



KANUHURA, Maldives appoints it's new Executive Assistant Manager and Executive Chef

December 2009 – Kanuhura, Maldives announces the appointment of **Mirko Aru** as the resort's new Executive Assistant Manager and **John Anthony Kotas Jr.** as the new Executive Chef.

Mirko Aru has over 19 years experience in the hotel industry. He started his career as a Bar Supervisor at the famous Claridge's hotel in London. After the very classic experience in London he headed out to Dubai and the Oman where he worked in many different 5*Hotels chains like Hyatt and Jumeirah until he became Director of Restaurants and Bars at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Dubai – U.A.E. 5* and award winning Emirates Towers Hotel. Mirko felt in love with Dubai so he changed the hotel not the city and moved to the Madinat Jumeirah Resort – Dubai –U.A.E. 5* as their Director of Operations/ Asst. Director F&B. His last stop was his homeland Italy, Le Meridien Chia Laguna Resort – Sardinia, there he covered the position of the Hotel Manager.

Leading Small Hotel Kanuhura hired Mirko Aru as Executive Assistant Manager where he will be responsible for all F& B Operations. "What a fantastic paradise Island, to work on such a beautiful place" Mirko says. "I am very much looking forward working with this great Team"

John Kotas Jr. brings with him 37 years of culinary experience to the Kanuhura resort.

Born in Chicago, U.S.A., Chef John launched his culinary journey and career at a very young age. He apprenticed at the world renowned Le' Francis restaurant in Chicago, graduated from the prestigious Culinary Institute of America, is a Certified Executive Chef and also possesses a degree in teaching culinary arts which has carved his career to success.

Chef John's culinary journeys and experiences have brought him to corners of: Mexico, Caribbean, Europe, Soviet Union, Asia, Africa, Middle East and now the wonderful Maldives.

Rosewood, Relais & Chateau, Leading Hotels of the World, Sheraton Luxury Collection to name only a few luxury hotels in which Chef John has left his footprints cooking for delegates across the world.

Chef John is very excited being a part of the Kanuhura team and has great visions in which to share with our guests in the future.

His expertise and cuisine philosophy reflects light, flavorful, creative and healthy cuisine and plans to implement fun and exciting culinary programs for our guests to enjoy in culinary competitions and seminars in the future.

John will oversee all aspects of food preparation and the menu creation throughout the restaurants and Villa dining, as well as for special occasions and celebrations that take place in the resort.

Kanuhura

Kanuhura, the ultimate timeless castaway island chic experience

Kanuhura, precious island languidly set on the warm Indian Ocean, in the middle of the bright atolls of the Maldives, can now be described as a unique “timeless castaway chic experience” for travellers seeking laid-back island living at its best with a contemporary and stylish feel. Indian Ocean based hotel group Sun Resorts has just launched the brand new positioning and identity of Kanuhura, its latest acquisition.

The new concept behind the positioning of Kanuhura has been prepared by British award winning design firm Pentagram which was formerly involved in the very successful re-branding of Le Touessrok, one of the best luxury hotels in the world in its category and flagship of Sun Resorts. The way forward is to clearly position Kanuhura as being an exclusive island deluxe destination with a distinct positioning identity.

The preliminary work has been done in such a way to integrate the existing assets of Kanuhura and the input of the new management team of the hotel. Kanuhura is one of the first luxury resorts in the Maldives and has won numerous awards in the past, just winning recognition from Condé Nast Travellers 2008 Award which voted Maldives as Best Island in the world.

Sun Resorts

Sun Resorts Limited is a major Indian Ocean based hotel group that currently owns and manages four resorts in Mauritius – 5* Luxury Le Touessrok, 5* Sugar Beach, 4* La Pirogue and a new hotel project (ex- Le Coco Beach) and one in the Maldives: 5* Kanuhura. Sun Resorts Limited has three offices in London, Paris and Frankfurt and representations in Milan and Madrid. The company also fully owns one Tour Operator in France –Soléa Vacances and one in South Africa – World Leisure Holidays.

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