**Women Rule at Nature’s Playground**

In recognition of International Women’s Day on 8 March, we at Niyama Private Islands Maldives are celebrating our women in power. From guest services to media relations to everyday behind-the-scenes action, Nature’s Playground is brought to life by our female colleagues from all over the world.

Niyama Private Islands Maldives is particularly known for its dining experiences in surreal settings. And two of our three signature restaurants are headed by female chefs. Head to the treetops to sample contemporary Asian cuisine presented by Chef Wiparat Pratumma. From her native Thai cuisine with an Indian Ocean twist, to bold Chinese, Indonesian and Vietnamese flavours, Chef Wiparat, or Chef Gai as she is known to guests, has designed a menu with a mix of traditional and modern Asian flavours.

Nest also boasts of a teppanyaki table, helmed by another of our rising stars, Chef Narissara ‘Niki’ Tansomboon. Chopping, sizzling, handling bursts of flame with finesse, Chef Niki illustrates Minor Hotels’ emphasis on female career development: recruited as a junior chef at Anantara Peace Haven Tangalle, Chef Niki quickly worked her way up the career ladder, as well as across the Indian Ocean.

Chef Naomi Wamaitha Kimani takes on a different sort of fire, this time deep in the jungle at Niyama’s Tribal- the only Afro Latin restaurant in the Maldives. Serving up rare flavours from Central, South America and Africa, Chef Naomi handles every detail from the menu to execution. Sample must-try signature dishes from her native Kenya – flame-Warm Ostrich Bobotie, garlic reduction and peppadew puree, or line-caught seabass simmered in tamarind and coconut sauce.

The women in leadership at our resort are multi-talented, multi-lingual, and drawn from all over the world, from the South African Front Office Manager to the Indian Resort Manager, Thai Spa Manager, Seychellois HR Training Manager, Russian Head of Water Sports and many, many more. Each brings a unique skillset, passion and vision, making the Niyama team the success it is – our resort is consistently rated as one of the best in the world, taking last year’s #4 spot in the Conde Nast Traveler Readers’ Choice Awards.

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**Editor’s Note:**

Niyama Private Islands Maldives offers more than a luxury retreat in the Maldives. Going beyond conventional concepts of lavish accommodation, sumptuous cuisines, and personalised service; Niyama Private Islands Maldives presents every visitor with myriad opportunities to create their own exceptional island experience.

With twin islands Play and Chill, Niyama Private Islands Maldives offers you the true luxury of choice.

The Chill island is true to its name; offering new depths of relaxation at the Drift Spa, entertainment under the stars at the outdoor cinema, fine dining experience offshore at Edge and so much more.

While the Play island provides delightful diversions for those looking for more active pursuits.

Whether it be feasting in the treetops, kayaking around the islands or discovering why Niyama Private Islands Maldives is one of the luxurious surfing destinations.

Be spoiled for choice at Niyama Private Islands Maldives.

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