



Biography – MJ

Marjon (MJ) Olguera has over a decades experience as a chef, and has been working with international restaurateur, Luke Mangan, since 2004. As one of Luke's most outstanding protégés, MJ was appointed Head Chef at The Palace by Luke Mangan in 2009, and has full responsibility of all culinary operations at the establishment.

Prior to working at The Palace by Luke Mangan, MJ worked at Salt Tokyo for two years, playing an instrumental role in its opening. He also worked with Luke at Glass Brasserie at the Sydney Hilton and Bistro Lulu in Paddington, and has assisted Luke at functions for Richard Branson and Danish Crown Prince Frederik and Princess Mary of Copenhagen. Together with Luke, MJ travelled to Singapore for the Sun Festival and Hong Kong for a Suisebank function, and competed in the MLA Chef's Challenge in Dubai (2008), representing Salt Tokyo.

Prior to working with Luke, MJ completed his chef apprenticeship at Appellation (Hunter Valley), One Broke Road (Hunter Valley) and Whale Beach Restaurant (Sydney) respectively.

MJ was born in 1981 and grew up in the small town of Singleton in the Hunter Valley in New South Wales. He moved to Sydney when he was twenty and is currently based in Melbourne.