



**THE DATAI LANGKAWI APPOINTS NEW GENERAL MANAGER
AS ARNAUD GIRODON FOCUSES ON ROLE OF CEO AT DATAI HOTELS AND
RESORTS**



Malaysia's iconic rainforest resort appoints Stephane Duvacher as General Manager; Arnaud Girodon to fully focus on his role as CEO of DHR, driving growth and expansion for The Datai brand

Langkawi, Malaysia, 4 September 2023: The Datai Langkawi, which is celebrating its [30th anniversary](#) this year, has announced the appointment of Stephane Duvacher as its new General Manager. Mr Duvacher's appointment coincides with the completion of predecessor Arnaud Girodon's move to his role as CEO of Datai Hotels and Resorts.

Stephane Duvacher, General Manager, The Datai Langkawi

Mr Duvacher looks back on an illustrious hospitality career, spanning over 25 years. He started out as a chef, with tenures at esteemed Michelin-starred restaurants, and then moved on to F&B Director and General Manager roles around the world for renowned brands such as Rosewood and InterContinental. Most recently, Stephane was General Manager of InterContinental Mauritius Resort Balaclava Fort.

Well-respected within the industry for his exceptional leadership skills and integrity as well as his dedication to sustainable development and gastronomic excellence, Mr Duvacher brings with him a wealth of knowledge and expertise that will further support the growth and development of The Datai Langkawi's natural luxury ethos and offerings.

On his appointment, Stephane Duvacher commented, *"I am delighted to have been appointed General Manager of The Datai Langkawi. For three decades, the iconic resort has been one of the world's most beautiful... and it is an honour to be joining such a dedicated, legendary institution. I look forward to continuing the exceptional work that Arnaud Girodon has done, including leading the resort through the expansive renovations of 2017 - 18 and concurrent brand refresh, and continuing the resort's commitment to sustainability through The Datai Pledge. It's wonderful to be working closely with all of the team to further elevate the natural luxury*

offerings, market-leading sustainability practices and excellence in guest service and experience.”

Arnaud Girodon, Chief Executive Officer, Datai Hotels and Resorts

The appointment of Mr Duvacher follows the completion of Arnaud’s transition to the role of Chief Executive Officer of Datai Hotels and Resorts Sdn Bhd (DHR), which he has held together with his General Manager position since 2019. As CEO of DHR, Arnaud is leading a range of exciting new projects including the development and expansion of the Datai brand, with an initial focus on the South East Asian region.

Mr Girodon has long been an instrumental part of The Datai Langkawi and held the position of General Manager for almost 10 years, continually striving to deliver excellence in every facet of operations, from sustainable practices and local conservation support to guest experience and superior culinary offerings.

On focusing on his role as CEO of DHR and the appointment of a new General Manager, he stated, *“I am delighted to welcome Stephane Duvacher to The Datai Langkawi team and have no doubt that he will be a true asset to the resort. Having worked with Stephane previously, I know his industry-leading experience and dedication will ensure The Datai Langkawi continues to be a leader of natural luxury.”*

“With Stephane’s appointment, I am thrilled to be able to put my full focus into my role as CEO of Datai Hotels and Resorts, while retaining a close connection to a property that will always be exceptionally close to my heart. I look forward to supporting its continued success as Stephane takes the helm in managing and continually elevating the resort.”

Having opened its doors in 1993, [The Datai Langkawi](#) has long been one of the world’s most scenic resorts, enchanting guests with mesmerising nature, visionary architecture, understated elegance, and Malaysian hospitality.

Situated on the northwest tip of the island of Langkawi in Malaysia, surrounded by an ancient rainforest rich in wildlife and overlooking the tranquil Datai Bay, the resort continues to be an alluring retreat for travellers seeking natural luxury.

Over the course of this year, the resort has celebrated its 30th anniversary milestone with a diverse programme of activations, focusing on three [‘Chapters’](#) showcasing its connection with local Community, Arts, Culture and Craft, as well as Nature. In December, the celebrations will culminate with a series of spectacular events, which form Chapter 4: The Finale.

For more information on The Datai Langkawi’s 30th Anniversary celebrations, please visit the dedicated website here www.thedatai.com/events-and-occasions/30-year-anniversary/, call +60.4.9500 500 or email reservations@dataihotels.com.

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Notes to Editors:

For high-resolution photos of The Datai Langkawi, [please click here](#).

Images left to right: Stephane Duvacher, The Datai Langkawi and Arnaud Girodon

ABOUT THE DATAI LANGKAWI

One of the world's most stunning resorts, The Datai Langkawi, is situated on the northwest tip of the island of Langkawi in Malaysia. Located in an ancient rainforest rich in wildlife and overlooking the tranquil Datai Bay awarded by National Geographic one of the Top 10 Beaches worldwide, the iconic property enchants with mesmerising nature, visionary architecture, understated elegance, and Malaysian hospitality. All the 121 rooms, villas, and suites at The Datai Langkawi, including the five-bedroom The Datai Estate Villa, offer breath-taking views of the surrounding nature. Elevated among treetops, set in the very heart of the rainforest, and located directly on the coastline, the dining outlets which include the award-winning The Gulai House, The Pavilion, The Dining Room, and The Beach Club, pay homage to the exotic flavours and culinary traditions of the region and beyond. Bespoke facilities include The Nature Centre, an educational facility and home to resident naturalists and marine biologists, and The Spa featuring Ramuan treatments, its own Akar retail range, and VOYA facials. Leisure facilities include three pools, a state-of-the-art fitness centre at The Health Club; an array of wellness activities including Pilates and yoga, retail outlet The Boutique, a reserved space to showcase local arts and talents at The Atelier, as well as one of the most scenic golf courses in the world designed by golf legend Ernie Els, The Els Club Teluk Datai. The resort has founded The Datai Pledge in 2019 - a sustainability and conservation trust that supports Langkawi's unique fauna, flora, and communities. All proceeds from The Datai Pledge aid this work and contribute to local non-profit organisation. The Datai Langkawi is managed by Datai Hotels and Resorts Sdn Bhd, a company incorporated to manage and operate hospitality properties in Malaysia and beyond.

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