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This Month in Discover Pattaya

Hi Everyone

I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas and New Year's Celebrations and are looking forward to a great 2024. If you are planning something really special for the New Year then you really should take a look at the stunning Legacy Residence at Gems Mining Resort on our cover this month. For work or play it is absolute 5 star luxury right here in Pattaya.

Also we are delighted to see more of our customers going from strength to strength with Edenko opening their amazing new store on Soi Chaiyapruet 2 and Sharples with their newest restaurant on Lake Mabprachan.

We review the recent and extremely decadent Royal Cliff Wine Dinner. Sample some delicious Jewish Deli food and interview the charming Dao and Jeff Mitchell MBE.

Along with our review of the fabulous South East Asia Property Awards at Bangkok's glamorous Four Seasons Hotel, some tips on Travel, Interior Design and Keep Fit for the New Year and all our regular features we hope you enjoy this first edition of 2024.

Please subscribe to the Pattaya Trader YouTube channel to see more of what's going on and contact me if you need any help with your marketing plans.

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Gloria is charmed by the Royal Cliff's DeVine Wine Club Dinner

Here in Pattaya wine dinners have grown in popularity over the past couple of years with many restaurants and suppliers promoting such events. To my mind surely one of the best examples of these beautifully paired and planned occasions is a wine dinner from the Royal Cliff's deVine Wine Club.

I have been coming to these for more than 10 years now and love them. Regular members and guests of the club come together rarely, sometimes only connecting when they are at a deVine event, but they love nothing more than greeting each other at the wonderful welcome reception before heading downstairs to the magnificent grill room. Traditional and certainly impressive, the wooden paneling and elegant seating of the grill room reminds me of the Grand Hotels in London's Park Lane. This year it was good to see some fresh touches to the stately setting for example the fresh white flowers amongst the tables and satin, red dresses for the female members of the team adding a festive look to the place.

It has been a while since the last wine dinner so expectations ran high and the guests were thrilled to see that the wines for this event were from Italy and specifically the Land of Villa Montecastello. As usual there was an introduction by the winery's representative and then some informative talks throughout the evening about the wines we were about to try and the vineyard from where they originated.

The representative of the vineyard, Jens Schmidt, although German by birth, has been living in Italy for 38 years. Not just Italy mind you, but in the heart of Tuscany where food and wine is practically a religion. During his introduction he extolled the virtues, not of the wines, but to start with, the wonderful olive oils that he had brought over to Thailand for us to sample.

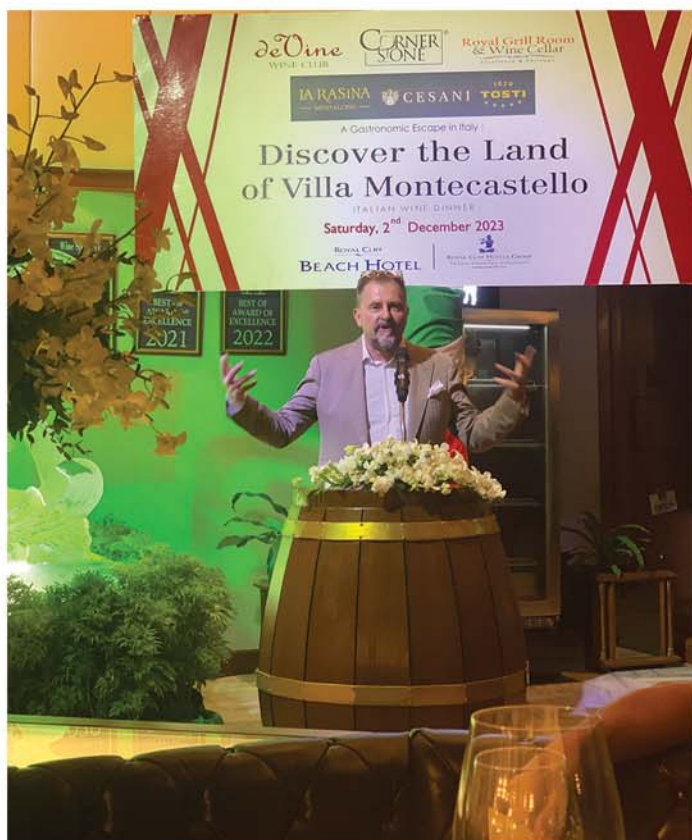
My table companion was bemused at how someone could talk at such length about olive oil. However, being half Italian myself I didn't find it at all strange. Any lovers of the fabulous TV show *The Sopranos* may remember when Tony admonishes his nephew for not understanding this passion when:





Christopher Moltisanti moans “Enough! I am so sick and tired of hearing you people talk about food, food, food: that’s all anybody talks about” to which Tony replies “Well, when you’re married, you’ll understand the “importance” of fresh produce”.

So it was that Jens Schmidt was keen to tell us all about the importance of his fresh produce and I actually found it very interesting to try the two oils, one green and spicy, the other golden and more mellow. Both olive oils were extremely pleasant to taste when dipped into with the marvelous breads from the table.



To follow we certainly did have more information about the wines starting with the Sanice Vernaccia di San Gimignano Reserva, a potent white that freshened our palettes ready for some seared miso marinated Barramundi fish with an accompanying white wine sauce.

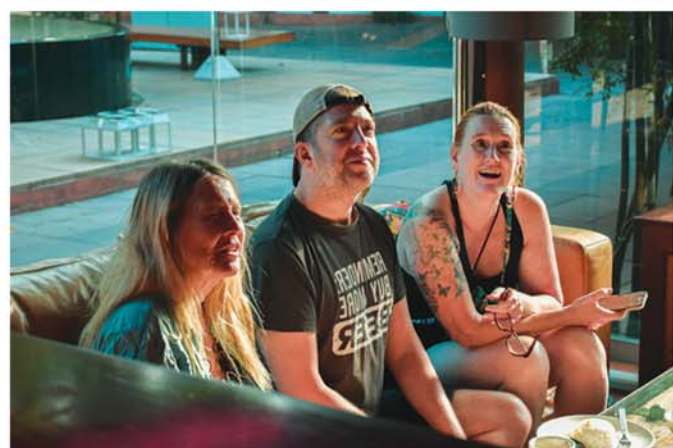
Then 2 Brunello di Montalcino reds. Firstly with the duck consomme and then “the star of the show” the Reserva II with grilled Australian beef flank, which to my preference could have been just a little more bloody.

