

## Soneva Hosts



### Eva Malmström Shivdasani Creative Director & Conscience

Eva has the challenging role of creating and overseeing all of Soneva's interior designs. During the 1970s and 80s, she was a top fashion model, appearing on the covers of more than 100 prestigious magazines worldwide. She also ran a successful fashion brand in Paris called LEVA. Passionate about the environment and sustainability, Eva's real flair is in her impeccable taste, innovative and unconventional ideas and her overall daring approach that ensures a different 'feel' for every project. Her attention to detail is legendary among her colleagues.

Eva's philosophy marries absolute luxury for Soneva guests with her unwavering commitment to using local and sustainable materials, resources and skills. She personally oversees the design of each Soneva villa and incorporates outdoor bathrooms and open-air living spaces that do not require air conditioning. Soneva's hand-woven interiors fabrics were sourced from a Sri Lankan company that helps rural women find work locally without having to leave their families.

Eva has been a driving force in protecting the natural environment surrounding each Soneva resort. Along with Sonu, she actively campaigned for an end to shark fishing in the Maldives, which was finally outlawed in 2010. In 2014, Soneva Fushi became the Maldivian headquarters of the global campaign, 'I'm FINished with Fins'.



Eva played an instrumental role in banning imported bottled water at Soneva resorts. In 2008, Soneva began producing its own drinking water on site in reusable glass bottles. Fifty percent of the proceeds from Soneva Water fund the work of more than 500 global projects and charities. To date, over 750,000 people worldwide have been given access to clean water as a result of this initiative.

Images of Eva are available at [this](#) link.