



PANGKOR LAUT RESORT
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A TAKEOVER TO REMEMBER: PAUL & SHARK'S DEBUT AT PANGKOR LAUT RESORT

PANGKOR LAUT RESORT, MALAYSIA, 23 SEPTEMBER 2025 – From 19 to 21 September, Pangkor Laut Resort hosted an exclusive weekend experience, celebrating the launch of the first-ever Paul & Shark luxury resort takeover in Asia. This marks the beginning of a three-month collaboration with YTL Hotels, transforming the private island into a living expression of Italian elegance and artisanal craft. Framed by the resort's 2-million-year-old rainforest and emerald waters, the weekend captured the essence of Paul & Shark's ocean-inspired identity, setting a refined yet adventurous tone where timeless Italian design meets coastal paradise.

"I am honoured and very proud of this takeover at Pangkor Laut Resort, it represents the first step in a broader strategic initiative that has already brought us to take over beautiful locations across Europe. This marks our first takeover activation outside of Europe and the beginning of a series of exciting new ventures. Asia is a key and fast-growing market for Paul & Shark, where we already have a strong presence and will continue to invest and strengthen our position." - Andrea Dini, CEO of Paul & Shark.

The launch weekend brought together a guest list of distinguished VIPs, KOLs, and media who experienced a series of curated moments reflecting the brand's DNA. Highlights of the weekend included a showcase of sumptuous cuisine, a meaningful tree-planting ceremony and a marine conservation workshop led by Justin Juhun, YTL Hotels' Director of Conservation, affirming YTL Hotels and Paul & Shark's commitment to sustainability.

"At YTL Hotels, our philosophy has always been to create treasured experiences in harmony with nature. Partnering with Paul & Shark allows us to showcase Pangkor Laut Resort in a new light, celebrating both Italian craftsmanship and the natural beauty of our island sanctuary. This collaboration is an expression of our shared values of elegance, authenticity and sustainability." - Joseph Yeoh, Vice President of YTL Hotels.

A Paul & Shark pop-up boutique showcased a thoughtfully selected edit of the brand's collection, while evenings came alive with *aperitivos* and scenic sunset cruises aboard the Princess Yachts available at the resort. The weekend culminated with an unforgettable beachside party at Chapman's Bar, Emerald Bay, where DJ Indah Jonasson kept the beats alive alongside TV personality and former Miss World Malaysia, Thanuja Ananthan, who brought her dynamic presence to the night.

The resort has been reimagined in Paul & Shark's signature aesthetic with shark motifs and the brand's iconic blue appearing on various items such as cushions, towels and bespoke décor accents. Customised pickleball and basketball courts further extend the brand into the leisure world, while villas welcome guests with personalised touches, including signature beach bags. Every element was carefully considered to capture the spirit of the collaboration and create a seamless brand presence throughout the island.

Guests can continue to enjoy the Paul & Shark experience through to December 2025. Complementing the takeover, Pangkor Laut Resort recently unveiled its refurbished villas — from serene overwater Spa Villas to lush Tropical Hill Villas. Interiors now embrace a warm, neutral palette

enriched with natural textures and sculptural wall art inspired by wind and waves, while bathrooms feature artisanal ceramics, stone vanities, rain showers, and upgraded bathtubs. The result is a contemporary yet timeless ambience that sets the stage for Paul & Shark's debut in a Malaysian resort, alongside its flagship store in Kuala Lumpur.

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About Paul & Shark

Paul & Shark is an Italian luxury clothing brand, born from a deep passion for the sea. Founded in 1976 in Varese by Paolo Dini, the brand has grown over the years and is now led by the third generation, Andrea Dini, son of the founder. Paul & Shark's philosophy is based on the "Sense of journey", a voyage shaped by discovery, and on the union between modern craftsmanship and technological innovation, for a perfect balance between heritage and timeless design.

About Pangkor Laut Resort

Pangkor Laut Resort is set along the Straits of Malacca, three miles off the west coast of Malaysia, surrounded by the emerald sea. Here, guests discover a piece of paradise two million years in the making. Of the island's 300 acres, only a fraction has been developed to house this peaceful luxury resort and its Estates. This private island resort was declared a paradise by the late Pavarotti and voted 'Number One in the World' by Condé Nast Traveller U.K. in its sixth annual Readers' Travel Awards Top 100 list in 2003. Here, wooden buildings blend seamlessly into the forest, walls curve around foliage, and roofs open up to allow trees to continue on their journey to the sky. Nature is respected here, almost revered and it rewards visitors in ways that simply need to be experienced. www.pangkorlautresort.com

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About YTL Hotels

YTL Hotels owns and manages a prestigious collection of award-winning resorts, hotels, boutique experiences, and Spa Villages, with a hospitality footprint across Malaysia, Thailand, Japan, Australia, France, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. With over 35 properties and more than 7,000 rooms, YTL Hotels continues to redefine luxury and authentic experiences across the globe. Notable properties include Pangkor Laut Resort, voted the World's Best Resort in 2003 by Condé Nast Traveller UK and ranked among the Top 20 Best Resorts in Asia in the 2023 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards US. The Gainsborough Bath Spa, part of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World's prestigious collection, was ranked the 6th Best Hotel in the UK in the 2024 Condé Nast Traveller Awards. It has also been consistently listed as one of the Top Destination Spa Resorts in the World in both the 2022 and 2023 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards US. Additionally, both The Gainsborough Bath Spa in the UK and Higashiyama Niseko Village, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve in Japan, have earned the prestigious Michelin Key. The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui was recognised in the 2023 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards US as one of the Top 15 Best Resorts in Thailand. Furthermore, Monkey Island Estate, Gaya Island Resort, and The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui have been named in the 2025 edition of Fodor's Finest as some of the Most Incredible Hotels in the World.

YTL Hotels' portfolio embodies the brand's promise of "Treasured Places, Treasured Moments" and includes the ownership and management of several Marriott International properties in Malaysia, Japan, Thailand, and Australia. This also encompasses distinctive hotels under the Autograph Collection and AC Hotels banners. Notable properties within the Marriott International partnership include The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur, JW Marriott Kuala Lumpur, and Hotel Stripes Kuala Lumpur. The collaboration further features prominent hotels like The Ritz-Carlton, Koh Samui, and Higashiyama Niseko Village, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve, which was named one of TIME's World's Greatest Places 2021. As Japan's first Ritz-Carlton Reserve, it plays a key role in YTL Hotels' master plan for Niseko Village.

With each new experience that it presents, the company strives to embrace and highlight the natural essence of culture, character, and tradition of its surroundings. YTL Hotels is the hospitality arm of YTL Corporation Berhad. Visit ytlhotels.com for more information and follow us on our social media platforms for #YTLLTravels.

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