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New General Manager Erik Billgren Takes the Helm at Luxury Anantara Koh Yao Yai Resort & Villas



▲ Erik Billgren_General Manager_Anantara Koh Yao Yai Resort and Villas

Minor Hotels has appointed seasoned hotelier Erik Billgren as General Manager of Anantara Koh Yao Yai Resort & Villas. The multi-award-winning resort, a member of The Leading Hotels of the World, is set on Koh Yao Yai, one of Thailand's last truly unspoiled islands. Erik brings extensive experience from across Asia, with a strong focus on service excellence, luxury hospitality and sustainable operations.

A graduate of Australia's prestigious Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School, Erik has spent the last two decades specialising in Asian hospitality. He brings well-rounded

expertise, with time spent in F&B, sales, investment and consultancy allowing him a uniquely holistic and collaborative approach.

In 2021, Erik joined Minor Hotels as General Manager of Anantara Mui Ne Resort in Vietnam. This was followed by posts at Anantara Quy Nhon Villas, also in Vietnam, and Anantara Peace Haven Tangalle Resort in Sri Lanka, both beacons of luxury with stunning beachfront settings in private coves.

Erik is committed to elevating the Anantara Koh Yao Yai experience even further, offering guests world-class facilities and authentic immersions in island life that showcase Koh Yao Yai's diverse beauty and culture.

He will also focus on the resort's commitment to its partners in the industry, strengthening relationships with trade partners, travel advisors, corporate clients, MICE and wedding organisers. An open-door approach and dedication to creating new opportunities promises to drive mutual business growth and expand the resort's presence in key markets.

"I am humbled to be given the opportunity to lead one of Anantara's flagship properties in Southern Thailand," says Erik Billgren. "Anantara Koh Yao Yai Resort & Villas is truly unique and has an exceptional team in place. The combination of nature and culture, combined with a world-class product and commitment to total guest satisfaction, is the foundation of what will make the resort continue to grow in success in the years ahead."

"Erik brings a unique vision to hospitality, as well as a proven track record of success," says Dillip Rajakarier, Group CEO of Minor International. "We are delighted he takes the helm of one of our most high-profile Thailand properties, and look forward to seeing him take it to even greater heights."

Anantara Koh Yao Yai Resort & Villas is an all-suite, villa and penthouse sanctuary located on a private stretch of beach on Thailand's last unspoiled island. It can be reached by speedboat in only 35 minutes from Phuket or 30 minutes from Krabi.

For more information, or to reserve your stay, visit anantara.com/koh-yao-yai-phuket or email kohyaoyai@anantara.com.

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