



# SUSTAINABILITY

## 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 ocean inspired Kerry Hill Architects with the design of the island; however, the natural beauty of the fragile ecosystem took centre stage in his vision.

## SUSTAINABLY MANAGED TIMBER

The resort opted for pre-fabricated, easy-assemble materials, sourced selectively and imported in bulk, reducing cutting and use of heavy machinery. The timber was brought in from sustainable forests in Europe - its journey can be tracked [here](#).

## NATURE

**LAND** | The resort is soaring with thousands of palm trees and tropical plants, carefully selected and adopted, as they could have been chopped or burnt down for land clearance. This not only contributes to a greener environment but also eliminates the negative impact from importing, a normal practice in the Maldives. The 30-metre Banyan tree in the Mystique Garden, dedicated to the late Kerry Hill, the resort's architect, is a great example of a tree that was adopted from the Medhukumburudhoo Agricultural Island in Shaviyani Atoll.

**SEA** | 99% of the Maldives is ocean, with a whole world underneath the surface. The sandbank on which the resort stands on, encircles a lively coral reef and several coral bommies sheltering lobster rocks, soft corals, fish, rays and sea turtles. From the beginning, Kerry Hill Architects laid out a well-thought strategy to protect the fragile coral reefs and marine life.

## SUSTAINABLE GASTRONOMY

At The Ritz-Carlton Maldives, Fari Islands, healthy and sustainable eating habits are effortless; whether is fresh produce from the garden, extensive plant-based options, zero-waste approach, or pesticide-free options, our 7 restaurants and bars offer diners peace of mind.

## SAY NO TO PLASTIC

Our guests can expect offer reusable glass water bottles, bamboo-based personal consumables, refillable jars of amenities and bamboo and stainless steel straws. Bamford bathroom amenities are replenished on-site, whilst the resort's organic garden and desalination plant reduces the amount of plastic imported into the country.

## ENERGY AND WATER

The resort is reducing 233,600 litres of diesel per year by harnessing energy through solar panels. Air conditioning is offered through a sophisticated cross-ventilation system; sensors and lights are LED, further lowering our carbon footprint. The complimentary still and sparkling drinking water served at The Ritz-Carlton Maldives, Fari Islands comes from the resort's dedicated plant, purified by *Nordaq*, a Swedish company celebrated for its premium and environmentally-friendly water solutions.

## PARTNERSHIPS

**JEAN-MICHEL COUSTEAU'S AMBASSADORS OF THE ENVIRONMENT** | The Ritz-Carlton Maldives, Fari Islands is proud to host the first Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ambassadors of the Environment program in the Asia Pacific region. Guests can enrich their stay by learning more about the natural wonders both above and below water through this fun, active, inspirational programme developed by Jean-Michel Cousteau, Dr. Richard Murphy, and the team at Ocean Futures Society.

**BAMFORD** | The resort has partnered 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.

## COMMUNITY FOOTPRINTS

This programme, initiated by The Ritz-Carlton Brand globally, aims to engage, contribute and inspire communities. On-site, the programme is enlivened through activities focused on child-wellbeing, poverty and hunger and environmental responsibility.



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MALDIVES, FARI ISLANDS