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Arnaud Girodon, General Manager

Arnaud Girodon, General Manager of The Datai Langkawi, has nearly 20 years of hospitality expertise managing luxury hotels, gained through a career which has seen him spend time in Thailand, Dubai, Vietnam and Malaysia.

A French national who speaks French, English and Spanish, Arnaud graduated from the Hotel & Catering University of St Quentin en Yvelines in Paris and began his career in Food & Beverage in the UK. He subsequently spent seven years in Dubai working as Food & Beverage Director at the Jebel Ali Hotel & Golf Resort and was part of the opening team for Al Murooj Rotana Hotel & Suites as General Manager.

His hospitality journey continued in Thailand with a four-year stint as General Manager of Indigo Pearl in Phuket where he was responsible for the hotel launch and ongoing management. He then opened the InterContinental Baan Taling Ngam in Koh Samui before transferring to the group's Vietnam property, the InterContinental Danang Sun Peninsula Resort.

Arnaud joined The Datai Langkawi in 2014 and has since re-established the resort and launched it in the marketplace, positioning The Datai Langkawi as a market leader in Langkawi. This elevated The Datai Langkawi's renowned Malaysian hospitality and produced record revenues since the hotel opened. Arnaud has spearheaded the renovation project, the first major remodelling since the resort's inception nearly 25 years ago, and is leading the re-launch activity in all key markets.

Arnaud is married with three children, is an avid reader of historical literature and enjoys team sports and an active outdoor lifestyle.

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ABOUT THE DATAI LANGKAWI

One of the world's most stunning resorts, The Datai Langkawi is situated on the northwest tip of the island Langkawi in Malaysia. Located in a 10 million year old rainforest rich in 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 mesmerising nature, visionary architecture, luxury and bespoke service. All of the 121 rooms, villas and suites at The Datai Langkawi, including the five-bedroom The Datai Estate, 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 dining outlets, which include the award-winning The Gulai House as well as The Pavilion, The Dining Room and The Beach Club, pay homage to the exotic flavours and culinary traditions of the region. Leisure facilities include two swimming pools; a state-of-the-art fitness centre; an array of wellness activities; the award-winning spa and Els Club Teluk Datai - the most scenic golf course in Southeast Asia designed by golf legend Ernie Els. The Datai Langkawi is managed by Themed Attractions Resorts & Hotels Sdn Bhd, an investment holding company incorporated to develop, manage and operate hospitality and attraction destinations.

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