

## BEHIND THE SCENES AT INTERCONTINENTAL MALDIVES MAAMUNAGAU RESORT



***Recreation Manager, Suman Saurabh Sahoo**  
Tells his story behind the smile*

**June 2025...**// The [InterContinental Maldives Maamunagau Resort](#) is a true jewel in the heart of the Indian Ocean – surrounded by crystal-clear water, white sandy beaches and a green, tropical landscape. But as impressive as the backdrop may be, it is the people behind the scenes who give the resort its special character. With dedication, warmth and professionalism, the staff ensure that every stay is exceptional. One of these dedicated colleagues takes center stage today: **Recreation Manager, Suman Saurabh Sahoo**. Born in India, he has over 15 years of international experience in leisure and guest services. He joined the resort team in July 2024 after being inspired by the vision of helping to create a completely new leisure department from scratch. His story is an example of the passion and commitment that make InterContinental Maldives what it is – a place where hospitality is lived.

Suman Saurabh Sahoo started working as the resort's Recreation Manager in 2024 – a lot has changed since then. “Our aim from the outset was to focus the resort even more on leisure, activities and entertainment,” explains Sahoo. While the focus used to be primarily on the “[Planet Trekkers](#)” kids' club, the offer has since been expanded extensively. Today, guests of all ages can expect a variety of programs: from Muay Thai boxing and Salsa Dance classes to Aqua Zumba and an exciting children's Pirate Cruise. The numerous STEM activities – exciting workshops and experiences in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, specially designed for young explorers – are particularly special.

Sahoo was impressed as soon as he arrived: “My first impression was overwhelming. The entire management team welcomed me personally – it was very warm and touching.” In addition to the modern and stylish appearance of the resort, he particularly praises the excellent infrastructure: “The staff

accommodation is some of the best in the country – that shows how much care and foresight has been put into the planning here.”

What personally fascinates him most about living and working in the Maldives is the unique natural environment: “The vast ocean, the tropical climate and the peace and quiet that allows me to read or write – it's a gift.” The creative approach to challenges also makes a lasting impression on him: “In my seven years here, I have learned that there is a solution to every problem – you just have to be creative enough.”

And when asked whether the magic of the Maldives can still be felt after all these years, he answers without hesitation: "Absolutely. Someone once said to me: ‘99% of the Maldives is underwater’ and I always carry that thought with me. It's a privilege to work in a place that others only know from vacation."

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#### **About InterContinental Maldives Maamunagau Resort**

InterContinental Maldives Maamunagau Resort is an exclusive destination getaway offering a unique opportunity for those looking to unwind and reconnect in an enviable island setting, where exclusive privileges go hand in hand with the personal touch of our signature service at InterContinental Hotels & Resorts’ first and only all-Club InterContinental resort. Located in the Raa Atoll; 35 minutes by seaplane from the Velana International Airport, InterContinental Maldives Maamunagau Resort is an award-winning island escape offering beach, lagoon and overwater villas and residences with up to three bedrooms. Curated dining and wellness experiences, an extensive kids’ club, as well as The Retreat, an adult-only enclave, along with a myriad of recreational adventures for families and couples alike are also available.

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