

Leadership Bios

Christoph Dueker – Cluster General Manager, Anantara Kalutara Resort and Avani Kalutara Resort

Christoph Dueker is Cluster General Manager of Anantara Kalutara Resort and Avani Kalutara Resort, overseeing two distinctive waterfront resorts on Sri Lanka's west coast. He brings more than 20 years of international hospitality experience across Europe, the Americas and Asia, having begun his career with Four Seasons before holding senior leadership positions with Park Hyatt, Shangri-La and Marina Bay Sands, among other leading hospitality brands. At Avani Kalutara Resort, his focus is on strengthening the resort's laid-back lifestyle identity while creating experiences shaped by its unique setting between the Kalu Ganga and Indian Ocean. His expertise spans resort leadership, guest experience, destination positioning, commercial strategy, weddings and events, and lifestyle hospitality.

Jude Silva – Complex Resort Manager

Jude Silva is Complex Resort Manager for the Kalutara resort complex, supporting the day-to-day delivery of the guest experience across Avani Kalutara Resort and neighbouring Anantara Kalutara Resort. His role focuses on bringing together operational teams, service standards and resort experiences to ensure both properties retain their individual identities while benefiting from the possibilities of a shared waterfront destination. At Avani Kalutara, this means supporting an easy-going resort experience where families, couples and friends can move naturally between dining, recreation, watersports and relaxed time by the river and ocean. His areas of expertise include resort operations, guest experience, service delivery and multi-property operational coordination.

Ashane Fernando – Complex Director of Operations

Ashane Fernando is Complex Director of Operations for the Kalutara resort complex, supporting operational strategy and coordination across Avani Kalutara Resort and Anantara Kalutara Resort. With a strong background in hospitality sales and commercial development, he brings a commercially focused perspective to operations, combining an understanding of market needs and guest expectations with day-to-day resort delivery. At Avani Kalutara, his role supports the resort's laid-back west coast lifestyle across family stays, social spaces, activity-led experiences, events and group business. His areas of expertise include resort operations, sales and commercial strategy, guest experience, service standards, operational planning and cross-functional leadership, helping ensure that commercial opportunities are translated into well-executed and consistent guest experiences.

Ashran Amit – Complex Director of Food & Beverage

Ashran Amit is Complex Director of Food & Beverage for Avani Kalutara Resort and Anantara Kalutara Resort, leading the overall food and beverage strategy across both properties. His role spans concept development, commercial performance, restaurant and bar operations, banqueting, events and the continued evolution of the resorts' dining experiences. At Avani Kalutara, he helps shape a relaxed and social food and beverage experience that reflects the resort's laid-back west coast character, while continuously developing concepts and experiences that respond to evolving guest preferences and



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market trends. His areas of expertise include F&B strategy, restaurant and beverage operations, revenue development, event dining, concept creation and building distinctive culinary experiences that strengthen each resort's positioning while remaining connected to the destination.

Rajindra Daniel – Area Director of Sales

Rajindra Daniel is Area Director of Sales for Minor Hotels in Sri Lanka, supporting the commercial positioning of the resort portfolio across key domestic, regional and international markets. His role encompasses travel trade relationships, leisure business, group travel, destination weddings, MICE and strategic sales partnerships. At Avani Kalutara Resort, his commercial focus supports the property's positioning as an accessible west coast lifestyle resort for leisure stays, social escapes, meetings and destination celebrations. He also plays a key role in developing relationships across priority markets and connecting the resort's accommodation, waterfront venues and experiences with relevant business opportunities.

Dhanusha Konarathna – Cluster Marketing & Communications Manager

Dhanusha Konarathna is Cluster Marketing & Communications Manager for Anantara Kalutara Resort, Anantara Peace Haven Tangalle Resort and Avani Kalutara Resort, leading marketing communications across three Minor Hotels properties in Sri Lanka. His role spans integrated marketing campaigns, public relations, digital and social media, content development, brand partnerships, media and influencer engagement, and destination-led storytelling. At Avani Kalutara, his focus is strengthening the resort's laid-back lifestyle identity and building visibility around its river-and-ocean setting, family and social travel, dining, experiences, destination weddings and west coast positioning. He works closely with commercial and operational teams to translate resort experiences into relevant stories across owned, earned and digital channels.

