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PASÉA HOTEL & SPA APPOINTS KUNAL CHAKRABARTI AS GENERAL MANAGER

Seasoned Luxury Hospitality Leader to Lead Operations, Elevate Guest Experiences, and Drive Continued Growth at Award-Winning Oceanfront Resort

Huntington Beach, Calif. (October 14, 2026) – [Paséa Hotel & Spa](#), a luxury oceanfront resort in Huntington Beach and part of the [Meritage Collection](#), has appointed **Kunal Chakrabarti** as general manager. In this role, Chakrabarti will oversee Paséa's day-to-day operations and long-term vision, ensuring an exceptional guest experience, an engaged and high-performing team, and strong financial performance, while reinforcing the hotel's role as a gathering place for travelers and the Huntington Beach community.

"Kunal brings extensive luxury hospitality experience, a proven record of operational leadership, and a commitment to service excellence to Paséa," said Garrett Busch, president, Pacific Hospitality Group. "His thoughtful, people-first approach makes him an excellent fit as we enter the final phase of our \$17 million property-wide renovation. We're confident his leadership will guide Paséa through this transformation as we build on the award-winning experience we've created over the last 10 years."

Chakrabarti has spent nearly three decades honing his skills in luxury hospitality, including distinguished leadership experiences with The Ritz-Carlton and Marriott International in Asia, the Middle East, Caribbean and United States. Most recently, he led the operations at The Ritz-Carlton, Marina del Rey, achieving record revenue, growing market share, and maintaining its Forbes Travel Guide Four-Star rating. His experience also includes leadership at Dorado Beach, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve in Puerto Rico, where he was part of the pre-opening team and contributed to the resort and spa achieving Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star recognition. In each role, he has focused on delivering personalized hospitality and empowering teams to perform at their best.

"Great hospitality starts with great teams. At the heart of my leadership philosophy is a genuine belief in people," said Chakrabarti. "I've always believed that when we invest in our people, empower them to lead, and build a culture where they feel valued, that care shows up in every guest interaction. Paséa has a welcoming, easygoing spirit, and I'm honored to lead this team as the property enters its next chapter. I look forward to working alongside our talented colleagues and local partners to build on that foundation and create memorable experiences for every guest."

At Paséa, Chakrabarti will be responsible for steering overall performance, guiding department heads, and ensuring the hotel's signature service is reflected at every touchpoint of a guest's stay. With a people-centered approach, he will cultivate a culture of engagement and professional growth, championing team development through mentorship and empowering employees to deliver intuitive service. Focused on building meaningful relationships, Chakrabarti will help enrich each stay while preserving the relaxed coastal character that has defined Paséa for the past decade.

Paséa is celebrating its "Hang 10" 10th anniversary with plans for the final phase of a transformative four-year, \$17 million property-wide renovation. This phase will bring enhancements to the resort's guest rooms, corridors, lobby, spa, and meeting and event spaces, with completion slated for early 2028. The redesigned interiors, led by Stylo Haus, will build upon the property's signature blend of relaxed luxury and coastal sophistication while introducing contemporary design-forward finishes, thoughtful guest-centric upgrades, and refreshed gathering spaces. The revitalization began in 2024 with a \$5 million investment that included the debut of the elevated [Lōrea](#) restaurant and bar, a refreshed rooftop [Treehouse on PCH](#), and a redesigned oceanfront Ninth Island Pool. Led by Southern California-based design firm Hatch Design Group, those updates introduced a fresh coastal aesthetic inspired by Huntington Beach's natural beauty and laid-back surf culture, further strengthening Paséa's position as Orange County's premier oceanfront destination.

To make a reservation at Paséa Hotel & Spa or Lōrea, please visit paseahotel.com or call 855-319-5587.

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About Paséa Hotel & Spa

Holding the distinction of Huntington Beach's only Forbes Travel Guide recognized hotel, Paséa Hotel & Spa is located on the Pacific Coast Highway overlooking the Pacific Ocean and steps from the iconic Huntington Beach Pier. The property features 250 beautifully appointed ocean-view guestrooms and suites; California coastal-inspired restaurant Lōrea and refreshed rooftop lounge Treehouse on PCH; Aarna Spa, a Balinese-inspired spa with indoor and outdoor treatment areas and state-of-the-art fitness facilities; an ocean-view swimming pool; and more than 34,000-square-feet of indoor and outdoor meeting spaces. For reservations or additional information, please contact Paséa Hotel & Spa at 855-319-5587; or visit paseahotel.com.

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