After all this there was hardly any room for dessert and yet we all seemed to manage the delicate chocolate and hazelnut Panna Cotta with tarte berry compote and caramel sauce - served via a tube which seems to be quite the fashion right now.

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Why Jewish Deli food is so Delicious!

By Gloria Jones

What makes Jewish Deli food so Delicious? Well, the affectionately termed Mrs Salty of London Beigel and Salt Beef Bar will proudly tell you it's because it's made with love. During a recent Pattaya Trader YouTube filming at The Plantation Estates, we were lucky enough to sample some amazing Jewish Deli food and see for ourselves how right she is.

Everything we sampled was fresh, wholesome and yes you could taste the homemade love in each bite. London Beigel doesn't just do bagels though - of which we sampled, Classic, Onion and Seeded with 3 accompanying sauces - my favourite being the Schmear. They also have an amazing 70 pages of food available to order on their website.



Gefilte fish

We were there to taste some well-known Jewish favourites, many of which I had heard of but never eaten. For example, I found out that Gefilte fish does not refer to the name of a fish but is a dish of poached deboned fish. Latkes a type of potato fritter I had tried before but not with a complimentary apple sauce as well as the sour cream. My absolute favourite though was the Matzo Ball soup, an unbelievably tasty chicken soup with dumplings - you've heard of a Jewish mother's chicken soup being able to cure all ills - well I could just feel every spoonful of this doing me good!



Latkes



Matzo Ball soup

We were encouraged to enjoy some amazing salt beef and pastrami sandwiches, even a deliciously grilled Reuben and finally when we were all crying out for doggy bags, some burnt cheesecake!



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You may have read our article about Sharple's Traditional UK Chip Shop when it opened in Jomtien. If not please go to our website pattayatrader.com where you will find it on our home page "A New Edition to Jomtien's Great Dining Scene".

As with the other 2 restaurants the Sharple's logo and branding is absolutely on point and this newest restaurant is even bigger with a lovely terrace from where you can look out across the lake. By Mabprachan Lake, in what used to be the Moon Bar, this UK Chippy is just down the road from August Restaurant.. So pass the vinegar - and Enjoy!

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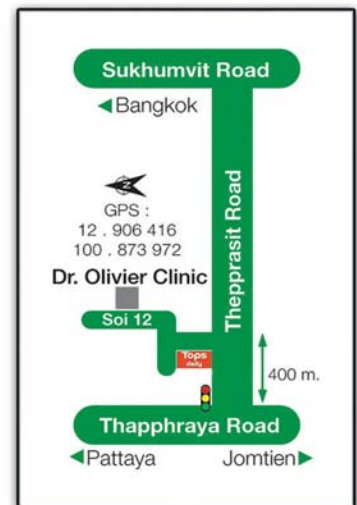
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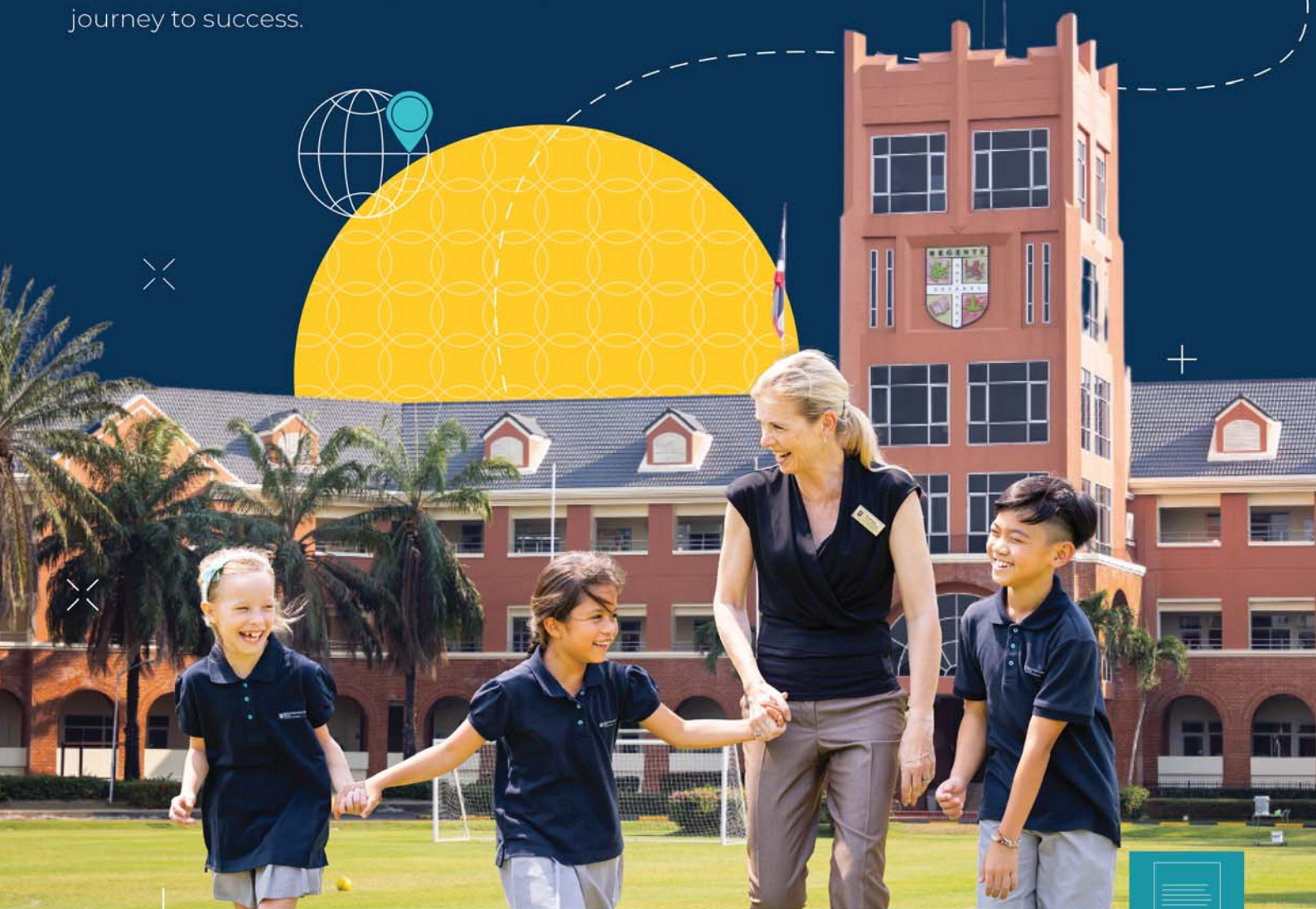




