



Capella Hotel Group Announces Strategic Executive Appointments across Capella and Patina destinations

Singapore, 9 December 2024 – Capella Hotel Group announces strategic executive appointments across its acclaimed properties in Asia and the Maldives, marking a significant milestone in the company's continued global expansion and commitment to exceptional hospitality.

The leadership appointments span four destinations: **Patina Maldives, Fari Islands, Capella Bangkok, Capella Hanoi** and **Capella Taipei** (Q1 2025), showcasing the group's dynamic approach to talent development in luxury hospitality.

Anthony Gill, Dennis Laubenstein, Antonio Saponara and Hildegard Anzenberger bring decades of rich expertise to their General Manager roles with Capella and Patina properties, ensuring the continued success and growth of the group's global portfolio.

Anthony Gill – General Manager, Patina Maldives



With over 20 years of luxury hospitality experience, Anthony Gill takes on the role of General Manager at **Patina Maldives, Fari Islands**. Anthony has successfully rebranded luxury properties, including the Four Seasons Resort Nam Hai in Hoi An, Vietnam and brings expertise from managing Four Seasons properties in China and Thailand. His dynamic leadership and rich background in international food & beverage management positions him to guide Patina Maldives into a new era as a transformative luxury destination, creating meaningful experiences in harmony with the island as a marine sanctuary.



Dennis Laubenstein – General Manager, Capella Taipei



Dennis Laubenstein, a Capella veteran with over a decade of experience at Capella Singapore, Capella Tufu Bay, and most recently as the General Manager of Capella Hanoi, now takes on the role of General Manager at **Capella Taipei** which opens in Q1 2025. Dennis is renowned for curating unique guest experiences inspired by local culture and innovative touchpoints, which led him to establishing Capella Hanoi as a leader in delivering unparalleled luxury experiences in Vietnam. He was instrumental in establishing Capella Hanoi's first Michelin-starred restaurant and positioning the hotel's cocktail bar, The Hudson Rooms, among Asia's 100 Best Bars in 2024. Dennis will continue to champion dining excellence, with plans to elevate Capella Taipei's incredibly exciting culinary offerings.

Antonio Saponara – General Manager, Capella Bangkok



Antonio Saponara moves to **Capella Bangkok** from his successful tenure as General Manager at Patina Maldives, Fari Islands, where he emphasised a culture of exceptional service and built a motivated, high-performing team. Antonio's leadership has been pivotal in implementing innovative strategies and sustainable practices that align with the resort's commitment to environmental stewardship. He deepened Patina Maldives' local community connections, blending international expertise with local talent. His exemplary leadership at Patina Maldives and previously at Bulgari Hotels & Resorts in Moscow and Beijing, as well as the Ritz-Carlton in Shanghai, ensures a seamless continued path of success for Capella Bangkok, which was recently feted as World's Best Hotel and Asia's Best Hotel by World's 50 Best Hotels.



Hildegard Anzenberger – General Manager, Capella Hanoi



Hildegard Anzenberger joins Capella from The Langham, in Hefei, China, bringing her extensive international luxury hospitality experience, including a deep understanding of Southeast Asia, to **Capella Hanoi**. Known for her strategic vision, Hildegard has also championed sustainability and innovation initiatives and achieved high guest satisfaction and operational efficiency throughout her career. With a focus on staff development and a commitment to collaborative culture, she has earned industry accolades, including the Food and Beverage Stelliers Award in 2017.

Cristiano Rinaldi, President, Capella Hotel Group, says, "With the strategic appointments of Anthony, Dennis, Antonio and Hildegard, we are reinforcing our commitment to delivering exceptional luxury experiences across our remarkable destinations in the Maldives, Bangkok, Hanoi and upcoming Taipei. Each of these leaders brings a unique perspective that we value greatly and a proven track record of innovation, from championing sustainability and elevating culinary offerings to redefining guest experiences. Their collective expertise will propel our Capella and Patina brands even further, realising our shared vision of transforming each destination into the most bespoke or transformative journey for every guest that we welcome through our doors."

High-res images can be downloaded [here](#).

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ABOUT CAPELLA HOTEL GROUP

Capella Hotel Group is a leading hospitality management company specialising in luxury hotels, resorts, and serviced residences. Based in Singapore, the rapidly expanding group has two brands under its portfolio and properties across eight destinations. The award-winning Capella Hotels and Resorts is renowned for its service excellence, crafted luxury design and immersive experiences celebrating the locale, while Patina Hotels & Resorts is the group's transformative luxury brand, designed for progressive travellers with a creative mindset and



penchant for sustainability.

Capella Hotels and Resorts was named the #1 Best Hotel Brand in the world in Travel + Leisure's 2023 and 2024 World's Best Awards. For more information, visit www.capellahotelgroup.com.

ABOUT CAPELLA HOTELS AND RESORTS

The Capella Hotels and Resorts constellation consists of properties located in Singapore, Sydney, Ubud, Bangkok, Hanoi, Shanghai, and Hainan. Future openings include exciting destinations such as Taipei, Kyoto, Riyadh, Nanjing, Shenzhen and South Korea. The exceptional hospitality brand, taking its name from the brightest star of the Auriga constellation, shines a spotlight on local heritage, culture and community whilst crafting authentic guest experiences with the highest level of personalised service and combining a legacy of thoughtful design.

Capella was named the Best Hotel Brand in the Travel + Leisure 'World's Best Awards' for 2023 and 2024. Capella Bangkok and Capella Singapore earned the distinction of being included in The World's 50 Best Hotels in 2023 and 2024, with Capella Bangkok named The World's Best Hotel and Asia's Best Hotel in 2024, with Côte by Mauro Colagreco elevated to Two MICHELIN Stars for 2025. Capella Hotels and Resorts is a member of GHA DISCOVERY, a multi-brand loyalty programme representing a collection of 40 independent hotel brands over 100 countries worldwide.

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ABOUT PATINA HOTELS & RESORTS

Patina Hotels & Resorts is the transformative luxury brand of Capella Hotel Group. Pioneering a fresh perspective in luxury hospitality, Patina is a destination within the destination, highlighting the energy and common passions that bring like-minded people together and foster meaningful connections with themselves and their surroundings. Patina embodies an evolving journey, transforming moments into lasting marks for the guests just like the Patina Effect. Following Patina Maldives, Fari Islands, Patina Osaka will be the second launch and the brand's first urban hotel, where creative perspectives open minds and imprint lives...*Infinite Imprints!*

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