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When Discover Pattaya visited this vibrant cafe we saw games such as dominoes and chess to be played and customers of all nationalities seated al fresco and inside.

When we climbed the spiral staircase there was a comfy sofa upstairs with state of the art TV.



**Also, a boardroom sized table where people had their laptops open for a brainstorming meeting. The whole place was rocking!**

Qulture Lounge and Cafe are planning to extend their menu and have special events featuring celebrity chefs.



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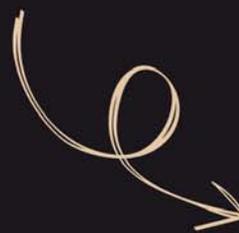


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*This Month in Discover Pattaya*

Hi Everyone

Last month our cover story featured the beautiful Mae Pim beach area in Rayong which I would still recommend as a great place to get away from it all over the next few weeks. If you missed this story you can still catch up via our website [pattayatrader.com](http://pattayatrader.com) or see the video that Barry and I did on the Pattaya Trader YouTube channel. Please like and subscribe to stay informed of our latest antics.

For the brave readers who will be remaining in Pattaya - enjoy the Songkran carnage! Especially on Pattaya's day of the 19th. My advice is to stay indoors or get involved! By getting involved I mean head out onto the streets or find some friendly bar in which to observe but be prepared to get wet! You will have your face covered in white paste, your car or your bike too. Even ice cold water tipped down your back, although that could come as a welcome relief in the heat. But one thing is for sure - there is no point losing your temper - or your cool (haha).

As you can see from this month's edition I've found a really great place to hunker down - Qulture Cafe, on Jomtien 2nd Road. Plus if you flick through the following pages you'll find many more places to retreat to. Stay safe (especially if you're on a bike)

- and watch out for those water cannons!  
Gloria x

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This time on our return trip to this stunning resort, we decided to take a stroll through the exquisitely landscaped gardens to their beachside restaurant: Fish club. In an idyllic setting for sundowners by the pool, this restaurant has seating available al fresco or inside. We opted for the latter as we wanted to make full use of the air conditioned seating.

Although they have options other than fish, for example Whole Grilled Baby Chicken and Grilled Pork Collar, what is special here is the locally caught and freshly grilled seafood. I also like how you can choose to have your oysters as single, 3 piece or 6 piece options. Or if Oysters aren't your thing then the Tuna Tacos are well worth a try. With Japanese tuna, lime, crushed avocado, sour cream and “Asian slaw” this light bite will certainly activate your taste buds ready for the main event.





For us, the main event consisted of crab pasta which was pleasantly spicy with clams and saffron and the star of our show: Phad Thai Goong Mang Gon! This tasted as good as it looked with a half grilled Boston lobster, stir-fried rice noodles, peanut and lime. Declared to be “the best Pad Thai I have ever tasted” by my colleague.

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# THE NEW DONER KEBAB FROM SHARPLES

by Gloria Jones

Anyone who has lived in the UK and been for a bit of a "session" or a pub crawl with mates, knows about the type of food you absolutely crave at the end of such an evening. Sometimes you will all stagger into the nearest Indian restaurant for a "Ruby" (curry). Then ask the long suffering waiter (because you're all just a bit loud) for "The Helicopter" (metal, rotating sauce and relish server) as you devour the poppadoms and await a fiery main course. Or, you may catch the light of a nearby Kebab shop and decide that a takeaway Doner with plenty of chilli sauce is just what will hit the spot.

Now a Doner should not be confused with a Gyro which is Greek in origin, a Shawarma (from the Middle East) or the Thai street stall kebab which is usually chicken, salad and mayonnaise rolled in a wrap and silver foil. A Döner Kebab is a dish that was originally adapted by Turkish immigrants for the German market and is traditionally made from strips of lamb roasted on a vertical rotisserie. Served in pide bread (similar to pita but thicker in texture) it may be accompanied by slices of tomatoes, lettuce, cabbage, onions, tomatoes, tzatziki (yoghurt and cucumber dip) and the aforementioned chilli sauce. Not as easy to eat on the move as the Thai version, it is however, far more satisfying.



So Sharples here in Pattaya have wisely decided to help us with our nostalgic memories and produce their own Doner Kebab. It also gives us all another reason to call in to any of their 3 restaurants for another reason rather than just to enjoy their excellent Fish and Chips. As it is a new venture they are of course keen to get it just right and authentic to our memories of what a good kebab should be. So all you Egon Ronays out there give some constructive advice via their Facebook page and your comments will be welcomed.

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# Unlocking Potential: The Impact of Extracurricular Activities on Student Success

By Mr Ashleigh Bignall, Founder of the British Learning Centre

## Introduction:

As educators, we understand that education goes beyond the confines of the classroom. It's about nurturing well-rounded individuals who are not only academically competent but also equipped with essential life skills and values. In Pattaya, where educational opportunities abound, extracurricular activities play a pivotal role in shaping the holistic development of students.

## The Role of Extracurricular Activities:

Extracurricular activities offer a myriad of benefits, ranging from enhancing academic performance to fostering personal growth and social responsibility. Many of the local schools firmly believe in the power of extracurricular involvement to unlock the full potential of their students and many have their own extra curricular programmes in place which take place as part of their standard timetable with an expectation that children attend.

## Extracurricular Opportunities in British International Schools:

In the vibrant educational landscape of Pattaya, British International Schools stand out for their commitment to providing comprehensive extracurricular opportunities alongside academic excellence. These schools understand the importance of offering a well-rounded education that encompasses sports, performing arts, community service, STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) initiatives, and cultural exchange programs.

## Sports Programmes:

Sports programmes are a cornerstone of extracurricular activities in British International Schools in Pattaya. From football and rugby to swimming and tennis, students have access to state-of-the-art facilities and expert coaching. Participation in sports not only promotes physical fitness but also instils values such as teamwork, discipline, and resilience.

## Performing Arts:

Performing arts thrive in the cultural melting pot of Pattaya, and British International Schools take full advantage of this opportunity. Students can immerse themselves in theatre productions, dance performances, and music ensembles, honing their creativity, self-expression, and confidence. Most schools have a purpose built theatre and are regularly putting on performances and productions.