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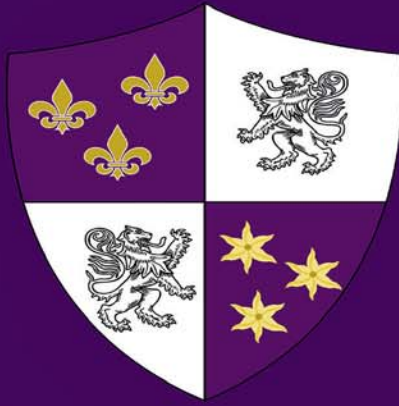
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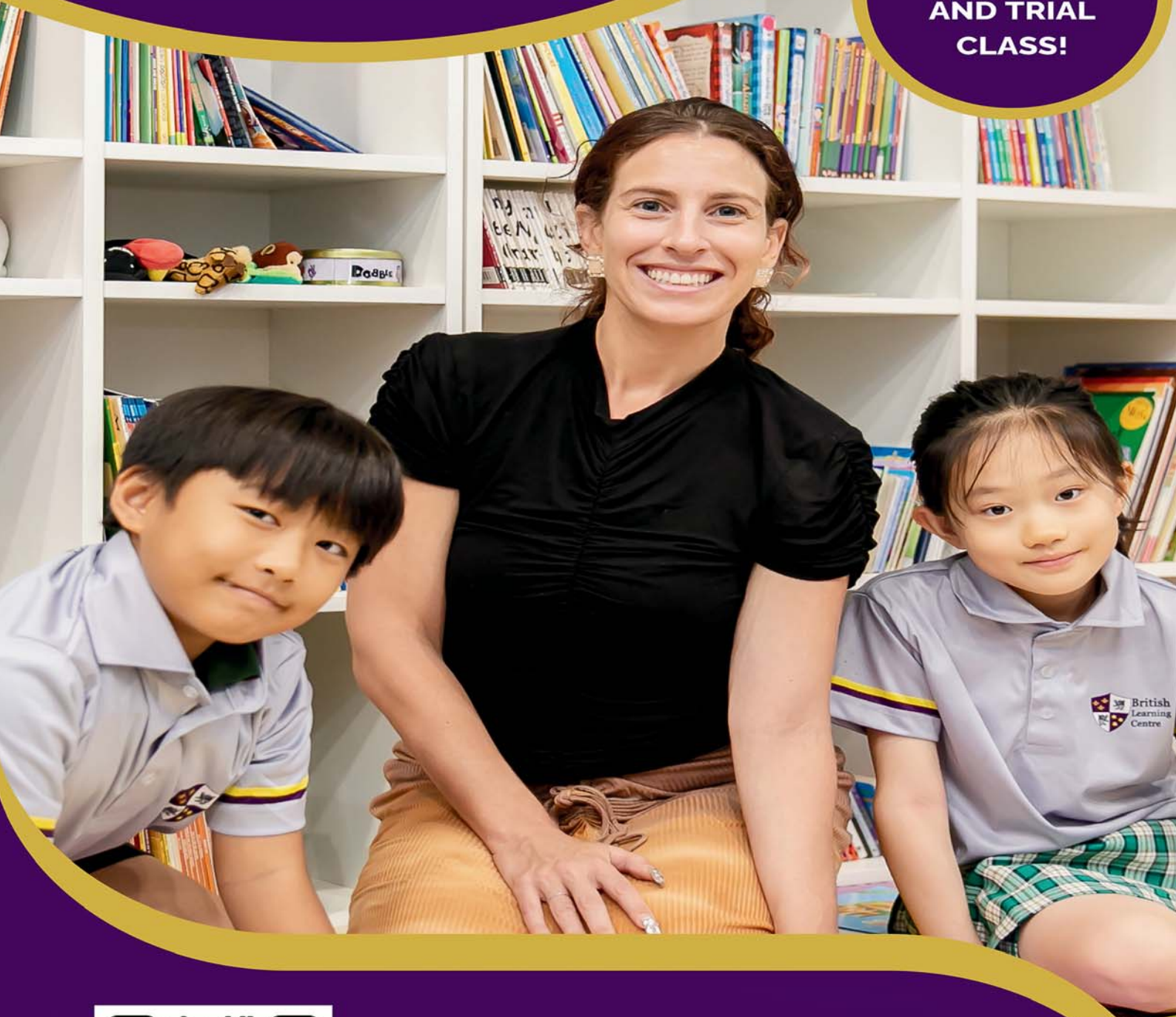
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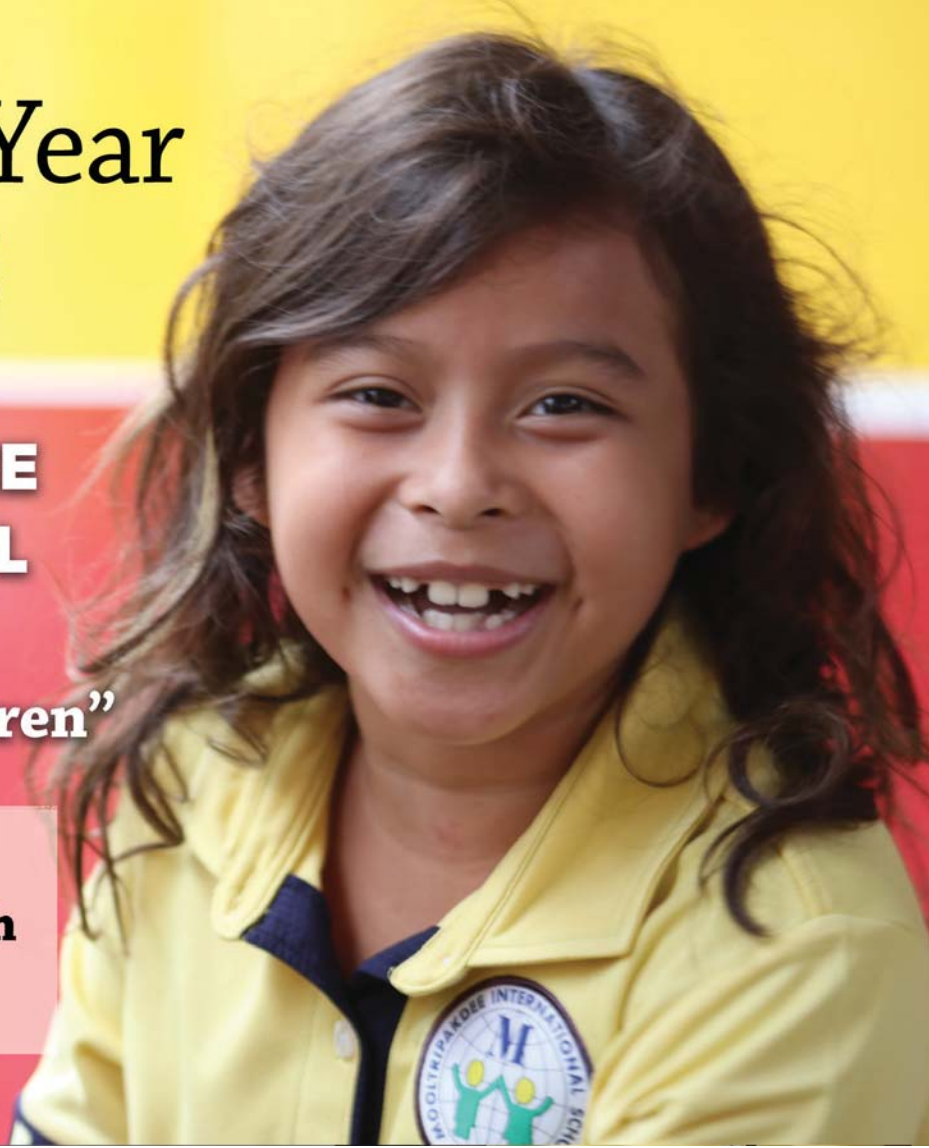
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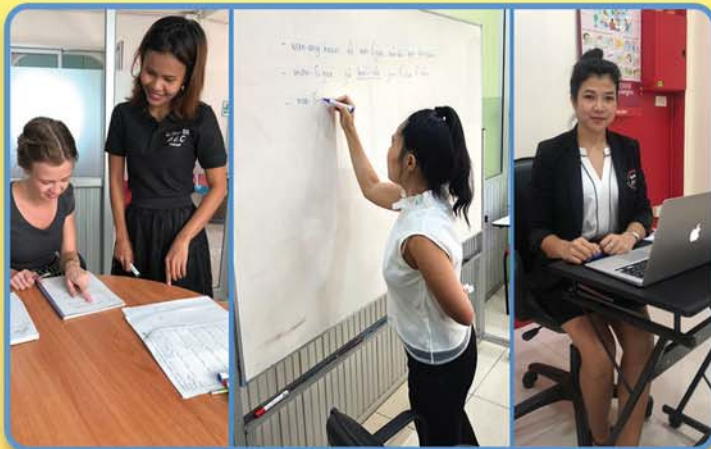


