

## Enrico De Martino

Chef de Cuisine at La Scala, The Sukhothai Shanghai



“While cooking I can express emotions and this is the reason why I choose to become a chef, to give emotions to people.”

Enrico De Martino has been appointed Chef de Cuisine at La Scala, a stylish and contemporary Italian restaurant at the Sukhothai Shanghai. Originally from Italy, Enrico is passionate about serving authentic cuisine to every guest, offering a true taste of Italy and an incomparable dining experience.

As the son of an engineer, Enrico had planned to follow his father's steps and pursue a career in engineering. However, the unforgettable experience of kneading dough and making pasta with his grandmother in the kitchen every Sunday ignited young Enrico's passion for cooking, and the dream of becoming a chef took root.

Becoming a chef also realised Enrico's dream of travelling around the world. In over two decades, Enrico has lived and worked in countries including Italy, France, Switzerland, Turkey, and Vietnam, studying and training at local Michelin-starred restaurants, including Restaurant Il Riccio (1 Michelin star), of Capri Palace Jumeirah, The Leading Hotels of The World, Italy, and Capri Restaurant (1 Michelin star), from Le Petit Cervin Palace Zermatt, Switzerland. During that time, he was trained by celebrity chefs and developed a meticulous perspective on cooking and a well-organised approach to food preparation.

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Regardless of the restaurant, Enrico has always been passionate about learning intricate recipes and always keeping an eye on the latest trends. Adopting modern cooking techniques and excellent creativities, Enrico integrates typical Italian ingredients and recipes into his menus to interpret the most authentic Italian flavours to customers.

Enrico has been honoured with numerous awards over the course of his career, yet for him and the team, the best accolade is to provide cuisine that exceeds customers' expectations.

Before joining The Sukhothai Shanghai, he worked as Chef de Cuisine of The Reverie Saigon, The Leading Hotels of The World, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam.

#### **About The Sukhothai Shanghai**

With a passion for genuine hospitality, the hotel continues Sukhothai's philosophy, taking an intelligent approach to deliver personalised service and enriching experiences to worldly travellers. Tending to every aspect of the hotel's services in utmost detail, The Sukhothai Shanghai has enlisted the help of the students from the respected Raffles Design Academy to design its stylish set of associate uniforms. The concierge team at the hotel introduces locally-inspired experiences for guests to explore the city through interactive, immersive programmes, including a series of city walks unveiling the eclectic side of Shanghai, and a tour around the neighbourhood on Kate Wood bamboo bikes that are handcrafted renewable resources.

“Having established The Sukhothai Bangkok as one of Asia's most iconic properties with a loyal global following of discerning travellers, we are excited to have a presence in China and The Sukhothai Shanghai has certainly make the mark in this city with a superior product and service excellence,” says Thomas Schmitt-Glaeser, General Manager of The Sukhothai Shanghai. “The Sukhothai Shanghai's unique character was inspired by the dynamics of this city, and authentically reflected in the design, lifestyle facilities and amenities. The Sukhothai Shanghai is set to become ‘A Place Apart’, offering experiential hospitality through personable service in the vibrant city of Shanghai”.

A member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World and Global Hotel Alliance, The Sukhothai Shanghai forms an integral part of the HKRI Taikoo Hui mixed-use complex, which also includes Grade-A office towers and a premium lifestyle shopping mall, all located in the retail and tourist hotspot of West Nanjing Road and Shimen Yi Road.

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#### **About The Sukhothai Hotels & Resorts**

The Sukhothai hotel logo consists of 22 diamond droplets forming the Chedi design that was inspired by Sukhothai, the first capital of Siam. Each drop of diamond, polished to an identical marquise shape and seemingly finding its own position within the whole represents the individuals of the qualified hotel associates who, guided by intuition yet precise in every detail, anticipate our guests' needs and cater to them exceptionally.

Each property within the brand portfolio remains distinct and uniquely designed while maintaining the essential quality that is the hallmark of the brand.

#### **About HKRI Taikoo Hui**

Located at 789 Nanjing Road (West), HKRI Taikoo Hui is a 50:50 joint venture between two Hong Kong listed companies – HKR International and Swire Properties, with a total investment of RMB17 billion. The development covers an area of about 63,000 square metres, and a gross floor area of about 322,000 square metres, including a lifestyle shopping mall, two premium Grade A office towers, three boutique hotels and serviced apartments, and more than 1,200 parking spaces. It has direct access to Metro Line 13, with Line 2 and Line 12 at West Nanjing Road station only walking distance away. The development is also strategically located next to Yan'an Elevated Highway and N-S Elevated Highway, providing direct access to the Hongqiao Transportation Hub and Pudong International Airport.

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members to reach elite status. Unlike more traditional programmes, GHA DISCOVERY does not ask members to count points towards their next upgrade. Instead, members earn and spend DISCOVERY Dollars (D\$), an exclusive rewards currency. They also enjoy members-only Experiences curated by each hotel and have access to all their benefits and rewards at properties close to home, without a stay, through member-only Local Offers.

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