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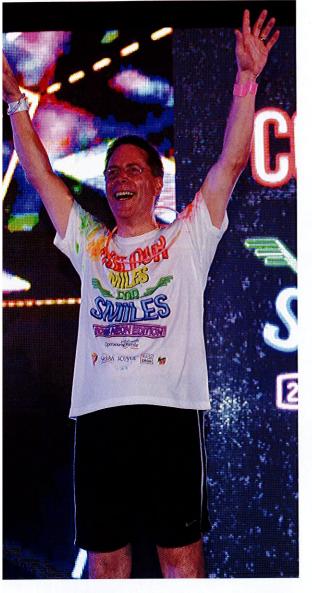
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DEEPER IMPACT

ARCHITECT NATAPA SRIYUKSIRI ON WHY SHE LEFT LONDON AND HER DESIGNS FOR BANGKOK





HOSPITALITY AND BEYOND

INCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 2007,

InVision Hospitality has introduced brands such as GLOW Hotels & Resorts and MAI HOUSE Hotels & Resorts to Southeast Asia. Founder Kevin J Beauvais, a veteran with 35 years in the hospitality industry, now runs the hotel management business from offices in Malaysia, Vietnam and Thailand. This month he celebrates the company's 10th anniversary, noting that the key to its success is regional flexibility and responsiveness. He came to Thailand to open the JW Marriott Bangkok and has stayed ever since. As country manager for Marriott, he expanded the brand from one to 10 properties before joining Minor International and later setting up his own operation. This hotelier is also a philanthropist and chairman of Operation Smile Thailand, a non-profit medical foundation that provides treatment for children afflicted with facial deformities. He is a past president of the American Chamber of Commerce and a founding and active director of the AmCham Charitable Foundation. He also sits on the Eagle Scout Review Board for the Boy Scouts of America and was chairman for the UNICEF Youth Career Council in 2002.

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Thailand comes in fourth in the Asia-Pacific region for availability of chartered private jets for the super-rich. According to Hong Kong-based chartering company L'Voyage, there are 18 executive jets available for the 26 Thai billionaires. China, Hong Kong and South Korea, among the 15 countries with the most super-rich globally, have the lowest number of chartered jets per billionaire.



Tea No More

ML Poomchai Chumbala's popular Agalico tea room has closed, replaced by a venue for events and location shoots. This Bangkok institution will be greatly missed.





ALL ABOUT TEA

Joining 1823 Tea Lounge by Ronnefeldt at Gaysorn Village is Sothea Sambath, a tea master who will be extolling the virtues of this beverage through tasting classes and food pairing sessions. He developed his skills in the art of tea at Mariage Freres in Paris, where he helped to create culinary offerings with tea that has come to be known as la cuisine du the. He has also worked with La Maison Chocolat in New York and was the tea master/ creative director for The Debauve & Gallais Paris.

Now in Bangkok, Sambath will present tea tasting classes every month at 1823 Tea Lounge to introduce clients to the different types of teas, their benefits and how best to drink them. Tea and food pairings will be offered every other month, with the next one on May 18. Working with Singaporean chef Nicholas Lam, the two will present la cuisine du the with dishes cooked with the seductive flavours of tea, and enjoyed with the type of leaves that go best with them.