## Community Service:

Community service is another integral component of extracurricular activities offered by British International Schools in Pattaya. Through volunteering initiatives and charity projects, students develop empathy, compassion, and a sense of social responsibility, making meaningful contributions to the local community. Most schools have their own charities in the local community that they regularly support with different initiatives be it anything from fun fundraisers to charity golf tournaments.

## STEM Initiatives:

STEM clubs and competitions are increasingly popular in British International Schools, reflecting the growing importance of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in the modern world. These activities nurture critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and innovation, preparing students for future careers in STEM-related fields. Most schools have specialised learning environments for STEM with dedicated and highly-skilled teachers in this area delivering outstanding teaching and learning opportunities.



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## Conclusion:

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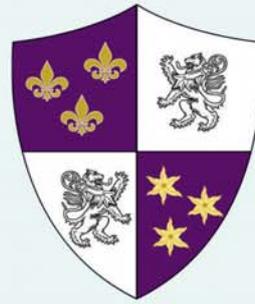
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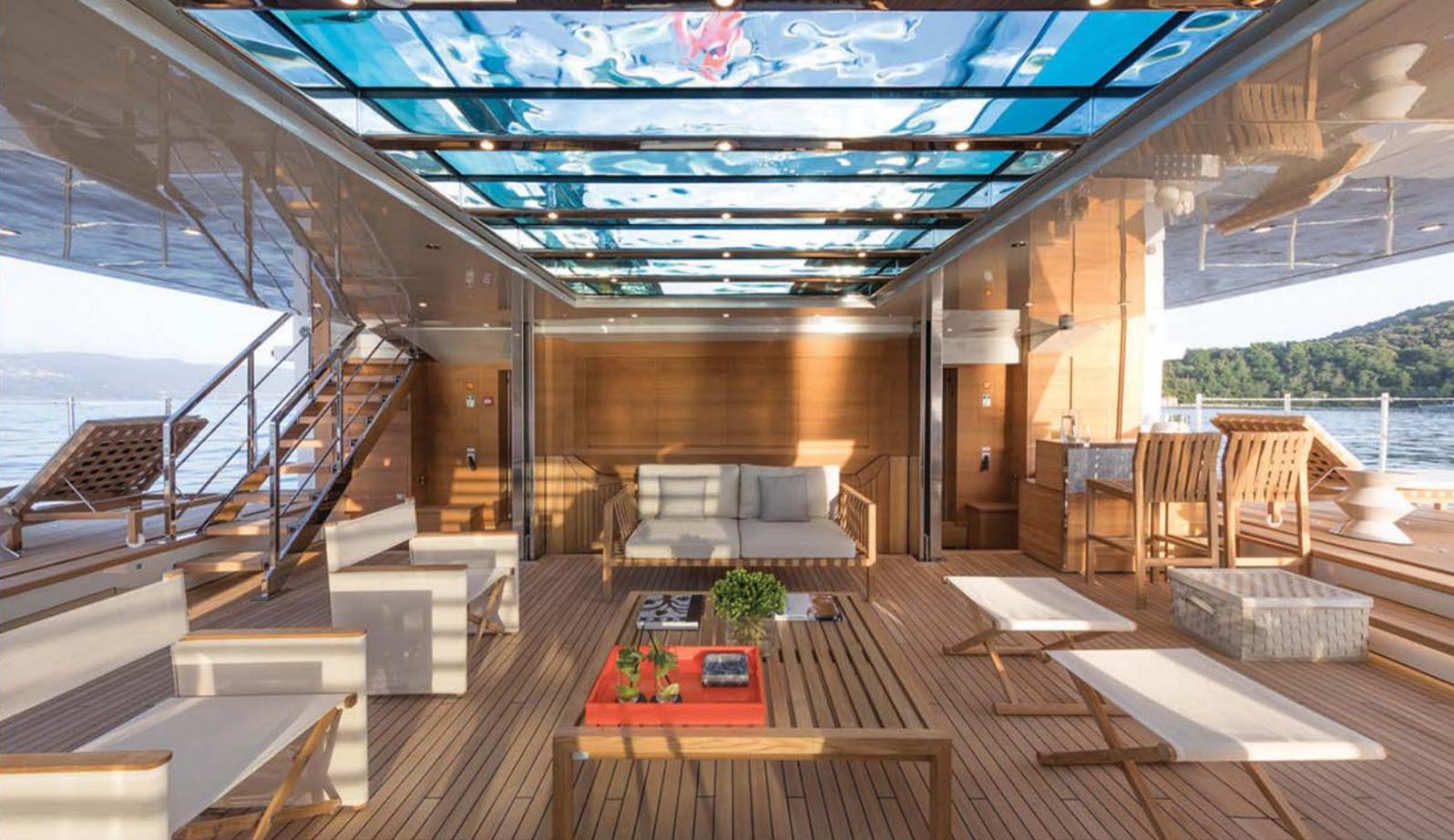
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While traditionally one might expect an emphasis on superyachts to be placed on sleek lines, cutting-edge performance and agile manoeuvrability, for many, increased volume and space have taken over. The allure of spacious interiors, high ceilings and family-friendly layouts is redefining the very essence of luxury at sea. As yachting becomes increasingly synonymous with family retreats and multi-generational vacations, discerning buyers are seeking vessels that provide a comfortable platform for family bonding. For many buyers, the true measure of luxury lies in the freedom to explore, unwind and create cherished moments..

With environmental consciousness at the forefront of global conversations, yacht owners are also not only looking to extend their journeys but to do so with minimal ecological impact. Rising fuel costs have heightened awareness about the environmental footprint of luxury travel. The ability to travel further on a tank of fuel not only enhances the yachting experience but also stretches the economic value of each voyage.

As clients increasingly view yachting as a lifestyle choice, the integration of wellness and fitness facilities has become a compelling and necessary addition to superyachts. Fitness centres equipped with state-of-the-art exercise equipment cater to guests who prioritise maintaining their health and fitness routines while at sea. Wellness spaces such as spa facilities, meditation rooms and yoga decks provide a holistic approach to overall well-being. These wellness approaches represent a departure from conventional deck designs, transforming the yacht into a sanctuary that promotes health, relaxation and balance..





