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## Tanja Grandits Performs Her Culinary Magic at Milaidhoo Maldives this March

Baa Atoll, The Maldives. 24 November 2016: One of Switzerland's top Michelin-starred chefs, Tanja Grandits, is swapping Alpine landscapes for ocean views and heading to the luxury boutique resort Milaidhoo Maldives next March. Renowned for dishes that celebrate colour, texture and spices, her results have earned her an international reputation and two Michelin stars. From 4 to 11 March 2017, food lovers will have the chance to find out just how the change of scenery will inspire her.

While at Milaidhoo, Tanja will host a dinner at the resort's signature restaurant, Ba'theli for 18 lucky diners. Ba'theli sits on stilts over the lagoon and is shaped like a traditional wooden sailing boat used in the Maldives to travel the maritime spice routes; a fitting choice given that Tanja's cuisine has a strong focus on spices. Tanja will also bring her outstanding culinary talents to the Shoreline Grill for a barefoot dinner on the beach. Cooking classes, a cocktail evening and a chance to book Tanja as a private chef for two are more possibilities.

About Tanja Grandits: Tanja began her career in Germany at restaurant Traube Tonbach before moving to London where she refined her work in the esteemed kitchens at Claridge's. She moved to Switzerland in 2001 to open her own restaurant where, in 2006, she was named Chef of the Year by Gault Millau. Impressed judges stated: "Tanja Grandits sources the world's most refined spices and flavours for her small and quaint country inn. She wows her guests with dishes that are both imaginative and straightforward". When the legendary Stucki restaurant needed a new chef in 2008, Tanja was a shoo-in. Together with her young daughter and her husband René Graf, she moved to Basel to continue the excellent culinary reputation of the restaurant, winning two Michelin stars and being awarded 'Chef of the Year' again by Gault Millau.

"Aroma Kitchen" remains Tanja's trademark at Restaurant Stucki where she serves up a blend of flavours that couldn't be more exciting. Balancing sweet and sour, smooth and spicy, Tanja takes influence from Asian cooking but adds her own individual flair. Everything in her dishes has been carefully thought out and harmoniously coordinated leaving nothing to chance: not even the colours.

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We tell the story of a small island: Milaidhoo Island offers reinvented luxury and spacious outdoor living epitomizing the true contemporary Maldives. This understated yet undeniably sophisticated 5 star boutique resort spans 13 acres with its design and concept proudly rooted in Maldivian culture. Set in Baa Atoll's beautiful UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, this spectacular, secluded 50-villa island retreat is just a 35-minute seaplane flight from Maldives International Airport. Milaidhoo Maldives is a member of The Small Luxury Hotels of the World.

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