Anantara Announces Two General Manager Appointments in Thailand Resorts





Bangkok, December 2015: Anantara Hotels, Resorts & Spas, the luxury hospitality brand for modern travellers, is pleased to announce the appointment of new General Managers at two of its resorts in Thailand.

Giles Selves has been appointed as General Manager of Anantara Mai Khao Phuket Resort. Giles joins Anantara after 19 years with Starwood Hotels & Resorts, most recently as General Manager at Keraton at the Plaza, A Luxury Collection Hotel & Residences in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Born and educated in the UK, Giles has followed the F&B route to hotel management, having started his career with Starwood in 1996 as a Head Waiter at the Sheraton Park Tower in London. Moving up through the ranks in F&B, his time with Starwood took him to The Westin Turnberry Resort in Scotland, saw him heading up Restaurant & Bar Development for Europe, Africa & the Middle East based in Starwood's regional office in Brussels for five years from 2005, and then moving back into hotel operations as Director of Operations for the pre opening of The Romanos, A Luxury Collection Resort, as well as The Westin Costa Navarino Resort in Greece. Giles then made his first move to Asia in early 2011 as Hotel Manager at the St. Regis Bangkok, a hotel which is owned by Minor Hotel Group, Anantara's parent company, before being promoted to his first General Manager position in Jakarta in 2012.

Giles holds a BA in Business Administration as well as an MBA. An F&B and luxury specialist, Giles has held management positions in both city and resort properties plus has considerable corporate experience and brings a wealth of hospitality experience to his new role with Anantara in Phuket.

On the island of Koh Samui, Lutz Mueller has been appointed as General Manager at Anantara Bophut Koh Samui Resort. Having spent 22 years with Marriott International in Germany, India, Thailand and China, Lutz joins Anantara from his most recent position as General Manager at Wanda Vista Resort Xishuangbanna in southern China.

Lutz started his career in 1991 with Marriott International in Germany, where he gained valuable experience in Finance and Rooms Operations within Marriott properties in the cities of Frankfurt and Hamburg. In 2000 he joined the Marriott International Lodging team for a year as a Project Manager on their 'At Your Service' programme. Following this assignment, Lutz was promoted to Director of Rooms, and continued to work in this role for both Marriott and Renaissance Hotels in Mumbai, Bangkok, Shanghai and Tianjin, before becoming Resident Manager at the Renaissance Wuhan Hotel in China in 2006. In 2007 Lutz was promoted to his first General Manager position at The Courtyard by Marriott Phuket at Kamala Beach in Thailand. This was followed by several more General Manager positions at the Renaissance Koh Samui Resort & Spa and Wanda Realm Nanjing in China, a property he joined to lead the pre-opening team.

A German national, Lutz is currently studying for an MBA in International Services and Hospitality Management with Glion Institute of Higher Education in Switzerland via online learning, and is expected to graduate in 2016. He brings extensive experience to Anantara Bophut from his successful hospitality career to date.