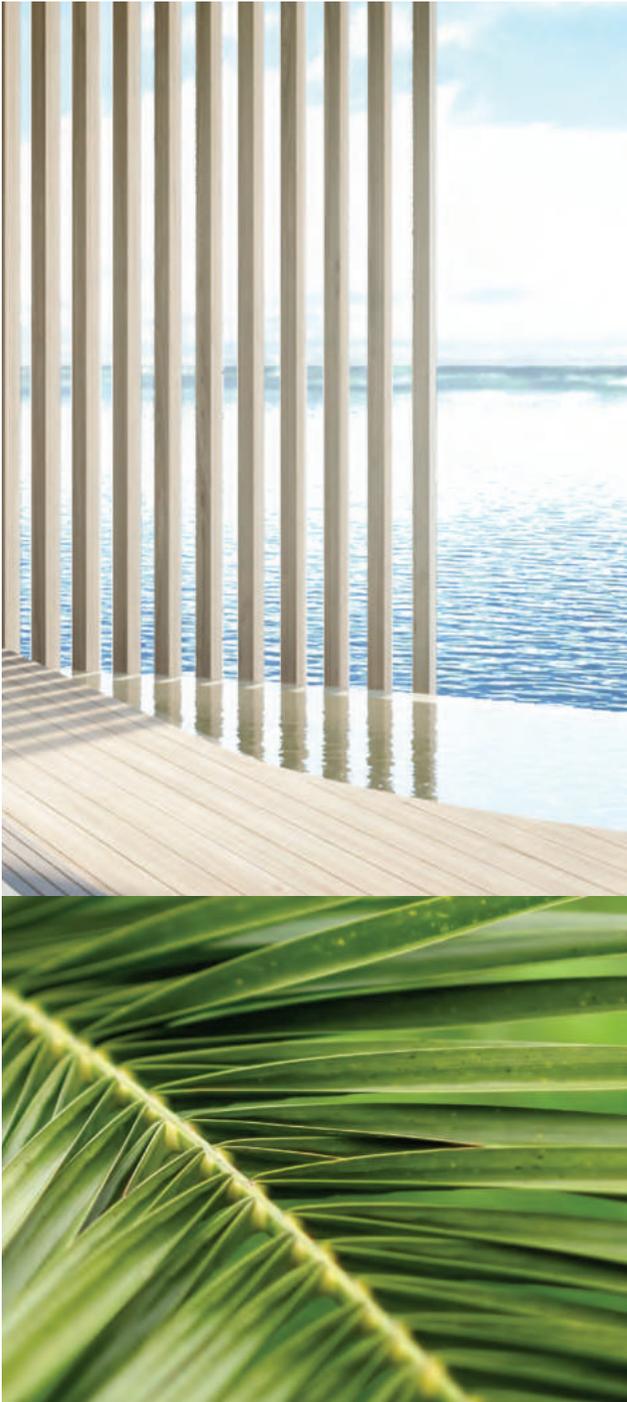
AN INSPIRING JOURNEY OF SUSTAINABILITY



THE RITZ-CARLTON

MALDIVES, FARI ISLANDS





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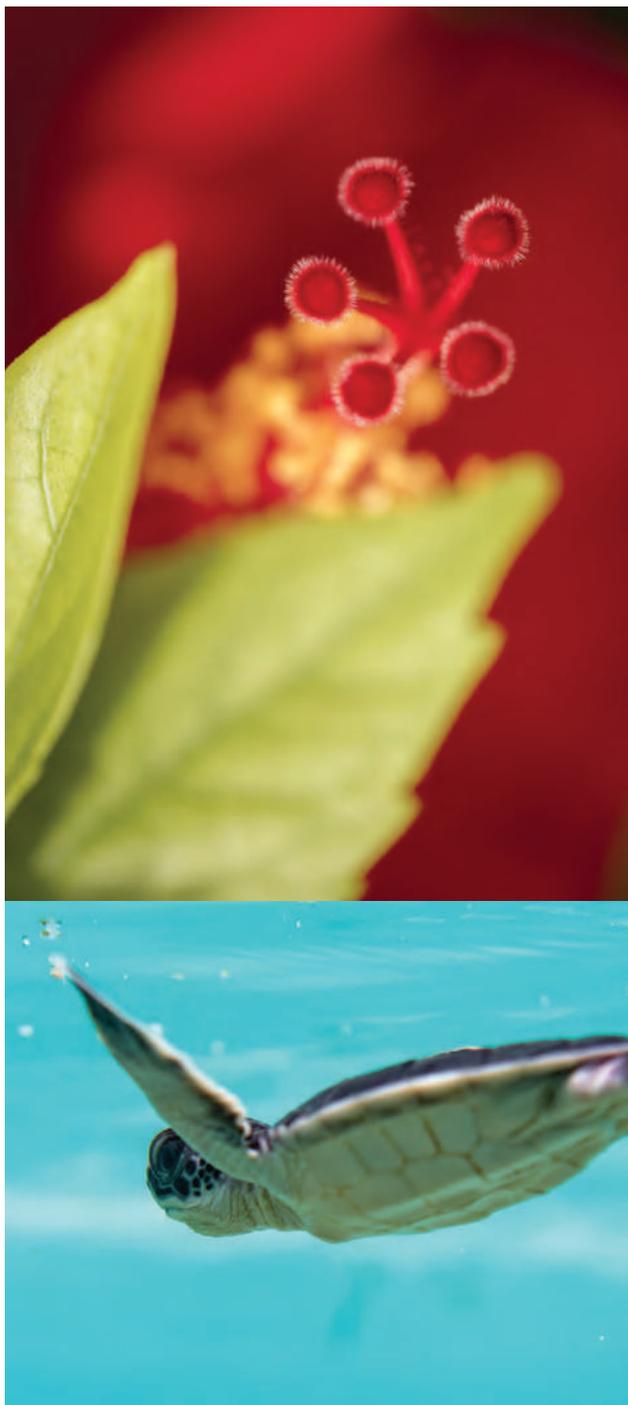
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MAKING OF THE RESORT

The Ritz-Carlton Maldives, Fari Islands is built on an existing sandbank within a shallow reef, at the edge of the northeast rim of North Male atoll. The circular movements of the surrounding waters inspired Kerry Hill Architects with the design and architecture of the island; however, the natural beauty of the fragile ecosystem took centre stage in his vision. Hence, at the initial phase of the project, a marine team extensively studied the oceanographic conditions and expertly guided in developing the sandbank with minimal impact to the coral reef and meticulous scheduling to avoid spawning time.

The construction materials were imported in bulk, sourced selectively and opted for pre-fabricated materials such as cross-laminated timber, the primary material used for the construction of walls, roofs and columns. Hence, easy-assemble reduced cutting, use of heavy machinery and operations and lower footprints. Whilst a greater percentage of energy is harnessed through solar and water is recycled and purified in the resort.



NATURE

LAND

