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Ready to Race?
The Chapman's Challenge 2026 Announces Official Sponsors



Pangkor Laut Resort, 27 February 2026 – As The Chapman's Challenge 2026 prepares to return to Pangkor Laut Resort from 22nd to 24th May 2026, the eighth edition of Malaysia's most distinctive island endurance event announces its official sponsors and race partners, marking a significant milestone in the continued evolution of the race.

Set against the backdrop of emerald waters and a two-million-year-old rainforest, The Chapman's Challenge honours a legacy shaped by terrain, history and the indomitable human spirit. In 2026, that legacy expands further, welcoming solo competitors, relay teams, junior challengers and supporters into a shared island weekend experience. This broadened vision is strengthened by partnerships with brands that share a commitment to precision, innovation and performance excellence.

Among this year's valued partners, Huawei joins The Chapman's Challenge 2026 as Official Timekeeper, supporting the race with precision timing technology to ensure every segment — from island road to rainforest trails, to the open water swim — is accurately recorded. In an endurance event defined by terrain and tenacity, reliable timing forms the backbone of fair competition.

In celebration of the spirit of the run, first-place finishers in both the Men's and Women's Individual categories will each receive a power-packed trio of HUAWEI's latest technology, valued at over MYR10,000.



Designed to echo the demands of The Chapman's Challenge, the prize reflects the precision required to navigate rainforest terrain and the endurance needed to push beyond the final stretch.

At its core is the HUAWEI WATCH GT 6, equipped with a distinctive dual-band GNSS positioning system that delivers enhanced accuracy even under dense rainforest canopy. With advanced health tracking capabilities and up to 21 days of battery life, it supports sustained performance long after race day — engineered for athletes who measure progress in data as well as determination.

Complementing it is the HUAWEI Mate X7, encased in ultra-durable Kunlun Glass with IP69 water resistance — a foldable device built to withstand both rugged conditions and relentless ambition. Its expansive 8-inch display and 50MP True Colour Camera capture defining moments in cinematic clarity, preserving the journey across road, rainforest and open water.

Rounding out the trio is the HUAWEI FreeClip2, designed for recovery and reflection after the race. With rich, immersive sound and a distinctive open-ear design, it is the perfect companion in the quiet moments that follow.

Together, the trio embodies the spirit of the run: precision under pressure, strength in adversity, and innovation forged through endurance.

Adding to the celebration, Motherchuckers will also be contributing six sport apparel prizes across the Men's and Women's Individual categories valued at RM1,500 for first place, RM1,000 for second place and RM500 for third place. The partnership underscores a shared dedication to performance-driven apparel that supports athletes at every stage of their journey.

Beyond the competition itself, the race weekend is enriched by a curated group of race partners whose contributions form part of the official race packs. Aquafitness, Kintry, PurelyB, SUPERnatural+ and Vida provide thoughtfully selected products designed to support preparation, recovery and overall wellbeing — extending the spirit of the challenge beyond the finish line and into the shared island celebration.

As The Chapman's Challenge enters its eighth edition, the strength of its partnerships reflects the scale of its ambition. More than a race, it has become a platform where performance, community and collaboration converge — set within one of Malaysia's private island sanctuaries.

From jungle trail to open water, from emerging junior challengers to seasoned endurance athletes, The Chapman's Challenge 2026 stands as a testament to resilience, innovation and shared pursuit. With the support of its official sponsors and partners, this year's edition promises not only moments of triumph, but a weekend defined by precision, partnership and possibility. Are you ready to race?

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About Pangkor Laut Resort

Nestled in a two-million-year-old rainforest on a private island, Pangkor Laut Resort is a serene sanctuary of luxury. Set in the Straits of Malacca, three miles off Malaysia's west coast, the resort occupies a small part of the 300-acre island, ensuring an intimate escape. It features elegant sea and hill villas, along with private estates, all designed for breathtaking views and comfort.

Declared as 'Paradise' by the late Luciano Pavarotti and voted 'Number One in the World' by Condé Nast Traveller, the resort's philosophy of deep respect and reverence for the natural world rewards guests with a profound sense of peace and harmony with nature. Visitors can indulge in world-class dining at venues, and rejuvenate at the award-winning Spa Village Pangkor Laut, which draws on ancient Malay, Chinese and Indian healing traditions. Embodying YTL Hotels' ethos of Treasured Places, Treasured Moments, please visit www.pangkorlautresort.com to explore more personalised moments, of this treasured place.

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About YTL Hotels

YTL Hotels curates a prestigious portfolio of over 35 award-winning resorts, hotels, and boutique villas and more than 8,000 rooms; across Malaysia, Thailand, Japan, the United Kingdom, Europe, Singapore, Australia, and New Zealand. The group is dedicated to redefining luxury through authentic experiences, bringing its promise of "Treasured Places, Treasured Moments" to life by embracing the culture, character, and tradition of its surroundings; including through its renowned Spa Village, found across select destinations across the globe.

Its collection features some of the world's most acclaimed destinations. The iconic Pangkor Laut Resort—once voted the 'World's Best Resort' by Condé Nast Traveller UK—is now ranked among the Top 15 Resorts in Asia in the 2025 Condé Nast Traveller Readers' Choice Awards. It is joined by The Gainsborough Bath Spa, a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World, which was listed among the top 15 Hotels in the UK. Further cementing this prestige, both The Gainsborough Bath Spa and Japan's Higashiyama Niseko Village, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, have been consecutively awarded the prestigious Michelin Key in 2024 and 2025.

The accolades continue with The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui, which was not only placed among the Top 15 Best Resorts in Thailand by Condé Nast Traveller but was also voted the 'Best Resort in Thailand' in the DestinAsian 2025 Readers' Choice Awards. Adding to this impressive record, Monkey Island Estate, Gaya Island Resort, and The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui have all been distinguished by their inclusion in the 2025 edition of Fodor's Finest.

YTL Hotels' global footprint is powered by key international partnerships. A long-standing alliance with Marriott International encompasses the ownership and management of distinguished city properties, including The Ritz-Carlton, Kuala Lumpur; JW Marriott Kuala Lumpur; The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur, Autograph Collection; Hotel Stripes Kuala Lumpur, Autograph Collection; Moxy Hotels and AC Hotels. This partnership also extends to marquee luxury resorts such as The Ritz-Carlton Reserve in Niseko Village and The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui.

YTL Hotels further solidifies its legacy through a major partnership with Hilton, anchoring its presence in the world-class ski destination of Niseko Village. This alliance is represented by three distinct properties: Hilton Niseko Village, The Greenleaf Niseko Village as part of the Tapestry Collection by Hilton, and Hinode Hills Niseko Village from the Curio Collection by Hilton. The group's collaboration with IHG extends its offering in New Zealand with Hotel Indigo Auckland. In a move that diversifies its urban holdings, YTL Hotels, in partnership with BlackRock Investment, has acquired Singapore's Citadines Raffles Place, which will be reimagined as an Oakwood Hotels and Residences and join the Ascot Hospitality Group portfolio.

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