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This year's Cannes Yachting Festival featured a show-record 700 plus boats alongside strong attendance figures. However, the show layout is expected to change in the coming years as Vieux Port undergoes extensive renovation

According to the show's organiser RX France, 55,000 visitors from more than 130 countries attended this year's Cannes Yachting Festival around an 8% rise on last year.

The 700-plus boats included 618 displayed in the water in Vieux Port and Port Canto. In Vieux Port, dedicated to motor yachts, the show's new in-water zone for 8-12m boats – located near the RIBs and electric/hybrid boats – featured about 50 boats representing brands such as Sea Ray, Regal, Hanse, Nautic, Canelli, Cormate, Rand and White Shark.

Sylvie Ernoult, Director of the Cannes Yachting Festival, said: "The 46th Cannes Yachting Festival reached a record with 705 boats and 55,000 visitors from all over the world. We got a lot of positive feedback from our exhibitors, who were very satisfied with sales generated and visitor quality. Many eco-friendly innovations were showcased in all areas of the show including the new, in-water area for small boats from 8m long."

The show featured 130 world premieres including the first Baglietto T52 (170ft), Canados' new flagship Oceanic 143 (43m) and the Granturismo 45 UV II (143ft) by IsaYachts of Italy's Palumbo Superyachts group. Azimut had a strong presence with 14 yachts including the world premieres of the Verve 48, Magellano 60 and Fly 72, Sanlorenzo staged the world premiere of the SX100 in a 10-strong display that included the SX76 and SX88 crossover yachts.





British builders again had a strong presence. Sunseeker displayed a nine-model line-up led by the new Superhawk 55 and 75 Sport Yacht. Princess hosted the world premieres of the Y80 and Y95 alongside the new S72 Meanwhile, Polish motor yacht builder Galeon staged the European debuts of the 440 Fly (see Review) and 560 Fly motor yachts.



