

PLANHOTEL HOSPITALITY GROUP REOPENS BATHALA AS A SANDIES RESORT IN THE MALDIVES

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Planhotel Hospitality Group based in Lugano, Switzerland, is pleased to announce the opening of Sandies Bathala Resort in the Maldives. The completely newly built 4 stars island resort, reachable by a scenic 15-minute seaplane flight from the international airport of Male, is located on the north eastern rim of the Ari Atoll.

Surrounded by a pristine white beach, Bathala boasts one of the best house reefs in the area frequented by a host of exciting marine life and is among the most popular with divers from all over the world.

"We are thrilled to open this resort as we continue growing our brands in the Maldives" said Sara Rosso, President of Planhotel Hospitality Group "This resort embraces everything the Sandies Brand has to offer with its friendly atmosphere and highest consistency in quality and service. Our all inclusive holiday experience ensures guests feel at home whilst enjoying excellent value for money."

Sandies Bathala has undergone an extensive renovation and now offers 70 rooms, including 24 Water Villas, 22 interconnecting Beach Bungalows, 24 Beach Bungalows. The modern Water Villas are built on stilts on two separate piers, host a spacious private terrace with dining area, comfortable sun beds and direct access to the crystal clear island reef. The charming Beach Bungalows, with private verandas, face the pristine shallow water of the lagoon and have direct access to the white beach. The Beach Bungalows have floor to ceiling windows to allow the beautiful surrounding nature to become part of the room.

The Resort's facilities include a reception, an infinity swimming pool, a boutique, a gym, a MVUA Spa and a recreation center offering daily entertainment and water sport activities. The diving center offers courses from Open Water to professional, following the SSI, CMAS and PADI guidelines. The Warner Lau Diving Center offers Nitrox diving and underwater scooters and proposes excursions to the best dive sites of the Maldives, as Fishhead, Mayaa Tila, Maaga Tila und Manta Point, in close vicinity of the island.

The Island Gallery restaurant serves a rich and fresh buffet during breakfast, lunch and dinner, featuring Mediterranean and international cuisine, whereas the Beach Grill offers a picturesque dining experience under the stars.

The renewed Sandies Bathala Resort is an affordable retreat where everyone can enjoy a charming holiday in an informal atmosphere and unique location surrounded by nature. It is particularly suitable for couples looking for a relaxed environment or friends looking for a fun holiday in an original setting.

About Planhotel Hospitality Group

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