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THE RITZ-CARLTON, TOKYO WELCOMES A GUEST BARTENDER FROM ASIA'S NO.1 BEST BAR, THE OLD MAN



TOKYO, Japan – July 9, 2019 – <u>The Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo</u>, is pleased to announce that The Bar on the 45th floor will welcome acclaimed bartender Agung Prabowo from Hong Kong's <u>The Old Man</u>, voted number 1 on Asia's 50 Best Bars 2019 list, as a guest bartender for the first time in Japan on August 22 and 23, 2019. Throughout August, The Bar will offer Prabowo's four original cocktails created for The Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo, using Japanese craft gin and vodka.

Agung Prabowo, head bartender at The Old Man and one of DRiNK Magazine's reigning Bartenders of the Year (Asia) created the bespoke cocktails available for only one month at The Bar. A MOVEABLE FEAST #1964 is created with rotovap sea Haku vodka, and features clear spiced cherry tomato, coconut, basil-tomato seeds and oyster leaf, all in a cheese-wax-infused bottle. THE SUN ALSO RISES #1926 consists of copra fat-washed applejack, rotovap fresh curry infused Roku gin, sweet vermouth sous-vide pandan leaves, and kaffir lime for the garnish. Prabowo also uses the Roku gin for THE SNOWS OF KILIMANJARO #1936 but infused with marshmallows, and blended with lacto-fermented raspberry, citrus and gruyere. Guests can also enjoy his GARDEN OF EDEN #1985 which mixes rotovap honeydew rye whiskey, goat milk bourbon, caramelised sauterne cordial, and orange-phosphate bitters garnished with a mango-oiled edible paper that is burnt to finish table-side.

Originally from Jakarta, Agung Prabowo has always aspired to make a profession of working in bars. Throughout his career, Prabowo has entered numerous bartending and cocktail-making competitions throughout Asia which brought him a stream of accolades including International Bartender Association champion in 2007 and a top-ten spot in the 2008 World Flair Bartending Competition.

"For me, it is about heart and passion" said Prabowo. "Anyone can learn the techniques and follow a recipe, but if the person making the drink is not passionate about what they are doing, I believe you can taste that."

The Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo's Director of Food and Beverages, Jeremy Eyrard commented, "We are honored and delighted to have a world-renowned bartender such as Agung Prabowo joining us at The Bar. We believe this collaboration will add a sense of innovation to our entire hotel and inspire our guests as well as our ladies and gentlemen."

Overlooking Tokyo from the 45th floor of the city's tallest building, The Bar is a destination for hotel guests and residents who want to take in both the skyline and a sophisticated scene. The bar menu features shareable plates and signature cocktails crafted with head bartender, Kentaro Wada and his team. Live music is featured each afternoon and evening. A cover charge of JPY 2,600 (exclusive of tax) is applied from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

The Bar is open daily from 11 a.m. to 12 a.m., and from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and a day before public holidays. For more information, guests may call +81-3-6434-8711 or send an e-mail to rc.tyorz.restaurant.sales@ritzcarlton.com.

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