Port Canto's main exhibition area included 115 sailing monohulls, catamarans and trimarans, and hosted regular evening parties. Situated on the east side of the Croisette, Port Canto is set to host more boats during coming shows during the renovation and modernisation of Vieux Port, which will include a Superyachts Extension and be carried out by the City of Cannes and the new port operator Marina Vieux Port de Cannes (MVPC).

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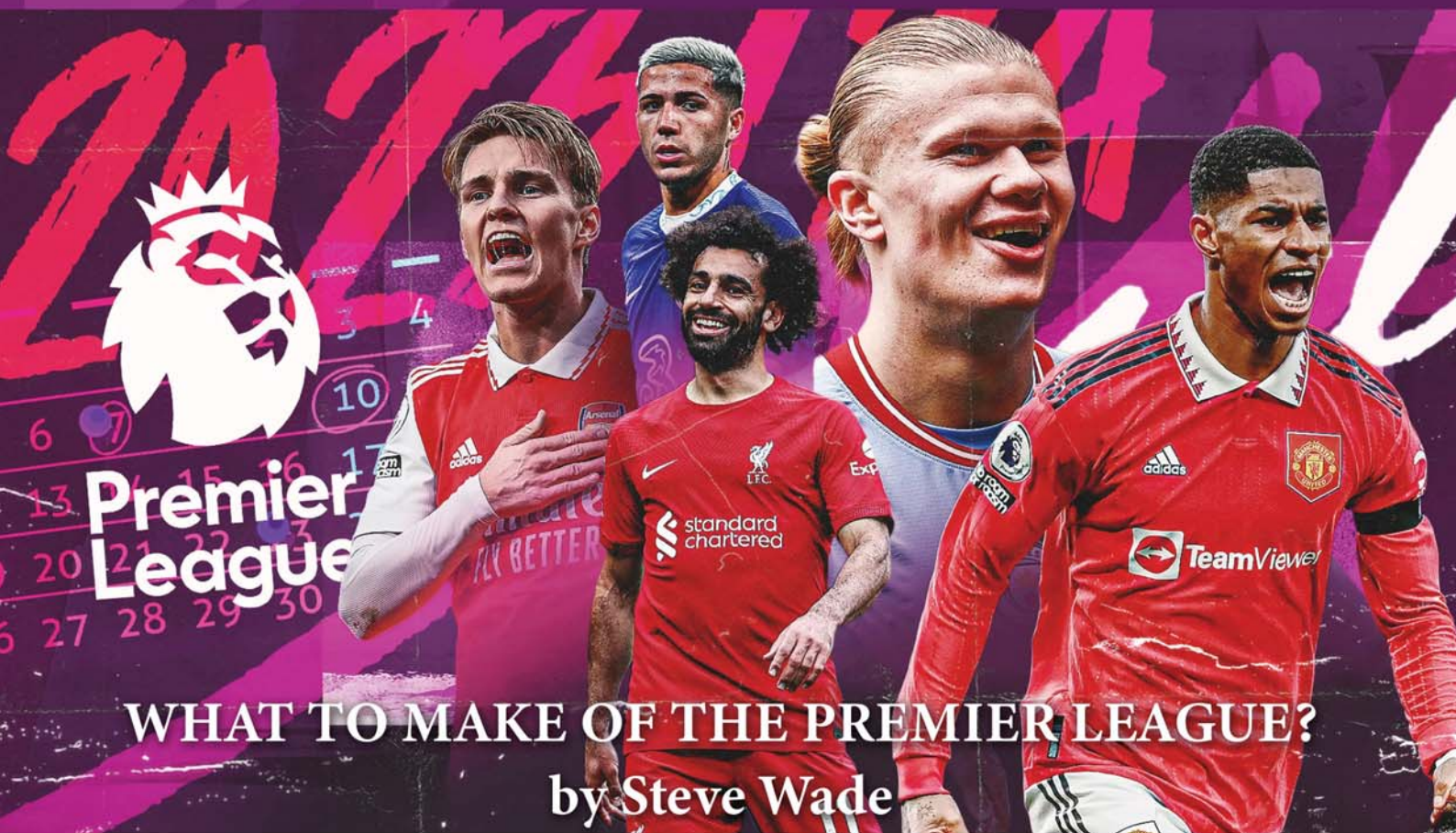


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Sports Update



WHAT TO MAKE OF THE PREMIER LEAGUE? by Steve Wade

At time of writing, just before the Christmas fixture list, the Premier League has some familiar and some not so familiar names with their sights set on the title. Arsenal sit on top of the table with Liverpool a point behind and Aston Villa, the new kids on the block, in the same position. The mighty Manchester City, the usual winners, are showing signs of vulnerability in fourth place, five points behind Arsenal, and Spurs, who seem to have resumed winning ways after a five game stretch of not being able to do so, are a point behind them but still right in the hunt. I think that Spurs have to still be counted as contenders because they had a spell of losing games, especially against Villa and West Ham, where they were clearly the superior team. They also have some key players returning from injury and they could well have a big say on where the title goes.

Aston Villa themselves have been revolutionised by the arrival of Unai Emery in October 2022 and after defeating both Manchester City and Arsenal at Villa Park in December, have to be considered serious title possibles, especially as they have started digging out away victories at places like Brentford to go with their incredible home form.

Arsenal have the look of a serious Premier League winning team this year. They are getting the results they need without really looking in tip top form and the quality that runs right through the side is keeping them in a good position whilst they wait for everything to click into place. They are currently second favourites behind Manchester City and must have a very good chance of being crowned Premier League winners for the first time since the invincibles in 2004.

Liverpool and Manchester City are the two teams who everyone expects to be bang there come the end of season, but cracks are appearing in both sides and the aura of invincibility that Manchester City have carried for the last few years is not quite so strong this year. Of course they can come on very strong in the second half of the season and be virtually unbeatable, as they have in previous years, but we may be seeing the first signs of their reign coming to an end, albeit temporarily.