The skyline of the resort is painted with thousands of soaring palm trees and tropical plants. Most of the trees that you see are adopted trees, that could have been chopped or burnt down for land clearance, adhering to the regulations set by the Environmental Protection Agency of the Maldives. We have also carefully selected many native plants from local nurseries, not only contributing to a greener environment but also helping eliminate the negative impact from importing, a normal practice for such projects in the Maldives.

The 30-metre Banyan tree located in the Mystique Garden, dedicated to the late Kerry Hill - the architect of the resort, is a great example of a tree that was adopted from Medhukumburudhoo Agricultural Island in Shaviyani Atoll. Whilst the acres of white sandy beach embrace the rich vegetation, stretching into the azure blue lagoon, a sanctuary to friendly crabs, birds and for sea turtles seeking to lay eggs.

SEA

99% of the Maldives is ocean, with a whole world underneath the surface. The sandbank on which the resort was developed encircles a lively coral reef and several coral bommies sheltering lobster rocks, soft corals, fish, rays and sea turtles.

From the initial phases of the project, Kerry Hill Architects laid out a wellthought strategy to protect the fragile coral reefs and marine life. Pre-fabricated design methods and materials were used in construction, ensuring that no cutting was necessary on the island, reducing heavy operations and impact on the environment. Further, the resort plans to initiate a coral planting project, hoping to reverse the impact of global warming and tackle waves of *El Niño* (coral bleaching) that affect the low-laying nation.



