

## *Baros becomes Culinary Champion of Maldives*

The results of the recently concluded 14<sup>th</sup> annual Hotel Asia International Culinary Challenge held during four days of competition in Male' have established Baros as the top resort in the Maldives for culinary excellence.

The island's chefs won the Best Culinary Establishment Award for Baros by scoring higher than any other team in all of the categories they entered.

Sous Chef Ibrahim Nathif was acclaimed the Most Outstanding Chef of the competition by winning one gold, six silver and seven bronze medals in six different categories. Junior Sous Chef Ahmed Faisal was recognised as the Top Maldivian Chef for winning one gold and one bronze medal. Chef de Partie, Ahmed Naseem, joined Chef Nathif to win the Team Challenge Trophy for Baros. The Young Chef Award for hot cooking was won by Demi-Chef de Partie, Kuku Putra Rubiyanto, 24.

Thirteen of the resort's chefs entered the competition and won five gold, 13 silver, 16 bronze medals and nine merit awards. They competed with 637 other competitors representing 63 hospitality establishments (resorts and restaurants) throughout the archipelago.

The Hotel Asia International Culinary Challenge is an elite A-list occasion regarded as a benchmark that is a beneficial substance-oriented forum for career and business growth. The event was endorsed by the World Association of Chefs' Societies and was judged by a panel of 30 experts from Asia, Europe, Australia, Middle East, Scandinavia and South Africa.

General Manager of Baros, Ahmed Jay, in congratulating the resort's dedicated culinary team, said the awards were especially significant and valuable as they were won in competition with skilled chefs and judged by chefs from around the world. "The recognition of our chefs for their culinary talent in producing top-class dishes complements the awards Baros has won recently as the World's Most Romantic Resort and Luxury Resort of the Year, proving that Baros provides all-round excellence for our guests."



## **About Baros Maldives**

Baros Maldives is a small, lushly landscaped, private tropical island of 75 overwater and beachside garden villas and white sand beaches set in a turquoise lagoon, just 25 minutes by speedboat from the Maldives International Airport. The resort features three gourmet-class restaurants as well as alfresco dining on a sandbank, on an ocean deck shaped like a grand piano, on board a dhoni (traditional sailing vessel) as well as private In-Villa Dining on demand.