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Andrew Forrest-owned Cape Lodge appoints Tristan Jahme as new general manager

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📷 New Cape Lodge general manager Tristan Jahme. Credit: Shots By Ovis



Big changes are afoot since Andrew Forrest bought Cape Lodge, with the region’s most exclusive boutique offering naming a new general manager this week.

Tristan Jahme will make the switch from his role as lodge manager at Ningaloo’s Sal Salis to take up the reins at the five-star resort, with veteran Drew Bernhardt moving on to his next chapter.

Publicists for Cape Lodge, which was snapped up by mining magnate Mr Forrest at the end of 2021, said Mr Jahme was a previous manager of properties within the coveted luxury

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The Zimbabwe native has more than 15 years luxury tourism experience and was called a taste of more changes to come.

“This appointment marks an important milestone for the iconic Margaret River property as it enters a bold chapter of evolution,” the company said.

Mr Jahme said he was thrilled at the opportunity to sign on.

“Cape Lodge is renowned for its understated elegance and it has been central to establishing the reputation of Margaret River, and in particular Caves Road, as a hub of world-class wine-centric experiences,” he said.

“My focus will be on the Margaret River property, but it’s great to know Cape Lodge is in very good company in Z1Z’s portfolio alongside Australia’s most awarded wellness retreat, Gaia, in the hinterland of Byron Bay, as well as the newly-opened Indigo Oscar, which was awarded an Australian Good Food Guide hat in its first year of operation.”

Mr Jahme said his past experiences in luxury tourism, which included time at Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts, would inform his leadership.

“I look forward to being at the helm of this iconic lodge as it enters a bold new chapter,” he said.

“There is an opportunity to further elevate the core guest experience at Cape Lodge, including the integration of premium wellness services.

“We will also continue to evolve the culinary philosophy at our coveted lakeside restaurant, which was awarded two hats by the Australian Good Food Guide this year.”

The hotel recently appointed ex-NOMAD Sydney head chef Adam Robson to its restaurant as part of the ongoing revival of the site.

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