

## A NEW CHAPTER AWAITS THE DATAI LANGKAWI: LEGENDARY RAINFOREST AND BEACH RESORT CLOSES FOR 10-MONTH RESTORATION



September 2017 – The Datai Langkawi officially closed its doors on **4<sup>th</sup> September** as the resort embarks on an extensive restoration project. The 10-month regeneration, the first of its scale since its inception in 1993, will see Malaysia’s leading luxury resort begin a new chapter in July next year.

Guests residing at The Datai Langkawi toasted to its future success, whilst cherishing memories of its legacy and looking forward to celebrating its reopening ahead. Reassured that the resort’s staff whom they have grown to know well over the years await their return, the promise of elevated and authentic Malaysian experiences at The Datai Langkawi complemented by new facilities beckon.

The beloved ‘Datai DNA’ is being preserved by renowned interior designer Didier Lefort of DL2A leading the renovation. Didier was part of the initial Kerry Hill Architects team and developed The Datai Langkawi that many know and love, 24 years ago.

The redesign will include renovations to the resort’s guestrooms, suites and villas; the construction of a Nature Centre; additional spa pavilions; a refreshed retail space; and a fitness centre by the beach as well as an overall enhancement of the landscaping.

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An increased focus on sustainability is underpinned by the construction of a dedicated Nature Centre, which will be overseen by the resort's renowned resident naturalist, Irshad Mobarak; who will, of course, also continue to play a pivotal role in ensuring that the project will have a minimal impact on the treasured surrounding rainforest and its beloved creature inhabitants.

"The grande dame of luxury resorts in Asia looks forward to a new era, and remains focused on reaffirming our island paradise as the most sought-after destination in the region and beyond," said Arnaud Girodon, General Manager.

During the resort closure, The Datai Langkawi will be the first hotel in Malaysia to offer employees advance education programmes with the launch of Datai Invest in People. A tailor-made programme in collaboration with leading hospitality universities, this presents a natural progression for the resort as it continues to grow and strengthen its most valued assets.

The resort's regeneration and activities during closure can be tracked via social media platforms of [The Datai Langkawi](#).

As a chapter concludes, the next certainly promises exciting new adventures ahead.

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## ABOUT THE DATAI LANGKAWI

One of the world's most stunning hideaways, The Datai Langkawi is situated on the northwest tip of the island Langkawi in Malaysia. Located in a 10 million year old rainforest that teems with wildlife, and overlooking the tranquil Datai Bay that has been awarded by National Geographic one of the Top 10 Beaches worldwide, the iconic property enchants with mesmerizing nature, visionary architecture, luxury and bespoke service.

The Datai's 54 well-appointed rooms, 42 rainforest villas, 12 suites and 14 beach villas offer breathtaking views of the surrounding nature. Elevated among treetops, set in the very heart of the rainforest or located directly on the coastline, the award-winning dining outlets pay homage to the exotic flavours and culinary tradition of the region. Leisure facilities include two swimming pools; an award-winning spa and Els Club Teluk Datai - the most scenic golf course in Southeast Asia designed by the golf legend Ernie Els.

The Datai Langkawi is managed by Themed Attractions Resorts & Hotels, an investment holding company incorporated to develop, manage and operate hospitality and attraction destinations.

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