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No place like home

The RuMa Hotel and Residences partnered The Edge to showcase its unique art of hostmanship over a private dinner recently

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Located in Jalan Kia Peng, The RuMa is a joint development between Ireka Corp Bhd and Aseana Properties Ltd and is managed by international luxury hotel operator, Urban Resort Concepts. Its name is taken from the Malay word *rumah*, which means "home", and a wealth of details have been incorporated into the property, all of which draw from Malaysia's rich heritage and culture.

In celebration of its recent introduction to the Malaysian hospitality scene, *The Edge* and Ireka teamed up to host a small dinner, taking guests on a dining journey of discovery. Held at The Pavilion, the private dining room on the sixth level of the hotel, the event saw 40 guests converge to experience The RuMa's unique art of hostmanship, which began with copious flutes of champagne during aperitif hour before proceeding to a five-course dinner prepared by executive chef Tyson Gee using primarily local ingredients, including local herbs and vegetables such as *ketumpang air*, *pegaga* and *midin*, tiger grouper from Penang and Malaysian strawberries, and paired with a specially selected flight of wines.

After dinner, several guests took the opportunity to tour The RuMa's sumptuously appointed guest rooms while others indulged in a post-prandial Cohiba accompanied by digestifs in the form of whisky and the hotel's take on the classic gin and tonic.



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Guido Farina, general manager of The RuMa and executive chef Tyson Gee



Roger He of Huawei with Ho

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