



HOTEL MAJAPAHIT
SURABAYA



BRIEF HISTORY



Sarkies Brothers : Aviet, Arshak, Martin, Tigran

SARKIES BROTHERS

The Sarkies Brothers were Iranian businessmen who developed a hospitality empire in South East Asia at the end of the 19th century: they opened the “Eastern & Oriental Hotel” in 1880 in Penang, Malaysia, the “Raffles Hotel” in 1887 in Singapore and the Strand in Burma in 1901.

Lucas Martin Sarkies, the son of Martin Sarkies, continued the family tradition by opening the then called “Oranje Hotel” in 1911 in Surabaya.

Lucas was born in New Jaya, Teheran, Iran in 1876. At the age of 11 years old he moved to Dutch West Indies in East Java. He married a Belgian socialite Charlotte Heyligers in 1896.

Lucas died in 1941 in Lawang in East Java and his wife died in 1945 in a Japanese camps in Central Java.



CENTURY OF LEGACY

1900

Lucas Martin Sarkies purchased a 1,000 sqm block of land on Jl.Tunjun gan to follow his father legacy in developing a luxury hotel. He commissioned Alfred Bidwell, a re-known designer, to develop a Dutch colonial art nouveau hotel and disbursed the sum of 500,000 guilders for the project.

1910 – HOTEL ORANJE

The first stone of Oranje Hotel was laid by Lucas son, Eugene, and the hotel opened in style in 1911.

1923-1926

Two wings expansions were completed.

1930

A new Art Deco style lobby extension was added on and the inauguration was made by the Royal Party of Crown Prince Leopold III and Princess Astrid of Belgium and the infamous world star Charlie Chaplin, accompanied by Paulette Goddard and writer Joseph Conrad.

1942 – HOTEL YAMATO

The Imperial Japanese Forces took over the Oranje Hotel and re-named it Hotel Yamato and made it as their headquarters in East Java.



1945 – HOTEL MERDEKA

At the end of World War II, on 19 September 1945 Roeslan Abdoel Gani, with other city officers stormed the room 33 where the Dutch occupation had set their temporary headquarters and demanded an explanation about the raising of the Dutch flag on the hotel's roof's mast. After the independence of Indonesia on 17 August 1945 the "arek-arek Suroboyo" did not want to see their newly independent country to return to colonialism and they rushed to the hotel's roof and tore down the blue strip of the Dutch flag to retain the red & white parts, identifying the colours of the merah putih of the Indonesian flag. The hotel was re-named "Hotel Merdeka" or Hotel Independence.

1946 – L.M.S. HOTEL

The Sarkies Brothers returned to manage the hotel and changed the name to L.M.S. Hotel in memory to Lucas Martin Sarkies, its founder.

1969 – HOTEL MAJAPAHIT

Mantrust Holdings Co. became the new owners and named the hotel after the single most enduring kingdom in ancient Indonesia, the Kingdom of Majapahit.

Mandarin Oriental Group joined the Sekar Group to purchase the hotel and engage into a huge 35 million dollars renovation that took 3 years to complete.

1996 – MANDARIN ORIENTAL HOTEL MAJAPAHIT

The hotel was re-launched under the Mandarin Oriental flag and received an architectural preservation award and became a National Heritage Landmark of Indonesia.

1998

Roeslan Abdoel Gani returned to the hotel to install the flag terrace plaques commemorating the Flag incident of 19 September 1945.

2006 – HOTEL MAJAPAHIT

The CCM Group, one of Indonesia's leading corporate company took over the Hotel and re-named it Hotel Majapahit.

2009 - 2013

The Hotel engaged in renovations to fit the requirements of the modern travelers and received several awards: National Geographic Traveler award in architecture and design in 2009, top 50 World Best Hotels by Maxx-M magazine in 2010, Golden Circle award by Agoda in 2011, Certificate of Excellence by Trip Advisor for 2012 and 2013, The Favourite Hotel in Indonesia award in 2012 by the Tourism Awards of Indonesia.



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