Staying connected is no longer a luxury but a necessity. With the rise of new satellite internet providers, it's becoming more important for owners to be as well connected as possible for both work and leisure. As such, TV, Hi-Fi and Wi-Fi in all areas including external zones are becoming as important as technical design features. Starlink, with its constellation of low earth orbit satellites, stands out as a necessary luxury on board. Its global coverage and cutting-edge technology ensures seamless communication, entertainment and work capabilities.



In a world where the number of new-build construction shipyards is increasing year on year, discerning clients continue to set their sights on vessels delivered by major Northern European shipyards, with a secondary nod towards esteemed Italian builders when budget considerations come into play. This strategic inclination isn't merely a matter of prestige; it's a calculated move driven by the desire to safeguard and potentially enhance the retained value of these vessels. As yachts age gracefully, the continued respect for the meticulous build quality serves as a hallmark, occasionally even appreciating the vessel's intrinsic value over time.

Amid established maritime giants, a rising star has emerged – Turkey. The increasing prominence of Turkish shipyards is the result of a deliberate pursuit of excellence in design, engineering and construction. As the country's builders continue to invest in state-of-the-art facilities and attract top-tier talent, their yachts gain recognition for their quality, innovation, and competitive pricing.

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# Sports Update

For April by Steve Wade

We have a fantastic month of sport for April starting with the Champions League quarter finals on the 9th and 10th of the month. It's a real heavyweight line up with some mouthwatering clashes taking place including Arsenal v Harry Kane's Bayern Munich, PSG v Barcelona and the undoubted highlight of the round, Real Madrid v Manchester City. The second legs will be played on the 16th and 17th and once the ties have been decided the semi-finals start on the 30th.

The first golf major of the year and many people's idea of the best tournament on the calendar, The Masters, starts on Thursday the 11th and concludes on the Sunday. The star studded line up, the familiarity of Augusta National and the inevitable drama on the Sunday afternoon make this essential viewing for golf fans everywhere. I'll be hoping that Rory McIlroy wins this year and completes the grand slam, putting his name into the pantheon of true golfing greats.

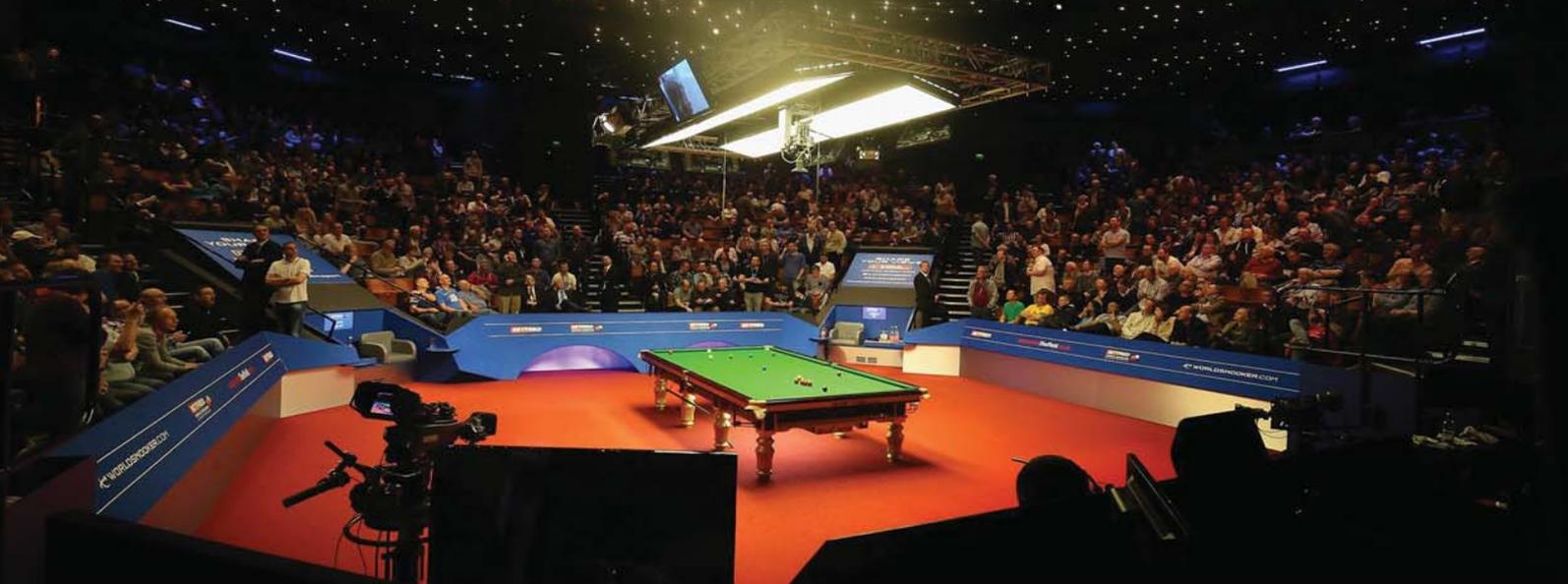
The biggest horse race in the world, the Grand National, also takes place this month and is the highlight of a top quality three day meeting at Aintree racecourse, which along with Punchestown in Ireland is becoming a viable alternative to the increasing dominance of Cheltenham, which is becoming a point of criticism for many racegoers, especially with dominance of Willie Mullins this year. The start time has been brought forward to 4pm on Saturday the 13th.

The Formula 1 circus travels eastwards in April with the Japanese race taking place on the 7th of the month followed by the Chinese heat leaving the grid on Sunday the 21st. Aside from a scandal or two and the introduction of a few potential new stars, the actual results look familiar with the domination of Max Verstappen and Red Bull continuing unabated.

Last but by no means least on the calendar is the Snooker World Championship, which starts on the 20th and runs right through until it's traditional date for the final, bank holiday Monday, May the 6th. You'll find much more about this year's tournament in a separate article in the April edition of Discover Pattaya - Pattaya Trader. In print, online and on social media everywhere.



# The World Snooker Championship



The snooker event of the year, the world championship, starts on the 20th of the month and is again being played at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. The venue has attracted some criticism recently for being outgrown by the size of the event but plans were unveiled in 2022 to build an extension which will hold 3000 people for future tournaments. It was thought something had to be done because the name “Crucible” was considered too iconic to lose if the tournament moved.

Ronnie O’Sullivan, snookers biggest name and easily the most well known player to have played the game, will be attracting plenty of attention and rightly so, being the past winner seven times, a record he shares with Stephen Hendry in the modern era.

