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## Les Amis Pastry Chef Cheryl Koh



Pastry Chef Cheryl Koh began her career in the culinary field at Singapore's legendary Raffles Hotel. A year later, she embarked on a global odyssey learning from world renowned chefs.

The Singaporean pastry chef spent two years at two Michelin-starred Lasserre, one of the most famous gastronomic institutions in Paris, before she was appointed Chef de Partie at the iconic Burj Al Arab in Dubai in 2005, with renowned Austrian pastry chef Felix Schmid. Later that year, Cheryl worked with one of Italy's most revered restaurateurs, Chef Alfonso Iaccarino, at his two Michelin-starred Don Alfonso 1890 in Sorrento, and sister restaurant at the Grand Lisboa in Macau.

Extending her expertise to bread baking, she enrolled in her first professional pastry course in 2008, before joining The Landmark Mandarin Oriental in Hong Kong.

At the end of 2010 Chef Sebastien Lepinoy, himself a protégé of legendary Chef Joël Robuchon, appointed her as Pastry Chef at Michelin-starred CÉPAGE – Les Amis Group's first overseas venture in Hong Kong.

"Both the Les Amis group and Chef Sebastien gave me my first opportunity to make my own breads and desserts, and my first experience to run my own pastry section in the kitchen", she says.

Considering Chef Sebastien as her "biggest influence", she explains: "many of my creations are really an extension of working with him as a team".

She again partners Chef Sebastien as Pastry Chef at the group's flagship Les Amis fine dining restaurant in Singapore.

"Coming back to Singapore feels like moving 'home' after almost 10 years, and I am proud to be helming the pastry kitchen at perhaps the most iconic fine dining establishment in Singapore. It's a good feeling and also a big challenge", she says.

Cheryl's experience shines through in her craftsmanship – extraordinary, exquisitely presented artisanal desserts that stimulate the visual and taste senses.

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