



## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AT AYANA RESORT AND SPA BALI



Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November was an evening of highbrow celebrations as **AYANA Resort and Spa BALI** toasted its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Guests attending the prestigious event arrived to a swinging cocktail and canapé reception at AYANA's twinkling courtyard, before entering the grand ballroom for an evening to remember. Setting the tone for the event, AYANA's owner, Rudy Suliawan, addressed friends with a heartwarming opening speech. The story, which expands two decades, acknowledged the 198 members of the original team who are still part of the AYANA family today. Rudy also took the opportunity to share the exciting news of the opening of 120 NEW rooms at **RIMBA Jimbaran BALI by AYANA**, making the resort the largest hotel in Bali starting 24<sup>th</sup> December 2016!

This outstanding achievement was followed by a second special announcement - the launch of **AYANA MidPlaza JAKARTA** on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. The new hotel, located in the popular business, shopping and dining district of Jalan Sudirman, Jakarta, will be the first sister hotel to open outside of the stunning 90 hectare Bali based resort.

Further announcements included the opening of Tsujiri, the first of its kind to open in Indonesia; a brand new beach club, which will open on AYANA's private beach; 24 new spa treatment rooms, making Thermes Marins® BALI one of the world's largest hotel spas, plus the opening of Authentique, AYANA's new bridal boutique; the redevelopment of Tresna Chapel and launch of AYANA Villa's wedding deck.

With excitement flowing into the night, guests were treated to a unique performance by Canadian singer-songwriter Hayley Gene Penner who flew in to join guests for the special event. Penner, who is currently working on her debut album under her own name to be released next year on Universal music, wrote and recorded AYANA's much-loved theme-song 'Until I Am Back to You'.

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This stunning set was followed by a notable four-course dinner prepared by AYANA’s Executive Chef and creative culinary team. The feast began with warm Hokkaido sea scallops drizzled in a fine white truffle cauliflower purée, served with red bell pepper coulis, salmon caviar and microgreens. Four treasures seafood soup made a fine intermediate course, before guests tucked into a perfectly cooked Waygu stockyard beef tenderloin served with European blue lobster, sweet potato cake, asparagus and confit shallots with porcini mushroom sauce. Finishing the feast was a Valrhona caraibe 66% chocolate dessert with set cream and salted parfait.

Twenty great prizes were given out throughout the evening, with rewards ranging from dinner at DAVA Steak & Seafood and Aquatonic Spa Treatments, to overnight breaks at both **AYANA Resort and Spa BALI** and **AYANA MidPlaza JAKARTA**.

As the evening drew to a close, there could not have been a more gifted ending than a special performance from international artist Tim Hwang. The Korean-American singer and actor is often recognized for his appearance in the 2012 Indonesian drama titled, SARANGHAE, I LOVE YOU, acting alongside Indonesian actress, Revalina Temat. Closing the event, Tim offered a profound thank you to AYANA’s team and guests before lifting the crowd even further through his flawless performance of “You Raise Me Up.”

AYANA’s history is filled with extraordinary moments, and the hospitality group’s commitment to driving tourism in Bali is stronger than ever. The team is looking forward to continuing the next 20 years of AYANA’s story, which promises to be just as exciting!

### **About AYANA Resort and Spa BALI, The Villas at AYANA and RIMBA Jimbaran BALI by AYANA**

This luxurious resort located in stunning southern Bali is a unique award-winning destination for leisure and business travelers alike, whether they seek an intimate couples’ retreat, a fantasy family playground, an awe-inspiring event venue, or state-of-the-art business retreat facilities. With a name meaning “place of refuge” in Sanskrit, the tropically-elegant AYANA Resort and Spa BALI and The Villas by AYANA are situated on the 90 hectare Karang Mas Estate, perched above majestic Jimbaran Bay, seven miles from Ngurah Rai International Airport. Chic RIMBA Jimbaran BALI by AYANA, with a name meaning “forest”, nestles nearby on 20 acres of lush gardens within the same estate. Together they offer 78 private pool-villas, 573 guest rooms and suites, 11 pools, 17 restaurants and bars, 11 wedding venues, 11 MICE and meeting venues and much more, all accessible by complimentary shuttle service, together with stunning design details and unsurpassed service and amenities, including extensive spa and recreational facilities.

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