

PRESS RELEASE

NEW EXECUTIVE CHEF APPOINTED AT EMERALD PALACE HOTEL, NAY PYI TAW AND RESIDENCE@26, YANKON

Myanmar, JUNE 2015 – The Unique Collection of Hotels and Resorts is excited to announce the appointment of **Chef Dario Cattarinich** as the new Executive Chef at the first two properties in Myanmar managed by the company, The Emerald Palace Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw and Residence@26, Yangon.



About Mr. Dario Cattarinich

Chef Cattarinich, who was born in Italy, has always been fascinated by the art of culinary, which has defined his career. With 15 years experience in the hospitality and restaurant industries at various international locations, Chef Cattarinich brings expertise on Italian and Fusion Asian cuisines together with a true passion for the culinary arts and new culinary ideas to bring the guest's dining experience to the next level.

He starts his new chapter as the Executive Chef at The Emerald Palace Hotel and Residence@26 from his most recent role as Italian specialty chef at Etesian fine dining restaurant in Velassaru, a five star luxury resort in Maldives and prior role as Head Chef at Restaurant "La Pergola" in the Gulf Hotel in Bahrain. Before that he has worked in several well-known establishment restaurants, five star luxury hotels and catering companies in Italy, including Italian seafood restaurant "OI'Nè" where he started his role as Pizza Chef and then worked his way up from Chef rôtisseur to Sous Chef, Cucina Sud Italian Catering Company as Head Chef and "Mamma Italia", a fine dining Italian restaurant in North Carolina, U.S.A.

"We are delighted to welcome Chef Cattarinich to our culinary team. With his wealth of knowledge and expertise on a variety of Traditional Italian and Fusion Asian cuisines, not only he will bring his new creations with his own creative twist to please the palates of both international and local guests but also a lot of enthusiasm and inspiration to our team." commented Chef Raffaele Dadone, Group Executive of The Unique Collection of Hotels & Resorts

In his new capacity, Chef Cattarinich will be overseeing all of the culinary operations of both properties and will showcase his extensive knowledge of food preparation with the best quality ingredients and contemporary Italian and Fusion Asian cuisines to express his talent and passion in order to enhance the dining experience for all guests.

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About The Emerald Palace Hotel

The Emerald Palace Hotel is located on Yarzathingaha Road, just a short drive to various Ministries and Pobbathiri Railway stations. Visitors to the Myanmar Gem Emporium will appreciate the 5-minute drive to the hotel and two major shopping centres also located less than 5 minutes away. Naypyitaw Airport is 20 minutes by car from the hotel. Comprised of 46 rooms and 6 villas, The Emerald Palace Hotel is suitable for guests with a variety of needs, including business travellers, honeymooners and leisure guests. The nearby Sunday Walking Street provides a taste of the local culture, while the hotel's restaurant and bar offer a variety of international dishes, cocktails and other beverages.

About Residence@26

Residence @26 is a newly constructed Serviced Residence located in the Sanchaung district of Yangon, situated on a quiet street between U Wisara and Pyay roads, just 8 kilometres from the city's international airport and 4 kilometres from downtown Yangon, with easy access to local restaurants, shopping, nightlife and more. The residence offers a total of 24 units that are divided into three categories including Studios and One and Two-Bedroom Residences with uninterrupted views of Yangon's famous Shwedagon Pagoda, just 1.5 kilometres from the property, all of which are suitable for either long-staying guests or short-term travellers.

Both properties are managed by The Unique Collection of Hotels & Resorts.

For more information, please visit www.emeraldpalace.com and <http://www.residence26.com>

About The Unique Collection of Hotels & Resorts

Formed in 2005, The Unique Collection of Hotels & Resorts represents 14 upscale boutique hotels and resorts, including 12 properties in Thailand and 2 in Myanmar. For more information, please visit www.theuniquecollection.com

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