Liverpool have been squeezing points from games that they have had no right to win and will have to improve to lift the Premier League trophy. Of course that could happen, but the latest frailties being shown by both them and City have thrown the title race wide open. I slightly favour Arsenal but wouldn't be totally surprised by any the above mentioned teams lifting the title. It's going to an intriguing run in, at least for us neutrals!

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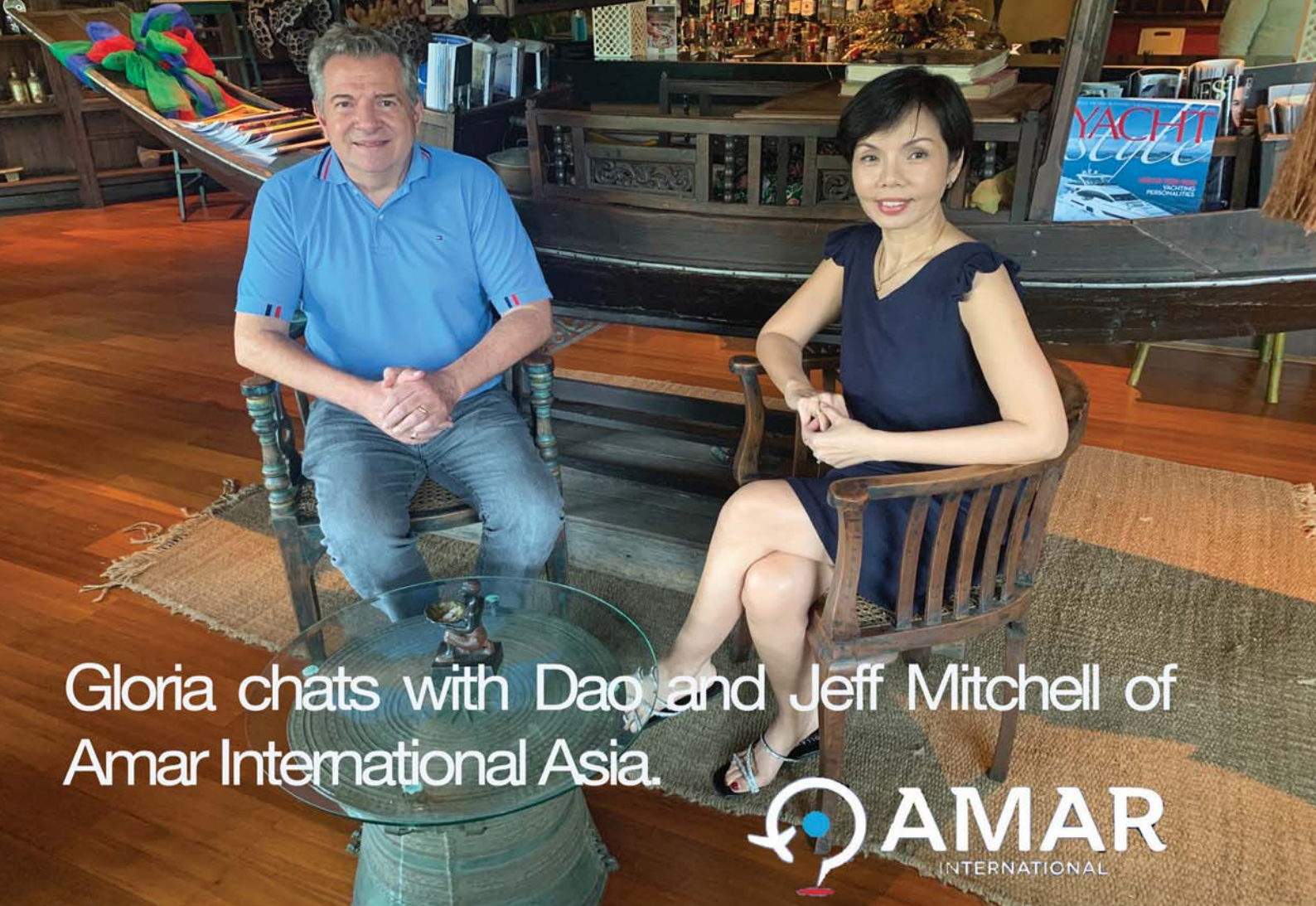
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Gloria chats with Dao and Jeff Mitchell of Amar International Asia.



If you need help with anything to do with the repatriation of a sick or deceased loved one, you should absolutely call on the skill and patience of Dao and Jeff Mitchell and their team at Amar International Asia. When meeting with them both recently, it quickly became apparent that it takes a special type of person to undertake this type of work. You must be able to communicate quickly and efficiently between all parties. Also, when offering a 24/7 Global service that spans different regions and time zones, prepared to acknowledge requests at any time, even those that come in the middle of the night.

Dealing with family expectations, embassy procedures, and Thai authorities is an essential and delicate balancing act. Loved ones may not understand that upon death, the relevant embassy in Thailand has to be informed and asked to provide a letter of release before the body can be repatriated. Acting as the family's intermediary means Amar have to be gentle but firm in order to get all the crucial information. They have also found that having one point of contact when working for a family helps to avoid misunderstandings and differences of opinion. Also, they have to politely advise the correct procedures if misinformed family members have taken incorrect advice or relied on their own (sometimes out of date) research as to how to proceed with the authorities. Grief handling is of course, the most painful part of the job. In their experience Dao and Jeff tell me that not everyone deals with loss in the same way. Another important attribute they must have is empathy when picking up on the mood and feelings of each individual family and client

Both Jeff and Dao have a wealth of experience to call upon when dealing with all these issues, gained from having worked in embassies here in Thailand. During his time with the British Embassy Jeff Mitchell MBE notched up 1,000 prison visits and extensive training in crisis management. This included UK Foreign office training that involved a military course (with actors) to enact disaster scenarios. Then it was on to actual rapid deployment that included Japan during the Tsunami in 2011, The Philippines during Typhoon Yolanda in 2013, the aftermath of the plane crashes in Phuket and Samui and the bombing incident at the Erawan Shrine.

