

#### **PRESS RELEASE**

# THE BANJARAN HOTSPRINGS RETREAT'S NEW ROYAL VILLA BRINGS THE HEIGHT OF LUXURY TO MALAYSIA'S ANCIENT HEALING HILLS

Sunway's natural wellness resort invites global explorers to experience elevated hospitality amid a 260 million year-old rainforest with its new top villa category, blessed with mineral-rich waters



**Ipoh, Malaysia, 10 January 2023:** <u>The Banjaran Hotsprings Retreat</u>, Sunway's five-star sanctuary in Malaysia, has unveiled its new Royal Banjaran Villa – a breathtaking private residence that will immerse guests in a world of tropical luxury and tranquility amid the lush rainforest and healing waters of Ipoh.

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For centuries, local people have understood the therapeutic benefits of these mineralrich waters, which flow through the mountains and are purified by the prehistoric limestone rocks. Bathing in these geothermal pools can help to revitalize the skin, improve circulation, reduce stress and even ease pain in the body. The Banjaran harnesses this ancient wisdom to help every guest achieve complete wellbeing.

Now, guests can blend these natural health benefits with the highest levels of luxury in the Royal Villa, a magnificent 355sqm villa which represents the pinnacle of premium hospitality in Ipoh and sets the stage for life's most important occasions, including family vacations, heavenly honeymoons and extraordinary events.

Having been escorted through the villa's grand gateway and personally checked-in at the entrance foyer, amid exotic gardens, guests will be greeted with Champagne and canapés to create an indulgent first impression. Throughout their stay, visitors can relax in a naturally-lit living space, with two spacious bedrooms fitted with plush beds, premium linens, pillow menus and ensuite bathrooms with "his and hers" vanity areas, intelligent Japanese toilets, outdoor showers and warm geothermal hot spring whirlpool – the ultimate eco wellness experience.



A spacious bedroom and ensuite bathroom with an outdoor geothermal hot spring whirlpool

The bright and inviting interiors are fully equipped with comfy sofas, a large dining area and state-of-the-art technology including Nespresso Barista coffee machines, Bose sound systems, high-speed Wi-Fi and more. Stepping out into the sun-kissed outdoor courtyard, guests can slide into their private pool or unwind on the sundeck with designer Italian outdoor furniture. The pantry kitchen allows a personal chef to create exclusive culinary evenings, from outdoor family barbecues to romantic candlelit dinners. Every traveller who books the Royal Villa will also be treated to afternoon tea and evening cocktails, all served in the peace and privacy of the villa.

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For the grandest gatherings, the Royal Villa can connect to two of the resort's four new Grand Garden Villas to create an awe-inspiring estate with over 1,000sqm of contemporary living space, four bedrooms, multiple hot spring geothermal whirlpools and three swimming pools. This sets The Banjaran apart as one of Malaysia's most spectacular places to stay, dine, meet and unwind, and one of the most exceptional wellness resorts in the world.

"We are delighted to reveal the new Royal Villa, our most spacious and luxurious accommodation to-date. Our resort specialises in physical and spiritual wellbeing, and this new residence provides a sanctuary for the senses where you can escape the outside world and be immersed the natural wonder of these healing hills, with their mineral-rich, health-giving waters. We invite international explorers to enter a new era of sustainable five-star hospitality at The Banjaran Hotsprings Retreat," said Marc Groh, the resort's General Manager.

Nestled in a 22.7-acre valley in the Malaysian state of Perak, surrounded by 260 million year-old rainforest, soaring limestone peaks and hidden caves, The Banjaran is an extraordinary place to relax, refresh and reconnect with the world. The new Royal Villa joins a curated collection of Grand Garden Villas, Garden Villas, Water Villas and Lake Villas, each of which features its own geothermal hot tub, allowing every guest to be immersed in the natural, healing qualities of these ancient hills.

lpoh's pure hot springs underpin the resort's concept of physical, mental and spiritual rejuvenation. The Spa & Wellness Centre presents authentic Asian therapies. Ayurvedic treatments and other unique elements, such as the Thermal Steam Cave, Ice Bath, Crystal Cave, Meditation Cave, Garra Rufa Pool and Geothermal Hot Spring Dipping Pools. A fitness centre allows visitors to stay in shape and the outdoor swimming pool is the perfect place to cool off. Beyond the spa, expert-guided jungle walks will introduce the region's rich local flora and fauna.

For foodies, Jeff's Cellar, the multi-award-winning signature restaurant, is set in the softly-illuminated chamber of a limestone cave, while Pomelo is an elegant all-day dining destination with indoor and alfresco seating, perched over rippling ponds. Led by Ipoh-born Chef Lee Choon Boon, the resort specialises in farm-to-table produce, using ingredients sourced from 100 sqm of organic gardens. As the sun sets, the Star Deck features its own telescope for stargazing and cocktails.

To embark on this new era of natural luxury, please call +60 5 210 7777 or email tbhr.reservations@sunwayhotels.com.

High resolution images of the Royal Villas can be downloaded here.

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The Banjaran Hotsprings Retreat is located just two hours' drive from Kuala Lumpur and KLIA, making it an outstanding option for local and international travellers alike. For more information, please visit www.sunwayhotels.com/the-baniaran.

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