



The Strand Yangon welcomes new Chef de Cuisine

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French chef Xavier Fauvel joins The Strand Yangon as the new Chef de Cuisine.

Native in French, Xavier Fauvel has a passion of creating seasonal menus and fusing classic French cuisine with the delicate spice of South-East Asia. He will be responsible for the gastronomic offerings throughout The Strand Yangon – one of the first luxury colonial outposts in South East Asia, the 1901 icon of the Sarkies brothers – including The Strand Restaurant and The Strand Café.

As an alumnus of the Lycée Hôtelier Escoffier in Nice, Chef Fauvel knows his French produce from coast to coast. Having grown up in the North of France, in the gastronomic region of Normandy, his entire family takes credit for his passion for cooking. He began by observing and helping his mother and grandmother in the kitchen, while his grandfather was a butcher who went on to open his own dairy and poultry shop.

Xavier began his career in hospitality at the tender age of 12, helping out at his uncle's restaurant, before enrolling the Escoffier school at 16. Now he has moved to The Strand Yangon after three years of serving at Loulou Forks & Glasses in Bangkok where he held a number of chef positions at notable establishments in France including Hotel Edelweiss in Auron; 'R' in Uzès; Nissa la Bella in Nice and La Petite Maison in Nice.

"I am pleased that Xavier has joined the culinary team at The Strand Yangon. He brings with him a lot of energy and creativity, as well as experience in managing kitchen staff and maintaining high standards. I have no doubt that the diverse local ingredients and distinctive regional flavours of Myanmar will provide much inspiration for him as he begins work across both The Strand Restaurant and The Strand Café, as well as looking after our room service menus and bar snacks at The Sarkies Bar at the Strand Hotel," commented Barthélémy Durand, General Manager of The Strand Yangon.

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