



# The Mercure Pontianak

THE VARYING TROPICAL CLIMATES ACROSS INDONESIA ARE ENOUGH TO CAUSE ANY TRAVELER TO HOPE FOR SOME CREATURE COMFORTS WHEN PULLING UP SOMEWHERE FOR THE NIGHT. SO WHEN ARRIVING IN A CITY THAT LIES DIRECTLY ON THE EQUATOR, STAYING IN A HOTEL THAT TAKES CARE OF ALL YOUR NEEDS WITHIN A COOL, CLEAN AND RELAXED ENVIRONMENT IS CERTAINLY A DRAW CARD.

Whether exploring the various cities across Indonesia or passing through West Kalimantan in Borneo with a briefcase in hand, the city of Pontianak has recently acquired its first international hotel, the Mercure, to welcome your stay.

With its modern design, Mercure Pontianak lies just 15 minutes from the international airport and has a total of 188 spacious Superior and Deluxe rooms, along with three Suites. All standard facilities are catered for including large flat screen televisions, high speed internet connection and 24-hour room service. For entertaining guests or taking time out, the Ebony Lobby Lounge provides just the place for a sitting by the bar or relaxing back into a large lounge chair with a drink in hand. The hotel staff has been well chosen with more personality than is common within large hotel chains and they seem to have a knack for remembering more about your personal tastes than you do. Always a bonus when you wish to be spoilt after a long day.

For dining, the Ebony Restaurant's large open kitchen serves a well rounded mix of Western, Asian and authentic Indonesian cuisine. Originally from Jakarta, Executive Chef Rudy Priawan has an extensive history in the hotel industry and has recently moved from the Bali Hyatt where he was Executive Sous Chef, bringing with him a list of personal specialties

such as the Oxtail Soup, Kerapu Goreng Terbang and Snapper á la Jimbaran.

The most impressive centre of gravity to pull you in at the Mercure would indeed be the pool. Easily viewed from both the restaurant and an upstairs fitness center, 140sqm of water surrounded by 300sqm of decking to soak up the sun or let the kids run loose (there is also a kids pool to cool them down), makes this the place to be when you're not out looking at what Pontianak has to offer.

If business is on the agenda a sophisticated ball room is available with a capacity of 600 pax along with smaller meeting rooms holding complete audio-visual equipment facilities. Other less work-focused amenities include the hotel spa. Designed combining chic simplicity and an ethnic fusion, light and dark brown tones create a relaxing nuance for rekindling the body's energy.

Mercure Pontianak also consists of its own Business Centre which includes a number of professional services including a Garuda office for ticket purchasing or confirmations, making things easy for those with not much time on their hands. For those that do, local sites to check out include the equator monument, the Kraton, Kapuas River and the Museum of West Kalimantan. The hotel is also just a short stroll from the biggest shopping mall in town. **FRV**



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