

PRESS RELEASE**For immediate release****VAGABOND BRINGS TO JAKARTA A BAR WITH PERSONALITY AND EXPRESSIVE COCKTAILS FOR THE TASTEMAKERS**

Led by a global collective of hospitality professionals and co-founded by renowned bartender Michael Callahan, Vagabond is a personality-driven bar shaped by global culture and expressive cocktails



Jakarta, 30 January 2026 — The city's nightlife welcomes a new bar with character, Vagabond, a personality-driven cocktail bar shaped by global bar culture, creative expression, and bold human connection. Recently opened on the 25th floor at Multivision Tower, Kuningan, South Jakarta, Vagabond takes nightlife experience to a next level with its philosophy of “Not one place, but many moments”.

Vagabond introduces itself with confidence, purpose, and an expressive space shaped by intention, not trends. It distills a bar experience into a feeling that evolves over time, reads the room, and values atmosphere over spectacle. Early evenings unfold for guests to enjoy various innovative craft cocktails inside elegant rooms and a captivating designed bar whilst the music sets an unmatched vibrant energy and spirit of Jakarta.

A Global State of Mind by Experts Behind the Room

Vagabond is co-founded by Michael Callahan, a globally influential figure in modern mixology whose career spans Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America, with deep experience in major urban markets as well as a strong understanding of island destinations including the Maldives, Hawaii, and Bali. Extensive time spent teaching, judging, and guest bartending around the world has shaped Callahan's perspective, rooted in decades behind some of the industry's most respected bars.

Callahan works closely in curating Vagabond with Payman Bahmani-Bailey, General Manager of Vagabond Jakarta, whose experience spans New York, Los Angeles, Taipei, Singapore, a brief stint in the Mediterranean, and now Jakarta. The two first worked together at Proof & Company in Singapore and helped forge the tone and culture behind the award-winning 28 HongKong Street bar.

“Jakarta is intense in the best way,” says Callahan. “It's social, layered, and emotionally charged. Vagabond isn't about imposing a global template, it's about listening to the city and building nights that feel personal, unrepeatable, and quietly legendary over time.”

“At Vagabond, hospitality isn’t scripted,” says Payman. “It’s about reading the room and letting the night become what it needs to be.”

Together, they help anchor Vagabond as a space that feels intentional yet alive, thoughtfully designed but never overdesigned. Behind it is a collective of seasoned hospitality and nightlife professionals, Vagabond is defined by a feeling and an evolving bar that reads the room and privileges atmosphere over spectacle.

Cocktails with Personality

At the heart of Vagabond is a cocktail program led by intention. The menu features 12 signature cocktails, alongside a rotating selection of modern and classic drinks, including collaborations from industry friends around the world and three communal punch bowls, reviving the convivial tradition of shared drinking.

The drinks themselves are expressive, sometimes provocative, always purposeful. Highlights include Untitled (2025), a layered rum cocktail inspired by Jean-Michel Basquiat’s raw-meets-refined legacy; The Beagle, a freezer martini that evolves as a brined ice sphere melts, nodding to Charles Darwin and transformation over time; and The Whizzer, a clarified, carbonated cocktail built with garam masala gin and chicken stock—unexpected, distinctive, and exactly the point.

“These aren’t cocktails designed to impress quietly,” says the team. “They’re designed to spark conversation.”

A Stage of Expression

More than a cocktail bar, Vagabond is a platform for energy and expression. The venue features a dedicated stage and evolving programming, from DJs and curated music journeys to ritual-led moments and interactive experiences.

Throughout the night, carefully timed rituals punctuate the experience, subtly shifting the room’s energy and keeping guests engaged without ever feeling managed. Some moments are planned. Others are spontaneous. All are designed to make the night feel alive. Vagabond enters Jakarta’s nightlife scene not in competition, but in conversation. It’s a contribution in presenting a different flavour in an already vibrant ecosystem. Worldly but not aloof. Refined but not stiff. Confident without needing to announce it.

Vagabond is for those who live between places, between conversations, between plans. For people who value atmosphere over attention, memory over performance, and nights that can’t quite be replicated.

Because some stories aren’t meant to be posted. They’re meant to be lived.

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Address: Multivision Tower Lt.25, Jl. Kuningan Mulia Lot 9B, Jakarta Selatan

Hours:

- Tue: 6PM–2AM
- Wed–Sat: 6PM–3AM
- Sun: 6PM–2AM
- (Mon closed)

Reservations & walk-ins welcome

Instagram: [@vagabond.jkt](https://www.instagram.com/vagabond.jkt)

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About Vagabond

Vagabond is a cocktail bar in Jakarta built around the idea that atmosphere is as important as the drink itself. Operating as a space of deliberate transitions, Vagabond is designed to shift in tone, tempo, and energy as the night unfolds, guided by precise hospitality, music curation, and ritual-led programming.

Co-founded by bartender and industry figure Michael Callahan, Vagabond reflects decades of experience across international bar scenes without replicating any single city or format. The focus is on intention: cocktails made with purpose, service rooted in discretion, and an environment that encourages genuine connection rather than performance.

Positioned at the intersection of refined cocktail craft and late-night culture, Vagabond functions as both a cocktail lounge and an evolving nightlife space. Its approach prioritises memory over visibility, experience over spectacle, and contribution over competition within Jakarta's growing bar ecosystem.

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