

## **Profile Statement of the Shortlisted Elected Director Candidate**

## Mr. Iyaz Waheed Shortlisted Elected Director Candidate

Mr. Iyaz Waheed is a Chartered Management Accountant by profession, who also holds a post graduate diploma in Business Management. He is currently serving as the Assistant Director Statutory Compliance at Universal Enterprises Pvt Ltd. He is a highly reputed figure in the hospitality industry, with a notable service track record spanning over two decades.

He started his career in the industry as Assistant Chief Accountant of Velassaru Maldives during February 2002 after completing his studies and working as a trainee at KMPG Sri Lanka. He continued to serve the hotel as Chief Accountant and later as Assistant Manager until September 2006. Following this, he served as the Acting Financial Controller of Labriz Silhouette Seychelles currently managed by Hilton, during the pre-opening phase, until he joined the corporate office of Universal Enterprises as the Assistant Financial Controller in May 2007. Since then, Mr. Iyaz has contributed significantly to the growth of Universal Enterprises. Over the past 17 years, he has served as Assistant Financial Controller, Group Manager – Finance and HR as well as General Manager – Statutory Compliance prior to taking over his current role, overseeing and leading the Risk Management and Compliance function of the entire group and 8 resorts.

Additionally, Mr. Iyaz continues to serve as the President of Universal Foundation, a charitable organization, since May 2014. He is also a prominent professional speaker who is the appointed Founding President of the Maldives Professional Speakers Association (MPSA) since April 2023.

Mr. Iyaz Waheed is also serving as an Executive Board Member of the Maldives Association of Tourism Industries (MATI) since February 2018 and has represented the industry at different forums. He has also held the role of Private Sector Board Director (for 3 years) and Chairperson (for 2 years) at the Maldives Pension Administration Office (MPAO) from 2009 to 2014.

Mr. Iyaz holds 05 MIB shares.