It may seem that O’Sullivan is the dominant presence at the Crucible and the way he’s playing this year he will undoubtedly start favourite, closely followed by Judd Trump. But it is the current third choice with the bookmakers, Mark Selby, who has been the most successful player in the last decade, and by some distance. He has won the title four times in the last ten years and was only beaten in the final in 2023 by the mercurial and massively talented Belgian, Luca Brecel.



Mark Selby and Judd Trump



Ronnie O’Sullivan

According to the aforementioned bookmaker odds, the winner will most likely come from the O’Sullivan, Trump, Selby trio but there are a host of talented dangers, not least last year’s winner Brecel, who can beat anybody out on his day, as he showed last year against O’Sullivan and Selby. When you add names such as Mark Allen, Neil Robertson, Jack Lisowski and Kyren Wilson into the mix alongside those talented and dangerous evergreens Mark Williams, John Higgins, Sean Murphy and Ding Junhui, I think we have something to really look forward to.

Whoever your idea of the winner is, you can be sure that the talent on show and the electrifying atmosphere at the Crucible will give us another world championship title fight to remember. It looks like snooker fans in Pattaya have got a few late nights coming!

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## CONTRACT DISPUTE IN THAILAND

By: Magna Carta Law Firm

**A** contract dispute arises when parties to a contract disagree on its terms, performance, or interpretation. It may include concerns such as breach of contract, nonpayment, or failure to deliver products or services as agreed upon. Employment contracts, rental agreements, sales contracts, construction contracts, and service agreements are among the most common contract forms in Thailand.

### What are the methods of resolving a contract dispute in Thailand?

In Thailand, contract disputes can be resolved through negotiation, mediation, arbitration, or litigation. Initial negotiation involves direct discussion or legal representation. If negotiations fail, parties may opt for mediation, where parties choose a neutral third party to assist in reaching a settlement. If mediation is unsuccessful, parties may resort to the Thai court system.

Settlements reached through negotiation, mediation, or arbitration; parties can execute a settlement agreement. If litigation is involved, court judgments or orders are enforced, and non-compliance can result in enforcement mechanisms like asset seizure or injunctions.

### What are the common grounds for contract disputes in Thailand?

Common grounds for contract disputes include breach of contract, misrepresentation, invalid contract, and non-payment. Breach of contract occurs when a party fails to fulfill contractual obligations, misrepresentation occurs when false information is provided during negotiation, invalid contract arises from contracts lacking legal capacity or lawful object.

### How long does it take to resolve a contract dispute in Thailand?

The time it takes to resolve a contract dispute in Thailand depends on the complexity of the dispute, the chosen dispute resolution method (negotiation, mediation, arbitration, or litigation), and the court system's backlog of cases. Litigation generally takes longer than alternative methods.

### What are the costs related with resolving a contract dispute?

The costs of resolving a contract dispute in Thailand depend on the dispute resolution method and case complexity, and may include legal fees, administrative fees, travel, and documentation expenses.

### Can parties opt for alternative dispute resolution methods instead of litigation?

Yes, parties can opt for alternative dispute resolution methods like mediation and arbitration, which are often preferred due to their speed, less adversarial nature, and cost-effectiveness compared to litigation.

### Is it necessary to have a lawyer to resolve a contract dispute in Thailand?

While legal representation is not mandatory for resolving contract disputes, it can significantly aid in understanding rights and obligations, navigating the legal process, and achieving a favorable outcome.



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# What's on The Big Screen



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A fantastic time was had by all with music from Jayson and Coco. Wonderful food by the Inter Continental and amazing AI place settings making us all remember how it was to look 20 years old again! Thank you to Rodney James Charman and Jayson Talla Camilo for the photos.





# JUKEBOX JUDGEMENT

— BY BARRY UPTON —

The onset of online radio has changed many people's listening habits with the ability now to be able to source music wherever you may find yourself from anywhere in the world. Out from the mist of a plethora of amateur sounding radio hams, there has risen a few highly professional interesting stations that provide entertaining and different programming from the norm. One such successful station in the U.K. is '365 Radio' ([www.365radio.co](http://www.365radio.co)).

Station CEO (Zeitgeist Broadcast Media) and breakfast show presenter Dawn Parry, who is also a producer, singer/songwriter and co-founder of the 'Legacy Chart' which features new 'up to date' stuff from well-known legacy artists of yesteryear, recently came up with an idea for showcasing new submitted material from musicians hoping to get on to the sacred playlist alongside established ones.

The 'Jukebox Judgement' show, has as it's panel a 'rough mix' of famous producers such as Grammy award winning Steve Lillywhite CBE (U2, The Rolling Stones, Simple Minds), Craig Leon (Blondie, The Ramones, Talking Heads) and Barry Upton (Steps, Sonia, Brotherhood Of Man) ... yes, I'm the token 'cheesy' pop judge. Together with this diverse hit-maker panel, I pass comment on the possibility of each track becoming radio playable and suggesting ways in which that could happen, offering constructive criticism drawing on our wealth of experience. Dawn, herself, then offers her opinion about whether she might actually include it on her breakfast show playlist.



As Steve is in Bali while I'm in Thailand and host Dawn is in the U.K. with other contributors from all over the globe, we broadcast ourselves live via the Zoom app, meaning all of us producers can see each other. This is particularly useful when a track is so boring or irritating that we want our host DJ to fade it out early, then each of us signals their disdain by putting on sunglasses. Because music producers don't usually get to meet each other, this show is so much fun for us all and we get to hear how each other approaches music production with bonus tips and tricks.

The show has become so popular that plans are afoot to turn it into an actual T.V. show. We did a Singapore special a few weeks ago and I hear a Vietnam special is in the pipeline. Here in Thailand the radio version can be heard live on [www.365radio.co](http://www.365radio.co) every Friday from 1pm to 3pm (7am to 9am UK time).

