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## Renowned Celebrity Chef Jan Cleusters Elevates Culinary Experience at Fushifaru Maldives

Fushifaru Maldives is proud to announce its collaboration with internationally acclaimed celebrity chef, Jan Cleusters. This exciting partnership aims to enhance the culinary offerings at the Resort's exquisite Raakani Surf'n'Turf Restaurant.



Chef Jan Cleusters brings his unparalleled expertise and innovative culinary vision to Fushifaru Maldives, where he will curate an entirely new set menu while elevating the existing fine dining options. The exciting new menu includes smoked salmon, grass-fed beef striploin and a poached lobster medallion.

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The food aficionado started cooking at the age of four and after obtaining his high school diploma, he completed an apprenticeship in the Michelin-starred cuisine, since then he has won numerous international awards at the New York Festival, the Indie Awards, as well as at One Show, ADC and D&AD. Known for his passion for blending local flavours with international techniques, Chef Cleusters is set to redefine the gastronomic experience at Raakani.

"We are thrilled to have Chef Jan Cleusters join us on this culinary journey. His commitment to excellence and creativity aligns perfectly with our dedication to providing guests with an unforgettable dining experience," said Ahmed Siaar, General Manager at Fushifaru Maldives.

Fushifaru's guests can look forward to a harmonious fusion of local ingredients and international culinary influences. The revamped menu promises to tantalise taste buds and leave a lasting impression on those seeking a gourmet adventure in paradise. Fushifaru Maldives invites guests and the media to experience the new era of gastronomy at Raakani Restaurant, where Chef Jan Cleusters' culinary artistry will undoubtedly leave a mark on the Maldivian culinary scene.

For reservations and more information about Fushifaru, please visit [www.fushifaru.com](https://www.fushifaru.com) or email [reservations@fushifaru.com](mailto:reservations@fushifaru.com)

## Note to Editors:

On the far North East border of Lhaviyani Atoll, sits the new exquisite little island of Fushifaru Maldives, only a 35-minute breath-taking seaplane flight away from Velana International Airport. Nestled between a national Marine Protected Area and three of the Maldives' most iconic dive sites, Fushifaru Maldives is a boutique and intimate resort with an endless promise of adventure, excitement, discovery, and serenity all in one diverse landscape.

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Merging quintessential Maldivian design with modern aesthetics, Fushifaru Maldives' 63 beach and water villas exude a sense of cosiness yet luxurious in space and amenities. Each of the spectacular villas feature open-air bathrooms with indoor and outdoor showers, double vanity, daybeds, private verandas with dining areas and breath-taking views of the surrounding crystal clear lagoon, with their own plunge pool for some villas.

Dining experiences feature regional and international flavours to suit every taste and dietary requirement. Scrumptious breakfast buffets and palate pleasing international cuisine are offered at Korakali, while surf and turf can be savoured at Raakani on the beach and interactive dining experience can be enjoyed at Teppanyaki. A range of international dishes and snacks can be served straight to the privacy of Villa 24 hours. A range of private dining experiences such as Handhu platform dining, floating breakfast and pool dining are also available on request.

Above the Waterline - to top the adventure, a fully equipped gym overlooks the Indian Ocean, a multi-sports court hosts regular matches between Residents and guests, a kid's club, to the water with jet skis, kayaks and catamarans. Below the Waterline - Fushifaru Kan'du, a national Marine Protected Area home to three iconic dive sites including the renowned Fushifaru Thila is teeming with marine life, unique cave formations and a marine cleaning station, sits right beside the resort. A true haven for diving enthusiasts and snorkelers alike.

An extraordinary experience of weddings, picnics and desert island getaways are available at the resort's own private sandbank – only a few meters away in a crystal-clear turquoise lagoon. For more information about Fushifaru Maldives, please visit [www.fushifaru.com](https://www.fushifaru.com).