

# MEET THE TEAM

*Fairmont Pacific Rim's accomplished Sales & Catering team*



*CHANTAL BARBUCCI, Director of Sales & Events*

Originally from Montreal, Chantal began her tourism career in 1980. Her journey took her to Tokyo and Dubai before returning to Vancouver in 2010 for the opening of Fairmont Pacific Rim. Over the last 20 years with Accor, Chantal has successfully managed incentive programs from around the globe and has earned several awards for her sales achievements. Passionate about creating memorable experiences for every guest, she has led a dedicated team to becoming the #1 hotel in Vancouver.



*MERINA CHANDRA, Wedding & Special Events Manager*

Merina began her career in makeup, bridal fashion and wedding planning, with a makeup diploma from Blanche Macdonald and a certificate in Event Management from Vancouver Community College. She joined us from the Fairmont Vancouver Airport and has been planning show-stopping weddings ever since. She enjoys being able to assist couples create their perfect event and design it to be unique. She loves finding something special about them and incorporating it into little details to make their day extraordinary.



*MICHELE GONZALEZ, Catering Sales Manager*

Michele is originally from Miami, FL. In 2011 she moved to Boston to begin her career with Fairmont as an Assistant Front Office Manager. She holds a Bachelor's of Science in Finance and a Bachelor's in Hospitality & Tourism Management. What she loves best about her job is collaborating with a talented team to create unique events for guests, which leave them with unforgettable memories for years to come.



*ELENA TARAN, Executive Meetings Sales Manager*

Elena was born in the Ukraine and moved to Canada 1991. She began her hospitality career at Fairmont Pacific Rim in 2016 when she joined the team as the Executive Meetings Manager. She holds a diploma in Criminal Justice from Langara College and previously worked in digital sales. Elena's favourite part about her job is the intimate interaction she has with each guest to help plan and execute their meeting or event.