

Homes Overseas Award Winners

The Homes Overseas Awards is the highly coveted UK event which reveals the crème de la crème of the overseas property industry.

The gala dinner event recently held at London's prestigious Grosvenor House Hotel was attended by project developers and agents worldwide.



The Village Coconut Island



Sivana Hills Luxury Pool Villas

Sivana Hills Luxury Pool Villas in Hua Hin won the silver award in the Best Development Thailand category. Sivana Hills, by Bangkok Living Development, is the second development by the Thai company. With interiors and exteriors designed by some of the top firms in Thailand, the award comes as an exclusive edge to the project and proves the success of the overall concept.

The Village Coconut Island came away as winners for the second year running and collected two awards – gold for Best Development Thailand and a silver award for Best Landscape Design.

The Village Coconut Island, is being developed on Coconut Island just 650 metres off the east coast of Phuket.

30 New Hotels Set to Open in Phuket

Development of new Phuket hotel properties remains strong. Thirty new hotels are at various stages of development with over 4,918 rooms due to hit the supply side over the next three years through 2011, according to market research conducted by leading Thailand hospitality consulting firm, C9 Hotelworks. 2009 is set to see the largest surge in supply with 38% or 1,850 new rooms scheduled to open.

Managing director of C9 Hotelworks Bill Barnett commented, “The hotel market in Phuket is seeing a strong shift of new properties at the northern end of the island in particularly Mai Khao and now even over the bridge into Phang Nga. The east coast and Phang Nga bay are set to define a new era of luxury properties at the back of offerings which include The Yamu, Jumeriah Private Island and Taj Exotica.

“There remains growing concern on possible oversupply issues facing the island in the coming years and what is currently a sleeping giant, in terms of supply growth, is the conversion of exclusive villas and condos, in the non-traditional accommodation segment, becoming a direct competitor to the mainstream hotel market.”



Bill Barnett

Hospitality Award Winners at HAPA



Phuket's distinctive lifestyle resort, Indigo Pearl, has been voted 'Best Design Concept' in south east Asia in the prestigious annual Hospitality Asia Platinum Awards (HAPA). The accolade recognised the 5-star resort's unique fusion of modern architecture and Thai tin-mining heritage, designed by internationally renowned architect Bill Bensley.

Millennium Hilton Bangkok was awarded three highly coveted awards – 'HAPA Thailand Best Business Hotel', 'HAPA Thailand Service Excellence' and the 'HAPA Thailand General Manager of the Year' at the event.

The Hospitality Asia Platinum Awards (HAPA) are organised by World Asia Publishing (WAP), which publishes the leading hospitality magazine, Hospitality Asia, honouring the region's most outstanding hotels and resorts.



Euro Creations Launch PANELZ Furniture

Euro Creations Company Limited, the importer of international brand furniture, recently launched PANELZ the kitchen furniture and wardrobes brand from Singapore that can answer individual lifestyle demands with creative design. The full collection of PANELZ kitchen and wardrobe systems, i-FORMZ Collections and many other furnishing accessories are now available at Euro Creations at 5th floor Thonglor Gallery, Bangkok.



Malaysian celebrity designer Eric Leong recently launched a new environmentally friendly fashion range called Eco Chic. Eco Chic by Eric Leong for OfficialXS.com is their new campaign collection to promote and emphasize how they are doing their part to contribute back to the environment.

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Eco Chic by its name represents Eric Leong's motto of "Going Green". Eric's perspective is to create a collection that is environmentally friendly and also serves to promote his perseverance to do his part as a responsible individual to help save the environment.

Wild West Balloon Festival



Thailand's International Balloon Festival recently took place at the scenic Pak Chong in Khao

Yai amongst a mixture of vast rolling hills, 360 degree panoramic mountain views and native wildlife. The internationally acclaimed extravaganza is in its second year and already attracts over 300,000 spectators who watch the skies with awe and delight. The festival showcases a colourful fleet of 60 hot-balloons coming from all over the world, including the USA, UK, Germany, France, Italy, and Malaysia. The event had a "Wild West" theme, entertaining audiences with displays of western, country-style

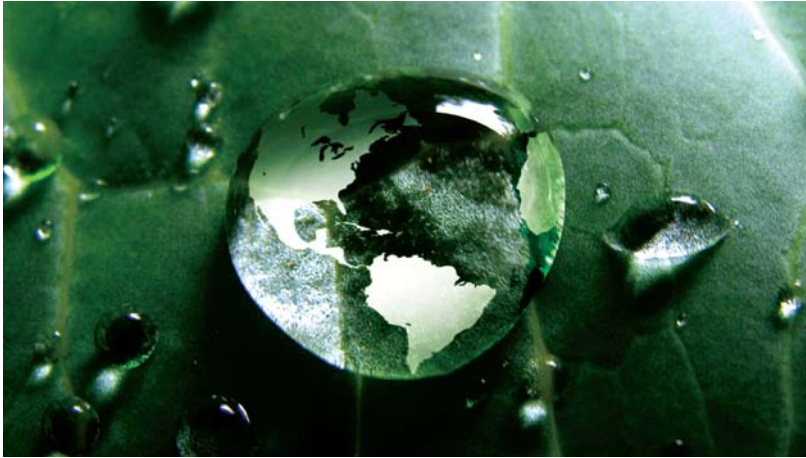


amusements including rope spinning, horses riding, cowboy shows and many more! Spectators were also amazed by the head-swerving aerobatic displays by paramotors at this fun-filled festival.



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Nature And Spirit At Phangan Film Festival



Organised by world travellers, the Phangan Film Festival grew from a love for meaningful independent film making. Now in its second year, the PFF is committed to providing the local community as well as travellers to this beautiful tropical island with a diverse presentation of high-quality independent films from around the world. This year's festival

theme is NATURE and SPIRIT, and will be held from February 20th – 22nd at the Holiday Beach Resort, Tong Sala.

'Flowering Body' Art Exhibition Phuket



D Gallery are hosting an exhibition called "Flowering Body" by emerging Thai artist, Nitaya Ueareworakul that will take place from February 18th - March 18th. D Gallery, a contemporary art gallery located in the Royal Phuket Marina, displays work that is aesthetically inspired by all principle aspects of life, whether it be social or political, created by leading Thai and Vietnamese artists.