Likewise Dao, whilst working for the French and Canadian embassy dealt with many difficult cases. Although her crisis training was to be thrown in at the deep end, working from 7:30 a.m to 9 pm, dealing with calls literally as they came in. One of her bravest missions was to rescue a 15 year old Canadian citizen who contacted the embassy in fear for her life. She claimed that her parents would kill her if she did not marry her uncle. Dao literally had to lead the girl to safety, by the hand and organize for her to be met by the social services in Canada.

So it was that Dao was sought out by the Australian company Amar International, to start a funeral company in Thailand. Working with this company (of over 160 years old) Dao gained even more valuable experience and continued to build a tremendous network with officials, airlines and also hospitals throughout the country. She went on to form Amar International Asia in 2018 and built up a team that included contacts from all over the Nation: 2 in Phuket, 2 in Chiang Mai, 2 in Udon Thani and 2 in Samui. This was especially useful recently when the company had to retrieve a missing passport in the North of Thailand for its unfortunate owner was stranded in Samui unable to travel.

No job appears to be too small or too big as Amar can also arrange complete funerals that take place here in Thailand. Dao tells me that the sensibilities of western clients and their guests, have to be considered. Usually they are often from a culture which has different views when dealing with mortality. So the whole team at Amar understand the importance of giving a dignified farewell to loved ones and take enormous pride with the extra touches they provide. For example, coffins used in Thailand may often be very basic and so Lamduan (seen in this photo) works diligently to provide coffin lining. Also, if the body is naked or not respectfully attired she will make a navy blue silk outfit in which to clothe the deceased when being transported to the final resting place.

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Tax Corner - Corporate Income Tax (CIT)

In reconciliation between Accounting Expenses and Taxable Expenses, there are both tax allowable and tax disallowable expenses that must be adjusted for taxable profit calculation when submitting your tax return form.

Tax allowable expenses comprise of:

1. Normal expense payments with invoices and receipts that can be traceable to the supplier and recipient.
2. All expenses that are relevant to the firm's business operation :
 - Direct cost of sold goods and service rendered
 - Selling Expenses such as advertising and promotion, commission, marketing related expenses
 - Administration Expenses and Indirect Costs such as employee costs, office expenses, legal expenses and other indirect expenses.
3. Expenses in the categories that have the limitation of tax allowable expenses i.e:
 - Customer entertaining and recreation expenses not over 0.3% of annual gross sales
 - Public charity and donations including education support not more than 2% of net profit before such expenses.

Tax disallowable expenses comprise of:

1. Normal expenses payments without reliable invoices or supported receipts. Or expenses that have no proof of payment so are untraceable to any supplier or recipient
2. Expenses that are not relevant to the firm's business operation.
3. Expenses that are over the limit of tax allowable expenses such as customer entertainment expenses exceeding 0.3% of the firm's annual sales, public charity, and donations of more than 2% of net profit before such expenses.

Taxation benefit

There are other kinds of taxable expenses that are allowed which are as follows:

1. Depreciation of Plant, Machinery and Equipment with the following conditions:

- Plant costing less than 200 million Baht with useful life not more than 20 years and labor not more than 200 persons. Depreciation is generally calculated at 5% per year or for the period of 20 years. In this case, such depreciation is allowed at 25% for the first year of acquisition. Thereafter, depreciation can be made at 5% per year for the following 15 years. As a result, the difference between normal accounting and taxable calculation can be more tax deductible.
- Machinery and equipment that traditionally depreciation is 20% per year or depreciated over 5 years, are allowed to depreciate at 40% for the first year of acquisition and the rest 3 years can be depreciated at 20% a year. Then the differences can be more tax deductible.

2. Employment of the handicapped :

The amount of wages for handicapped employees can be deducted at 2 times of actual payment. In the case of the handicapped employment of more than 60% of normal staff, tax allowable shall be 3 times of actual wages. In the next chapter, we will talk about year end book closing and income tax calculation.

First, we apologize for the editing mistake of printing in the 2nd. Paragraph "Relation between accounting and taxation data" in the previous issue. Please correct income tax calculation to be Taxable Profit = Net profit for the period – Tax allowable expenses + Tax disallowable expenses.

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DOCUMENT LEGALIZATION

By: Magna Carta Law Firm

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The specific cases where you might need to legalize a document include:

- Educational documents
- Personal status documents such as birth certificates and marriage certificates
- Legal documents such as POAs, contracts, and agreements
- Business documents
- Adoption papers
- Policies and declarations
- Court documents such as judgments or court orders

What is the difference between notarization and legalization?

Notarization and legalization are two distinct processes for establishing the legitimacy of documents, but they serve different purposes and are often required in different contexts. Notarization is a local process that verifies the authenticity of a signature on

a document, while legalization is an international process that authenticates a document for use in a foreign country. It involves obtaining a series of certifications to ensure that the document is genuine and has legal standing in the country where it will be used. Depending on the requirements of the destination country, a document may need to undergo both notarization and legalization.

What documents are required for document legalization?

In the case of foreigners, the requirements shall be as follows:

- Original documents (with the Garuda seal) verified by your embassy in Thailand or the Thai embassy in your country
- If available, a translation of the original document
- Identification documents: a photocopy of your passport and a visa with your real signature.

What are the steps, and how long may legalization take?

If it is merely to legalize an original document when the document owner is present, the applicant can go in and complete it on that day. It is strongly advised that you make an appointment using the online system. If a translation is necessary, the document must first be translated. When you submit legal certification, the officer will contact you to arrange for you to pick up the document or revise the translation. As a result, the estimated time frame might be one or two weeks.

Can someone else legalize my documents on my behalf?

Legalizing documents on your behalf requires granting another individual power of attorney, who must be of legal age. Walk-ins are not allowed, and the queue must be reserved online exclusively for document legalization, ensuring a smooth process.