SUSTAINABLE GASTRONOMY

Often, it becomes a dilemma dining in resorts – holiday season indulgences with your nutritious, healthy lifestyle. However, at The Ritz-Carlton Maldives Fari Islands healthy and sustainable eating habits is effortless; whether is fresh produce from the garden, extensive plant-based options or zero-waste approach, our 7 restaurants and bars offer diners peace of mind.

Fresh greens from the organic garden, not only provide a pesticide-free option but also reduces import footprints, whilst the inevitable purchases are imported in bulk from carefully selected suppliers for quality and ethical practices.

Approximately 3.3 billion tons of carbon are produced a year by food supply chains; thus, we have an efficient food waste management and recycling system. Vegetable and fruit scraps are used in cocktails, such as carrots for cordials or orange peels for sauces, whilst food spoils are made into compost for the organic garden.



SAY NO TO PLASTIC

Each year, millions of tonnes of plastic enter into our environment, endangering lives and the future of the planet; thus, we have taken a pledge to ban single-use plastic to protect the earth. Guests can expect reusable water bottles, bamboo-based personal consumables, refillable crystal jars used for amenities and bamboo and stainless steel straws.

Villa amenities by Bamford are replenished from the liquid amenities refilling system on-site, whilst the resort's own organic garden and desalination plant reduce the amount of plastic imported into the country.

Shopping bags used in the resort and the bottles used by our Ladies and Gentlemen are also plastic-free.



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The timber was brought into The Ritz-Carlton island from sustainable forests in Europe, and the journey can be tracked [here](#). Venturer Pte Ltd is the first Mass Timber Resort Builder to attain PEFC Chain of Custody certification. This enabled us to benefit from PEFC Project Certification and in turn, publicise audited claims that timber comes from sustainably managed forests.



ENERGY AND WATER

Solar panels, harnessing sustainable energy and with no diesel burnt on the island, the resort is reducing 233,600 litres of diesel per year, paving for a more energy-responsible future. Air conditioning is a sophisticated cross-ventilation system with sensors and lights are LED, further lowering the carbon footprint.

The complimentary still and sparkling drinking water served on the island comes from the resort's dedicated plant, purified by water filters patented by Nordaq, a Swedish company celebrated for its premium and environmentally-friendly water solutions.

Water is bottled under controlled hygiene measures as per the guidelines from the World Health Organisation. Nordaq's uniquely crafted bottles eliminate the use of plastic and do not compromise the natural salts and minerals naturally present in the water.

As the resort's greywater is treated and used for landscape, The Ritz-Carlton Maldives, Fari Islands attempts to recycle at every opportunity.



PARTNERSHIPS

JEAN-MICHEL COUSTEAU'S AMBASSADORS OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The Ritz-Carlton Maldives, Fari Islands collaborates with the world-renown oceanographic explorer, environmentalist, educator, and film producer Jean-Michel Cousteau, taking guests on a journey to discover, explore and engage in nature. Whether diving to see the rich marine life, nature walks to explore the fascinating fauna of the Maldives or learn about the wonders of the galaxy, adults and children can engage in a host of activities that focus on preserving the planet for future in the *Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ambassadors of the Environment* program.

BAMFORD

The Ritz-Carlton Maldives partners with Bamford to provide a collection of organic body and skincare range. Exclusively used at The Ritz-Carlton Spa and in the villas, Bamford offers botanical and artisanal products from body lotions to massage oils.

Bamford believes that what we put on our body is as important as what we put into it. Apart from the focus of well-being, the roots of the brand go deeper to nature. After all, the owner, Carole Bamford, was a pioneer of organic farming in the UK and also the founder of Dayle's Farm.

Nourishing, yet deeply connected to nature, Bamford products truly complete the guests' journey.



COMMUNITY FOOTPRINTS

The Community Footprints programme initiated by The Ritz-Carlton brand globally, aims to engage, contribute and inspire communities. The brand is known to be the first Founding Partner of IMPACT 2030, a private-sector led initiative in collaboration with the United Nations and other global stakeholders, that will marshal corporate volunteering action to advance the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

At The Ritz-Carlton Maldives, this programme is enlivened by a host of activities focused on child-wellbeing, poverty and hunger and environment.

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