



RUWAN SILVA
Director of Food & Beverage

Ruwan joined the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort team in 2016, bringing more than 20 years of experience managing food and beverage operations at hotels and resorts across the country.

As Director of Food & Beverage, Ruwan's role includes management of all hotel hospitality operations, including the property's seven onsite dining venues, bar and pool service, catering and banquets.

Ruwan is a dynamic and innovative leader with a diverse background managing private clubs, city hotels, new builds, small boutique hotels, resorts, and large branded and multi-unit properties.

Ruwan has been involved as a team member and a director in achieving Five Star and Five Diamond awards.

Background and Experience

Prior to joining Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort, Ruwan held positions at luxury properties across the country, including Crystal Spring Resort & Spa, Mountain Ridge Country Club, The Greenbrier Resort, Sea Island Resorts, Starwood Hotels & Resorts and Rosewood Hotels & Resorts.

Ruwan holds a Bachelor's degree in business administration from Ashworth University.

Rebranding

In 2017, the iconic resort completed a \$25 million renovation aimed at evolving its guest offerings. Focused on providing an elevated and modernized guest experience, the project included upgrades and enhancements of the resort's dining and entertainment venues including the opening of The Blind Turtle and McCoys Rum Room.

"The Blind Turtle opening is the first step in a series of enhancements to our food and beverage outlets as part of the overall \$25 million property renovation. Repositioning the physical space of our outdoor bar allows guests to sit back in a relaxing setting while they watch the waves and enjoy a cocktail or two. As an example of our evolving food and beverage options, naming the venue, The Blind Turtle, gives us an opportunity to raise awareness for the issues facing one of our ocean's most cherished creatures."

"We are continuing to enhance our food and beverage offerings for guests through the overall \$25 million property renovation. McCoys Rum Room is the second venue we've updated as part of our rebranding efforts, and its upscale atmosphere and centralized lobby location make it the perfect setting for guests to gather before a night out or unwind after pushing the pace all day."

- Ruwan Silva, Director of Food and Beverage
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