## Studio Update

Back in Pattaya at my Sunshine Studios, I've been a busy bee with a new song/video called 'Serendipity' which, as the name suggests is about recognizing opportunities and what is 'meant to be' with the vid filmed at my favourite oceanside walking area at Jomtien Beach.. Also, my aim this year is to make YouTube videos for some of my older stuff which I believe needs to reach a wider audience. By the time you read this, I am hoping to have completed two such titles, 'I Can Dig That' and 'I Love My Job'. Please check out my dedicated YouTube channel FAB BAZ MUSIC TV, ensuring to click on the 'Subscribe' option to receive notification of newly uploaded material as it's released. To read my autobiography featuring many interesting stories from my career in the British music business, goto [www.pattayatrader.com](http://www.pattayatrader.com) and search for Barry Upton -Confessions Of a Pop Tart.



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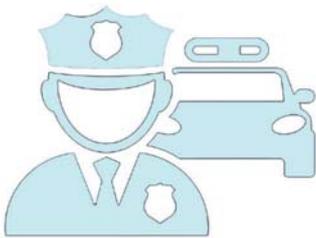
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007

# AMA helped make me a Bond

By Rick Martin

I was recently lucky enough to receive an invitation to a James Bond-themed event hosted by Violette Gauthier and The Pattaya Gastronomic Society, to be held at the Intercontinental Pattaya Resort. However, I had nothing in my wardrobe that would make me look even remotely like James Bond. I wanted to accept her invitation but time was running out. Then I remembered recently meeting a friend outside AMA Fashion Tailors. He had been having a white suit especially made for him for one of Violette's previous events. So I contacted the guys at AMA and quickly headed over to their shop on central Pattaya Klang Road.

I was warmly greeted and offered some refreshments while they took down my details. They measured me from top to bottom, around the chest, across the back and shoulders, the inside leg, etc. Because the price is so reasonable, now having a handmade suit is a viable option. Back in the UK I used to just buy off the peg. At Ama Fashion, depending on which fabric you would like, there is a range of three price points to choose from. For the event I chose a very attractive black material and for the lining black again but with a paisley pattern. Options were then discussed about the cut, I didn't go for the slim fit thinking I might need more room. I also went for a two button single breasted with a double vent.



Only a few days later I returned for the basted fitting, so called because my suit jacket had been temporarily stitched together with white basting thread. This "working" jacket was then used to fine tune the fitting and I was asked many questions about the fit as I checked myself in the mirror. But I could tell, even at this stage, that the jacket slid on like a glove and felt great. Only a few chalk marks were needed and then in ten minutes this part of the process was done.

Just one week later from my initial meeting, my black Bond Suit was ready to be collected. There were a few final checks to be made but because the tailors had been very accurate with my measurements, and amendments made during my fitting the jacket was perfect. I also tried on the trousers one last time to check how they felt when sitting down. The suit was then placed inside a sturdy complimentary suit carrier so I could hang it up and keep it covered when I got home. Another nice touch I liked was a black handkerchief decoration poking out of the breast pocket.

I was very impressed by the service from Ama Fashion. There's a very relaxed and friendly atmosphere when you step inside their good looking frontage. They have comfy seating and offer a range of refreshments as you make your selections or return to see them for fittings and collection. They were very efficient and the price was extremely reasonable, also the suit was ready on the date they specified which was important to me. All I needed now was to add my white shirt and black bow tie and I was good to go.

So don't panic if like me you find an event on the horizon and you don't have anything appropriate to wear head on over to AMA fashion. They will look after you!





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By Kanchan Nath

## AirAsia takes over Thailand with Tay Tawan



AirAsia continues its commitment to support the regional tourism industry by unveiling the “Takeover Thailand” campaign aimed at highlighting the ‘Land of Smiles’ as the preferred travel destination for travellers from Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia.

AirAsia has strategically collaborated with Tay Tawan, a revered Thai celebrity as ‘AirAsia’s Route Presenter for Malaysia’, to elevate the travel experience and play a pivotal role in inspiring travellers from key markets to explore the amazing Thailand.

This campaign comes at a crucial time, emphasising affordability and accessibility for travellers in the region. In celebration of the campaign, AirAsia is offering FREE Seats\* from Kuala Lumpur to Chiang Mai for 72 hours only starting today until 3 March 2024 for the travel period between now and 30 November 2024. Guests can also explore other destinations such as Krabi, Phuket, Hat Yai, and Bangkok from Kuala Lumpur from RM99 all-in\*\* one-way.

Group CEO of AirAsia Aviation Group, Bo Lingam said: “We were inspired to launch this campaign to support the recovery of the regional tourism industry and reignite the desire to explore and experience Thailand’s wonders among travellers from our neighbouring countries. As an Asean-focused airline, this campaign represents AirAsia’s commitment to fostering connections between people and cultures within the region.

“Thailand continues to be a favourite destination for AirAsia, attracting travellers for vacations, sightseeing, education and to visit loved ones. In 2023, we flew over two million guests between Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and Thailand, and look forward to increasing it this year.

“In addition to showcasing the enchanting beauty, rich culture and unforgettable experiences that Thailand has to offer, we are equally excited to offer Thais the opportunity to fly to our key markets to further stimulate travel demand both ways and contribute to the revival of economies that heavily rely on tourism.”



AirAsia Route Presenter, Tay Tawan added: “I am honoured to represent Thailand and play a role in inspiring travellers from Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia to explore my home country. Thailand has so much to offer, from its stunning landscapes to its warm-hearted people, and I am proud to highlight these attractions with AirAsia. By connecting Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, and Thailand, we are not only facilitating tourism but also strengthening the bonds between our nations. Let’s take over Thailand with me and AirAsia!” The campaign is set to run until 22 September 2024.



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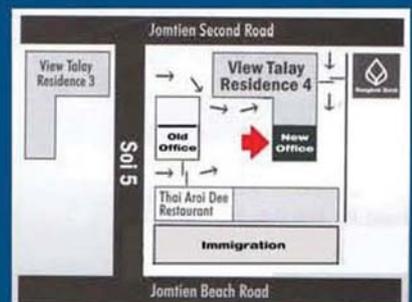
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# I've lived in Pattaya for more than 10 years but never... BEEN TO BANGKOK FOR A CONCERT



In a new series of articles we look at what is here, or literally on our doorstep, that we have yet to see or do. In February we decided that a visit to Angkor Wat was an absolute must and last month we went 52 floors up in the Pattaya Park Tower to dine at their Panorama Revolving Restaurant. If you didn't manage to read either of these, they are still available to view online at [pattayatrader.com](http://pattayatrader.com).

