

## A little info about Klaus

Klaus, an Austrian by birth, began his culinary journey with a chef apprenticeship in the enchanting mountain town of Bad Gastein. His passion for travel soon carried him beyond Austria—first to southern Germany, then Switzerland, before he joined the Royal Viking Line cruise ships for two contracts.

His international path eventually led him to Thailand, where he took on his first role with the prestigious Dusit Group as a chef. After seven years of growth and experience with Dusit, he moved on to the world-famous Soneva Fushi Resort in the Maldives. He later returned to Thailand to help open the Evason Resort in Pranburi.

Klaus's next chapter brought him to the renowned Banyan Tree Phuket, followed by a key role with the original owners of the acclaimed Zeavola Resort on Phi Phi Island, where he helped design the resort's concept.

After a period with what is now CROSS Hotels & Resorts (formerly Astudo & X2 Resorts), Klaus played a major role in opening the world-famous Andara Resort in Phuket. He then launched his first consulting firm, Mai-BS (Thailand), and later co-founded Andacura Hotels & Resorts. Over the years, he has created numerous boutique concepts and unique hospitality experiences for hotel owners across the region.

In 2019, Klaus faced a serious cancer diagnosis. After a long and difficult journey, he returned in March 2026—stronger, more focused, more creative, and more committed than ever to shaping extraordinary hospitality experiences.

Klaus has a deep love for Southeast Asian—especially Thai—culture, design, and philosophy. He is passionate about creating projects, concepts, and properties that celebrate these influences, blending authenticity with contemporary vision to craft experiences that feel both rooted and innovative.