



Keraton at The Plaza Welcome The New Executive Sous Chef

Jakarta, December 1, 2015 --- Keraton at The Plaza, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Jakarta proudly presents their newly appointed Executive Sous Chef, Donny Kumala. Born in Jakarta, Donny was raised in Indonesia's capital city where people coming from different cultures and areas of Indonesia meet and unite. From early on, he has discovered the richness of flavors from the many different cultures of Indonesia. His passion grew around culinary and has led him to a successful career as a notable Chef.

Graduated in 2005 from a reputable hotel and tourism university in Jakarta, Donny majored in Kitchen and Pastry. He grew his culinary skills and cooking technique in Modern French Cooking and mainly developed his culinary artistry in French and Mediterranean cuisines. Fascinated with the use of local ingredients and enhancing their true flavors, he brings traditional cuisines to a new level and keeps his dishes simple yet elevated with elegance.

Donny is an award winning chef competing in the Salon Culinaire, Indonesia's National Cooking Competition and many other competitions under various categories. By 2005 he entered the hospitality industry as a Commis de Cuisine which then led him to travel to Doha, Qatar in 2006 to work in The Ritz Carlton Hotel. He also had the opportunity to work in other countries such as Italy and the Cayman Island to develop his skills in international cuisines.

Upon his return in Jakarta Donny grew his career gradually becoming first appointed as a Sous Chef in 2012 at a prestigious restaurant in Jakarta. He continued to gain success in 2014 when he became an Executive Chef for two of the most premium restaurants in Jakarta under the same group.

Starting from the 23rd of November he continue his culinary career at Keraton at The Plaza, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Jakarta as an Executive Sous Chef at Bengawan. He will bring his 12 years' experience in culinary to create innovative and authentic cuisines that reflects the very essence of South East Asian flavors, becoming the new fresh face of Bengawan.

About Keraton at The Plaza, a Luxury Collection® Hotel

Inspired by the Javanese word for “palace,” Keraton at The Plaza is a distinct and intimate luxury hotel offering a unique, modern interpretation of the rich Indonesian culture. Rising from the 8th to the 22nd floors of the Keraton building, Keraton at The Plaza is ideally located in the heart of Jakarta on Jalan Thamrin, a prestigious address that includes embassies, corporate headquarters, museums and Jakarta’s high-end shopping and entertainment complex, Plaza Indonesia. Keraton at The Plaza offers 140 spacious guest rooms and suites, including four sumptuous Keraton suites more than 135sqm each. Ranging in size from 61 – 140sqm, each guest room and suite is a haven of Javanese luxury, offering an open floor design with spectacular views of downtown Jakarta through floor-to-ceiling windows. With interior design by SCDA Singapore and the Burega Farnell, the sleek décor of Keraton at The Plaza is inspired by the diversity of Indonesia’s geography and culture, with splashes of color, rich woods, and intricate Batik floral patterns. Artworks displayed throughout the hotel are commissioned to Hadiprana, a famous Indonesian interior designer.

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