This month we decided to head to the Big Mango to see a real living legend. Mr Tom Jones "The Welsh Wonder" in concert. At the tender age of 83 (he will be 84 in June) this amazing entertainer has enjoyed a career spanning over six decades and sold over 100 million records. Years ago I also enviously watched when he played one of the stages at Glastonbury so finding out that he would be coming to Thailand presented an opportunity too great to miss.

Some naysayers had asked why I would risk going to see such an elderly performer? After all, just a couple of weeks before, Rod Stewart had cried off citing "unforeseen circumstances" as the reason for disappointing his fans in Bangkok, KL and Manila. Perhaps, infirmity in our hot climate? Perhaps disappointing ticket sales? After all, filling the Impact arena may not have been as easy for Rod as it was for Coldplay? Or perhaps, as Singapore was left as a tour date Rod might have been "pulling a Swift"? But not Tom, no he is made of stronger stuff.

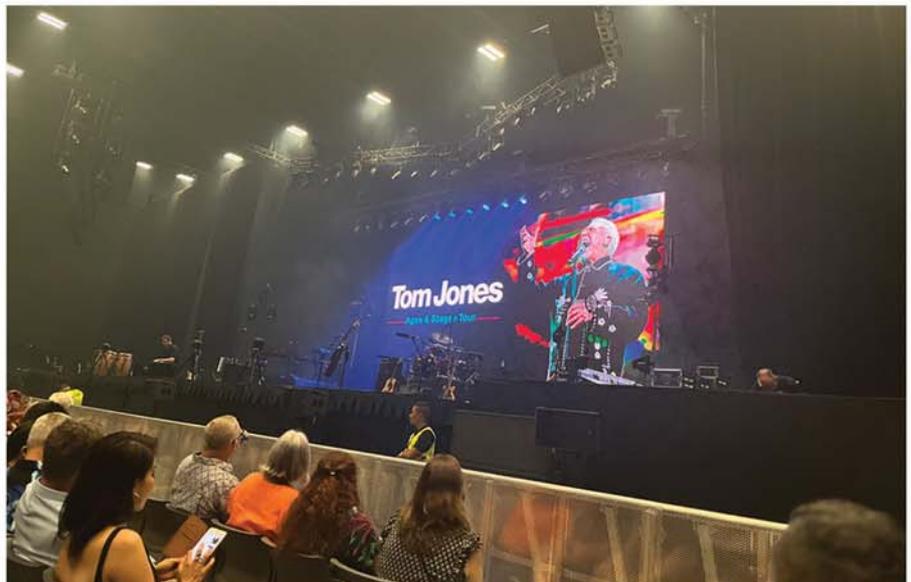
During his 2 hours on stage at Emsphere's UOB Live Mr Jones showed why his other nickname "The Voice" is so justified. Sure he may not have been able to give the gyrations of which he was so famous in his earlier years but the man can sing no question about it. Fans from all over the world gathered to dance, cheer and sing along. Mostly older, there were some who may have seen him on the TV show "The Voice". Or maybe enjoyed his latest album "Surrounded by Time" recorded in 2022, when he was 80 years old. He proudly told us that this had earned him the record for being the oldest male singer to have a number one album in the UK.





This comment was one of a few little asides to the audience between songs. For example, just before a Chuck Berry number. Tom told us that when watching Chuck Berry perform in Las Vegas his companion Elvis Presley had declared Chuck "The Real King of Rock & Roll." The crowd were very appreciative of being in the presence of someone who could regale us with stories like this whilst also performing his expected classics: "What's New Pussycat?," "It's Not Unusual," and "Delilah." Also more recently written songs by other performers that Tom just likes to sing. My favourite of these, of course, being "Kiss ' ' by Prince.

A very enjoyable time had by all and of course if you are unable to make an overnight trip of it, then get a group of pals together and go there and back with a minibus which is often a great way to prolong the party experience! So have a look at Thai Ticket major, Viagogo, Ticketmelon or any favourite online sites and start preparing your next night out!





Discover Pattaya were delighted to attend The Coral Pattaya Open House where the Dot Property's events team were the event organisers. They invited local real estate agents to learn more about The Coral Pattaya. Everyone enjoyed the drinks, evening BBQ, networking and a chance to win 2 spectacular large TVs offered as prize draws.

If you're seeking to engage prospective buyers or promote your project to local real estate agents, Dot Property Group's events team specializes in creating custom-tailored events that cater to the specific objectives of property developers. Their experience in event management and real estate industry contacts guarantees an impactful event allowing you to effortlessly showcase your properties and establish valuable connections. If you are interested to learn more about Dot Property Group's event options and how this can impact your business please contact directly to [event@dotpropertygroup.com](mailto:event@dotpropertygroup.com)



