

MALDIVES DIVE RESORT PRESENTED WITH 'PADI OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO WOMEN'S DIVING' AWARD

Dive Centre TGI Maldives & OBLU NATURE Helengeli Presented With PADI Award For Excellence Supporting Female Dive Sports

MALE, MALDIVES, July 18, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In honour of providing exceptional services to female diving, OBLU NATURE Helengeli by SENTIDO, a resort in the portfolio of renowned hospitality company [Atmosphere Core](#), and dive centre partner 'TGI Maldives', once again place the world's most desirable tourism destination on the global map, jointly receiving the "Outstanding Contribution to Women's Diving" award from PADI®.



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Announcing its 10th global celebration, PADI introduced the Women In Diving Initiative, and flagship annual PADI Women's Dive Day, as a solution to increase the inclusivity and belonging of females in the dive industry. The "Outstanding Contribution to Women's Diving" award recognises TGI Maldives and OBLU NATURE Helengeli for breaking down barriers and empowering more women to explore the underwater world.

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First-class hospitality coupled with exceptional dive experiences, positions OBLU NATURE Helengeli at the forefront of the sport in the Indian Ocean, not just for female divers, but for all.”

Euan Blake

Dr. Abdulla Niyaz, Minister of State for Tourism of the Republic of Maldives along with Mr. Matt Wenger, PADI Regional Manager for Maldives & Mr. Ibrahim Shiuree, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Maldives Marketing & PR Corporation (MMPRC), attended the presentation award ceremony held on the shores of Helengeli island. In support of female diving, the resort held a PADI Women's Dive Day Celebration event from 14th

to 17th July inviting ten female journalists from around the world alongside women dive instructors from TGI Maldives.

Acknowledging the importance of the positive promotion of female diving in the Maldives, Minister of Tourism Mr. Ibrahim Faisal commented, "As the world's most desirable holiday destination, we have witnessed our small country transform over the last 30 years. From humble beginnings in our archipelago, we have evolved our island nation to create a paradise for all to enjoy. Today, the demographic profile of inbound tourists is a lot different to the early days. From exploring couples in the 1980s, we now see a mix of all segments including couples, families and group parties - all wishing to experience first-hand the magic of the Maldives.

"As global society evolves - so does the Maldives. It is testimony that in the last decade we have seen the introduction of friends not couples, travelling along with increased single travellers. A large portion of these travellers are female, who wish to escape and enjoy the castaway feeling of freedom and independence only the Maldives can offer.

"PADI's award presented at OBLU NATURE Helengeli in partnership with TGI Maldives, reinforces the hotelier Atmosphere Core's commitment to offering experiences for all. The Ministry of Tourism congratulates the team at Helengeli island and importantly the highly skilled team at TGI Maldives for creating a centre of excellence for female diving. This award recognises all involved as well as the Maldives as the leading dive destination for all divers around the world", added the Minister of Tourism.

PADI's Regional Manager Matt Wenger added, "Positive promotion and support for female diving has been at the heart of PADI's philosophy since our inception in 1966. As part of PADI's Pillars of Change, we are focused on fostering diversity, elevating the healing aspects from the sport and nurturing inclusion so that the underwater world is accessible to all. We are thrilled to recognise TGI Maldives and OBLU NATURE Helengeli for their contributions in encouraging more females to seek adventure and save the ocean".

"We proudly mark the 10th Anniversary of 'PADI Women's Dive Day' with this award to TGI Maldives at OBLU NATURE Helengeli. The award recognises the combination of what we believe is a world class location and overall experience joining PADI-recognised dive sites, exceptional dive centre services and exemplary hospitality".

Receiving the award on behalf of TGI Maldives and OBLU NATURE Helengeli, dive centre Operations Manager Greta Marcelli and resort General Manager Ali Shakir both concluded, "Our partnership here at OBLU NATURE Helengeli continually strives to improve guest experiences, both on the island as a dream destination, and in the ocean as a place of true wonder.

"Working closely with PADI, we aim to provide the safest certified dive courses to encourage those curious to explore wonders of the ocean, as well as escort professional divers to unchartered locations. Receiving this "Outstanding Contribution to Women's Diving" award

marking PADI Women's Dive Day's 10th celebration, is testimony to the efforts made by all the team in and out the water".

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