Manujaya Edirisinghe – Executive Chef

Manujaya Edirisinghe is Executive Chef at Avani Kalutara Resort, leading the resort's culinary direction and kitchen operations. His role supports a dining philosophy that keeps food approachable, social and connected to Sri Lanka, while balancing local flavours with international favourites for the resort's diverse mix of guests. His areas of expertise include menu development, Sri Lankan cuisine, international dining, culinary operations, event and banquet menus, and creating food experiences that complement Avani Kalutara's relaxed west coast character.

Jayantha P. Gunawardena – Front Office Manager

Jayantha P. Gunawardena is Front Office Manager at Avani Kalutara Resort, overseeing one of the most important touchpoints in the guest journey, from arrival and departure to guest relations and day-to-day resort assistance. His role centres on making stays feel easy and welcoming while connecting guests with the experiences, activities and local knowledge that define a holiday in Kalutara. With the resort welcoming families, couples, friends and international leisure travellers, the front office team plays an important role in personalising each stay and helping guests experience both the property and wider destination at their own pace. His expertise includes guest relations, service delivery, front office operations and destination knowledge.

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Chanaka Edirisinghe – Cluster Director of People & Culture

Chanaka Edirisinghe is Cluster Director of People & Culture for Minor Hotels Sri Lanka, overseeing the people and culture strategy across the group's Sri Lankan resort portfolio. His role focuses on talent development, employee engagement, organisational culture, learning and development, workforce planning and building strong teams that support both operational performance and meaningful guest experiences. At Avani Kalutara Resort, he helps ensure the resort's relaxed and welcoming service culture is supported by engaged colleagues and effective people practices. His work also contributes to wider community, environmental and social initiatives across the Sri Lankan resorts, connecting colleague engagement with Minor Hotels' broader commitment to responsible hospitality.

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About Avani Kalutara Resort

Avani Kalutara Resort is a laid-back lifestyle beach resort on Sri Lanka's west coast, set on a peninsula between the Kalu Ganga lagoon estuary and the Indian Ocean. A design inspired by Geoffrey Bawa in his iconic Tropical Modern style, the resort features 105 rooms, suites and private pool suites, relaxed dining and social spaces, lagoon watersports, the Glider Adventure Tower and AvaniFit, with access to dining and Anantara Spa at neighbouring Anantara Kalutara Resort. Families, couples and friends can move easily between active days, pool time, sunset drinks and easy-going coastal living, just 20 minutes from Bentota and approximately 90 minutes from Bandaranaike International Airport.

About Avani Hotels & Resorts

Avani Hotels & Resorts is a contemporary lifestyle brand by Minor Hotels, designed for the way travellers experience the world today. With a focus on balance between style and comfort, design and function, service and privacy, Avani offers vibrant social spaces, stylish rooms that simply work, locally inspired dining and warm, upbeat hospitality. With properties across Asia, the Middle East, Europe, Africa and Australia, Avani continues to create easy-going stays and memorable experiences for modern travellers, delivered with a genuine smile and a cheeky wink.

Avani is part of global hospitality group [Minor Hotels](#) and a member of the [GHA DISCOVERY](#) loyalty programme.

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About Minor Hotels

Minor Hotels is a global leader in the hospitality industry with over 640* hotels, resorts and branded residences across 59 countries. The group crafts innovative and insightful experiences through its hotel brands Anantara, Elewana Collection, The Wolseley Hotels, Tivoli, Minor Reserve Collection, NH Collection, nhow, Avani, Colbert Collection, NH, Oaks and iStay – and a diverse portfolio of restaurants and bars, travel experiences and spa and wellness brands. With over four decades of expertise, Minor

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**Property count includes operating properties as well as committed developments through ownership, joint ventures, signed leases and management agreements.*

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