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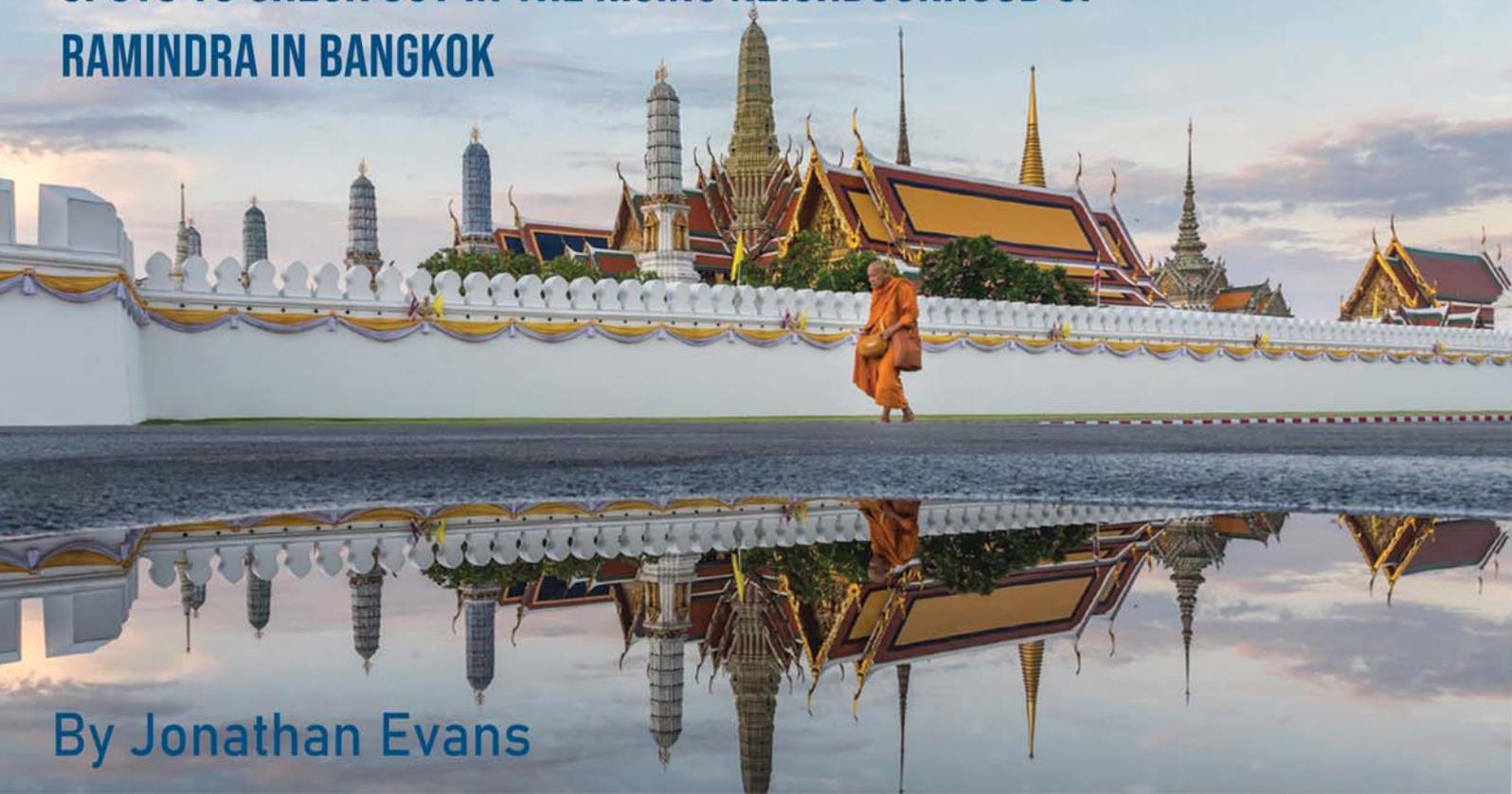
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# SPOTS TO CHECK OUT IN THE RISING NEIGHBOURHOOD OF RAMINDRA IN BANGKOK



By Jonathan Evans

Handily located, but with plenty of leisure attractions and green space, Ramindra is one of Bangkok's hottest emerging 'hoods'. One of the most buzzed-about sub districts in east-central Bangkok, it is now considered one of the Big Mango's prime residential locations. Its attributes include favourable air quality away from industrial zones, shopping, a lively restaurant scene, and proximity to transport links. The quality of family life here is further augmented by an abundance of green spaces including several golf courses, urban parks, and theme parks including Siam Amazing Park, Seri Thai Garden, and Safari World. It's little surprise that developers now covet this highly liveable area for key condominium projects, which are scooping awards and attracting residents.

Providence Lane Ekamai-Ramintra by Sammakorn Plus Company Limited is aimed at young, successful homebuyers. This luxury 12-unit residence completed earlier this year is all about über-stylish design touches, with the interiors in particular exuding that coveted "wow" factor. Providence Lane aims for an artistic synthesis of outdoor and indoor architectural prowess, with a focus on both craftsmanship and functionality. Landscape design by the local Sanitas Studio Company is equally important, with each house conceived as having a small garden within a larger courtyard. Guest bedrooms (each house contains three or four bedrooms across three floors) are adaptable spaces that can either be used as storage or contain a king-sized bed.

Grand Britannia Wongwaen Ramintra by Britannia Public Company Limited is scheduled for completion by the end of 2024. This villa-style development courts an upmarket clientele for its aesthetic that brings to mind the grand public edifices of the Beaux Arts period. Grand Britannia's elegant building style combines such European-derived architectural tropes with landscape design from the 1819 Company, evoking classic English gardens (including a pavilion and fountains), and shaded areas such as porticos that help mitigate the heat. Within the complex, leisure options include a basketball court, clubhouse, games room, and an eye-catching swimming pool. In the two-storey villas, meanwhile, the interiors' streamlined simplicity—full of light shades of blue, brown, and cream—contrasts with the grandeur outside, with the overall effect emphasising spaciousness above all.

Greyhound Café started as a spinoff from a fashion line and has been a remarkable success story not just in Asia—where after launching in Bangkok in 1997 it spread to China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia—but also in London where it has opened in the Fitzrovia district. One of its many Big Mango outposts is at The Promenade mall, where it serves its familiar international flavours in the brand's dramatically designed monochrome surroundings. The extensive all-day brunch menu caters to all tastes, with salads, appetisers, burgers, pasta, noodles, and European fusion and vegetarian food all making an appearance. More eye-opening menu items include spicy salmon sashimi, fried squid eggs with Thai spicy sauce, beef shank with chocolate melt stew, and fried noodles with eggs, tofu, and gravy.



Southeast Asia's largest water park first opened way back in 1980 but is now just one component of the six-zone, 118-acre Siam Amazing Park (formerly Suansiam). The most pulse-racing rides are collected at Extreme World, such as the Vortex spiral roller coaster; Adventure World has a dinosaur theme and other hair-raising amusements. Visitors of all ages can enjoy Family World's simulation of the African jungle, while Si-Am Tower is one of the region's highest observation decks. Small World scales things down with activities such as rides on miniature motorbikes, and Bangkok World recreates the city's old landmarks while selling products from around the country. The Water Park secured a place in Guinness World Records for its wave pool, certified as the world's largest in 2009.



Siam Amazing Park



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Formerly known as Bueng Kum Water Park, Seri Thai Garden underwent restoration in the mid-1980s following King Bhumibol Adulyadej's initiative to create a floodcontrol reservoir for Bangkok, and was later expanded into a larger public park and reopened in 1997. In the middle of the pond, there is a large fountain and a manmade island, as well as pavilions for relaxation. Several species of Thai and foreign palm trees flourish here, including the rare *Carpentaria* and *Bismarckia* palms, and perennials such as banyans, flame trees, and cassod trees. There are also fruit trees like pomelo, santol, custard apple, and jackfruit. Seri Thai Memorial Building, with its two small museums carrying memorabilia from the park's early days, marks a focal point in this serene urban idyll.



