

PROFILE – MR. M H SINGHAWANSA

Hishan Singhawansa oversees Cinnamon Hotels & Resorts, leading the brand in “bringing the best of Sri Lanka to the world with style and elegance” across its hotel operations. Cinnamon Hotels & Resorts is part of the Leisure Industry Group of John Keells Holdings PLC (JKH), Sri Lanka’s largest listed conglomerate, which operates over 70 companies across seven diverse industry sectors. In addition to this role, Hishan serves as an Executive Vice President at John Keells Group and as a Board Member of John Keells Hotels PLC.

He holds a BSc in Engineering (Hons) from the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka, and an MBA from the University of Wales. Hishan began his career at John Keells in 2008 as a Management Trainee in the Retail Industry Group, where he went on to head Category Management and Supply Chain before transitioning to the Group’s Leisure sector in 2017. With over 17 years of experience in business and operational efficiencies, he is focused on bringing people and capital together to advance the company’s growth objectives. Under his leadership, Cinnamon Hotels & Resorts is charting a journey defined by authentic hospitality, curated guest experiences, and empowering community development.

He currently leads the brand at a pivotal moment of strategic growth and regional expansion. A key milestone in this trajectory is Cinnamon Life, the Group’s landmark US\$1.2 billion integrated resort development, Sri Lanka’s largest private-sector investment which is set to position Colombo as a premier MICE and leisure destination in South Asia. In addition to his executive responsibilities, Hishan also serves on the Board of Directors of the Sri Lanka Convention Bureau and is a Committee Member of The Hotels Association of Sri Lanka (THASL).