

# *Foreign fare made local*



PHOTOS: HARRISTON

It is safe to say that Malaysians love their food. We are guilty of eating, discussing, ruminating over and fantasising about food at all hours of the day and night. Amongst us, though, there are “ultra-foodies” who have taken it to another level by concocting their own culinary masterpieces to embellish our gastronomic landscape with a touch of flair and a generous serving of “yum”! Allow us to acquaint you with a group of artisanal epicureans who have added a uniquely Malaysian twist to some foreign staples.

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## Chocolatier extraordinaire — *Harriston*



Above (left) and facing page: Harriston chocolates are made from the finest cocoa beans using a mixture of both in-house developed and traditional recipes, offering 150 unique options infused with tropical fruits, herbs and spices

Above (right): Ruby Chocolate is made from the naturally pink ruby cocoa bean which creates a creamy, slightly sour chocolate with an aromatic hint of berry fruitiness, providing a balanced flavour that is neither too sour nor too sweet



**MALAYSIAN CHOCOLATIER** Harriston serves up over 10 million chocolates to customers worldwide. It takes special pride in infusing Malaysian flavours into its chocolate creations especially with its successful exotic range of Durian and Tongkat Ali chocolates which have turned out to be among the brand's bestselling chocolates.

Harriston is also the first to distribute the industry-changing ruby chocolate in Southeast Asia, dubbed as the world's fourth type of chocolate after dark, milk and white chocolate, in collaboration with world-leading chocolate manufacturer Barry Callebaut.

Today, the company offers 150 chocolate variants that can be obtained through Harriston Signature, its flagship stores in Taman Shamelin Perkasa in Cheras, Kuala Lumpur and in Georgetown, Penang.

Harriston Boutique, an abbreviated version of the flagship stores, can be found at Gohtong Jaya, Genting Highlands and at the Malaysian Tourism Centre (MaTIC), Ampang in KL while Harriston Chocolatier, the latest addition to the family boasting unique and delicious pralines, is located at The LINC KL at Jalan Tun Razak.

The largest homegrown chocolate maker in Malaysia was founded in 2005 by local entrepreneur SC Teng, who has loved

chocolates since he was a child and realised from a young age that chocolates make people smile.

The brand Harriston was inspired by George Harrison, famed guitarist from The Beatles, whom Teng is a huge fan of. Fuelled with passion and enthusiasm, he decided to name the company after something or someone that inspires him, and instead of naming the company Harrison, he took the letter "T" from Teng and coined "Harriston".

Harriston is now managed by the second generation of the Teng family — Queenie and Wei Tzyy, who are determined to carry on the heritage and dream.

Committed in sharing the joy and magic of chocolates with the rest of the world, the chocolatier plans on expanding to more outlets in Southeast Asia and Asia. They hope to one day become a recognisable international brand.

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