Seri Thai Garden

# Gustaf Real Estate

The founders of Gustaf Real Estate opened their business in Pattaya in 2020 just as the world was going into the full force of the Covid pandemic. Given the choice, I'm sure they would have preferred not to have that to overcome in their first years of opening. However, they spent this difficult time in the best way possible, by getting to know a lot of the best local developers, doing numerous site visits and generally expanding their knowledge of the market in Pattaya and beyond. The company quickly built a reputation for honesty and integrity and this enabled them to build a good rental business. whilst improving sales for private buyers, even against the background of the continuing pandemic.

Now that the constrictions imposed during the pandemic have been lifted, Gustaf Real Estate finds itself in a strong position to move into the future. This is helped by the fact that the company has extensive knowledge of Thai, English and Swedish languages. Led by Khun Naree, the team continues to set high standards with their knowledge of the market, including information they can offer to buyers with deals on new projects and listings from private sellers. Most importantly, they have an excellent reputation as friendly, honest and trustworthy brokers .



So having established themselves, especially in the Jomtien area of Pattaya with their office on Soi Chaiyapruet, the company has decided to expand. Looking at all the options, they have decided to open a new office in Mae Pim. A beautiful beachfront town in the province of Rayong, Mae Pim is very popular with the Scandinavian tourist market. King Gustav of Sweden has a holiday home by the sea there and once you see the beauty of the beaches and the surrounding countryside, you can understand why.

Mae Pim is also an unspoilt area quickly becoming a popular weekend getaway spot for the people of Pattaya, especially the Swedish contingent. So Gustaf Real Estate's new office, allied to the already well established first office in Jomtien, will enable the company to reach the Scandinavian markets which favour both Pattaya and Rayong.

With a background of years in the real estate business in both Sweden and Thailand the team of Gustaf have already begun to build up a portfolio of interesting listings in the Rayong area. With very desirable villas, land for sale and even a beautiful beach front resort on their books, the new office location is clearly a natural fit for the company. It is a logical place to expand the business, whilst still offering a first class service in Pattaya city itself and great for people wishing to look at what's on offer in the Rayong area.

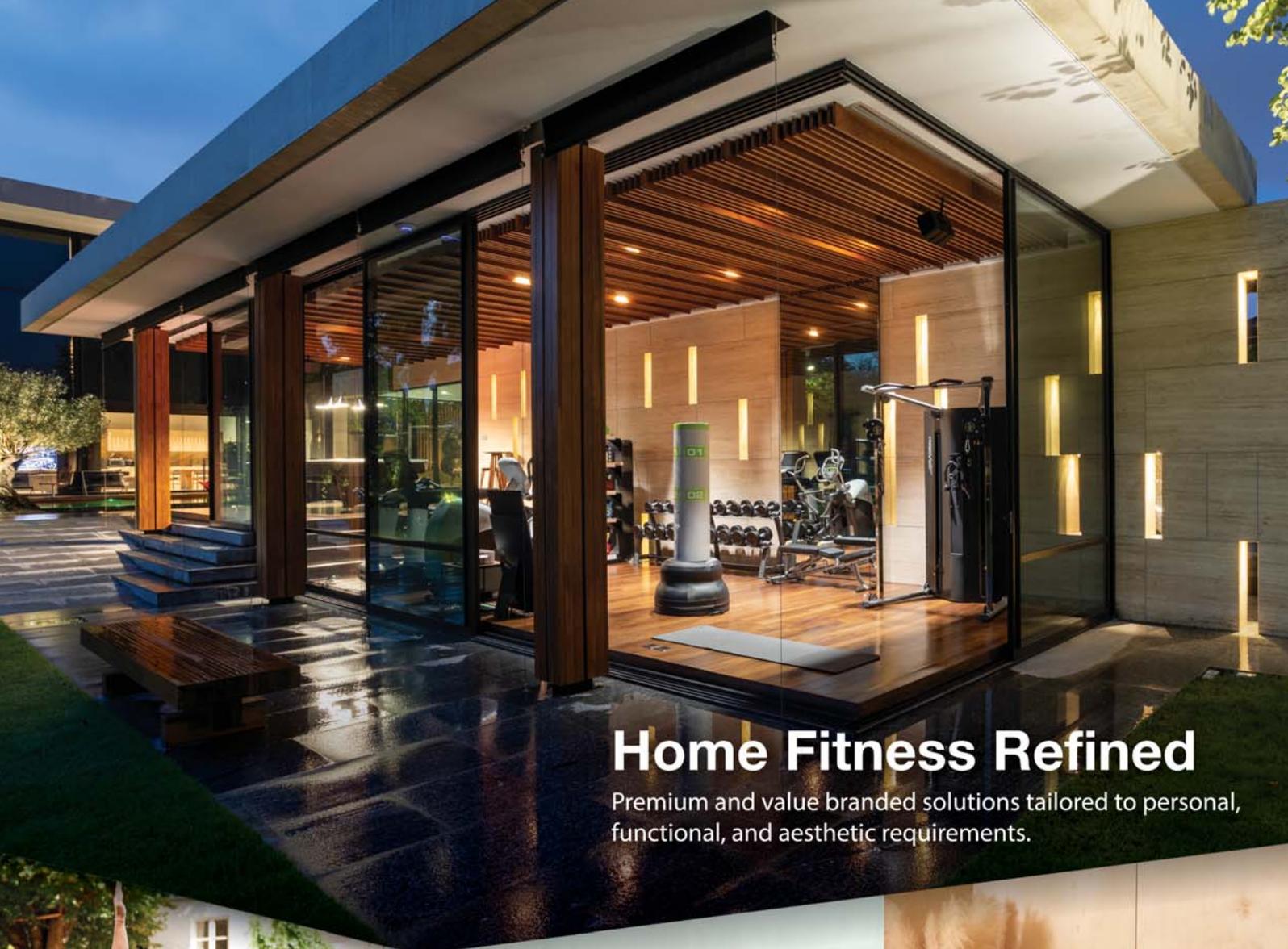
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