

THE DATAI LANGKAWI ANNOUNCES AN EXTENSIVE RENOVATION PROJECT

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24 November 2016, Langkawi, MALAYSIA – Malaysia's leading luxury resort, The Datai Langkawi will embark on an extensive renovation from 4 September 2017, signifying the most substantial enhancement project since its inception over 23 years ago. To ensure the resort retains its much loved 'Datai DNA', the management has appointed renowned interior designer Didier Lefort of DL2A, who along with visionary Australian architect Kerry Hill, was responsible for the original designs at launch in 1993.

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.

In order to fully execute and expedite the extensive renovation, The Datai Langkawi will be closed for approximately 10 months from 4 September 2017 and is scheduled to complete in Summer 2018.

Leading the renovation programme, award-winning interior designer, Lefort brings with him an unrivalled knowledge of the resort, its structure, history and unique surroundings. He will oversee the overall design concept for the refreshed The Datai Langkawi, including managing the structure of the additional spa villas and a fitness centre by the beach and the remodelling and interiors of the resort's guestrooms, suites and villas. Lefort and his team will also carry out the design and overall enhancement of the resort's landscaping, lighting and signage. This will ensure that The Datai Langkawi honours Kerry Hill's original vision of a luxurious hideaway set amidst a 10-million year old rainforest backed by the pristine Datai Bay.

The overall reconfiguration and creative overtures will continue to juxtapose the natural beauty of the locale with understated functional modern amenities. The new interiors will ensure the ultimate in comfort and style are combined with the facilities that discerning luxury travellers expect. The additional spa pavilions and fitness centre by the beach will further enhance the resort's offering, while the dramatic arrival experience, integrated with the extraordinary tropical surroundings will be heightened with new world-class service standards. An increased focus on sustainability is underpinned by the construction of a dedicated Nature Centre, which will be run by the resort's renowned resident naturalist, Irshad Mobarak.

"This renovation is a testament to The Datai Langkawi's commitment to providing unmatched luxury accommodations, the highest level of service, and the modern amenities that appeal to today's luxury global travellers," said Arnaud Girodon, General Manager of the resort. "Temporarily closing the resort will allow us to complete this refurbishment as quickly as possible and allow our guests to return to our island paradise in mid-2018", he added.

Upon completion of the project, the refreshed look and feel of the resort is set to personify the resort's signature luxury hideaway that distinctively reaffirms The Datai Langkawi as Malaysia's most sought-after destination with unrivalled luxury experience.

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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 years 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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