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Anyone but you

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The Color Purple

Taraji P. Henson, Fantasia Barrino, Danielle Brooks

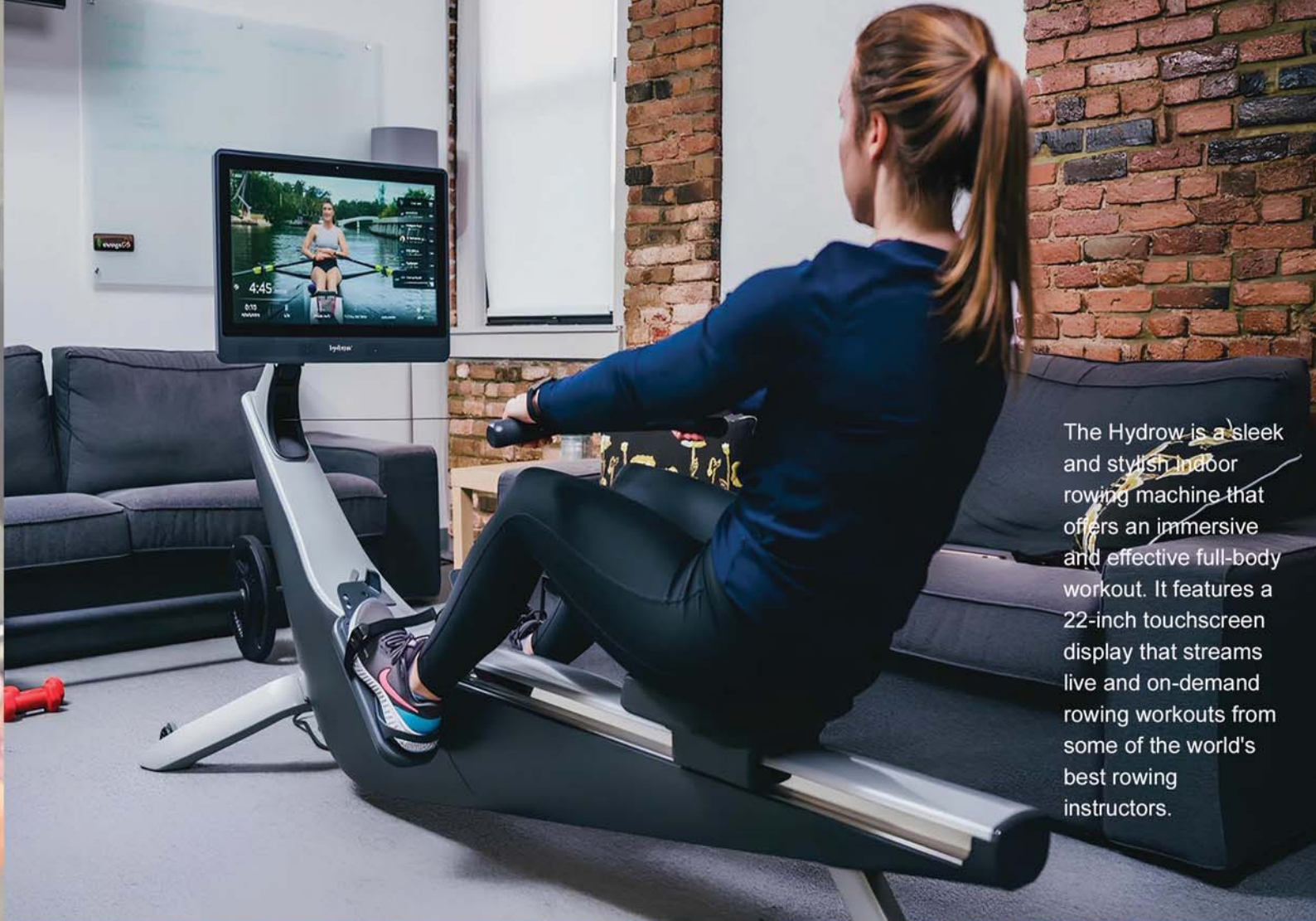
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A HAPPY FISH ONLY HAS ONE WISH

– BARRY UPTON



During the last few weeks of 2023, I released a new single to a world of unsuspecting radio listeners all over the globe. My wish for 2024 is that people learn how to be happy as that's one of the essential ingredients for a satisfying life. This latest ode to contentment has been received more enthusiastically than I could ever imagine. A couple of years ago I released my 'Hormones Of Happiness' album, the aim of which being to spread a message of joy wrapped up in a bunch of sixties style songs. Several singles charted at international radio and the videos kickstarted my YouTube channel.

So, I thought I would continue the happiness theme in this new song 'Happy Fish', the lyrics reminding of how fish do not recall where they've just come from and have no concept of the future. Therefore, they are living in the 'here and now' without the complications of life as we know it. A happy fish only has one wish, and that is to be a happy fish'.

My allegoric song hopefully can inspire us all to be happy fish and try to simplify our precious lives.

The video, features me, my backing singer Marina (appropriate name) and a real live mermaid friend of mine, Tickyna, in an aquarium of happy fish ... swimming around.

Full song and video for 'Happy Fish' by Barry Upton, can be viewed on YouTube – FAB BAZ MUSIC TV.

The Beatles recently released a new song produced around a vocal taken from a John Lennon demo cassette recorded in the late seventies using new A.I. technology. I was as excited as all Beatlemaniacs to hear this new production but unfortunately was disappointed at the result, technically o.k., but lacking the excitement found in their earlier classics.

However, a musical producer/arranger named Barry Upton, conceitedly had an inspired idea of how to improve the listenability and dancibility of said Beatles song. Now, I'm not trying to tell Paul McCartney how to do his job, but I'm aware my new version of this song has actually reached him and feel sure he'll be impressed with how I've given the song extra 'life'. Decide for yourself popsters by seeking out the Beatles version, then, checking out the 'Beatlemania' (that's basically me) version of 'Now & Then' with an accompanying video I put together featuring my performance of the song integrating myself with famous Beatles album covers.



Full song and video for 'Now & Then' by Beatlemania, can be viewed on YouTube – FAB BAZ MUSIC TV.



Finally, as Marina was helping me out with the vocals for 'Happy Fish' during her brief Pattaya visit from her home in Siberia, before starting a long contract singing and DJing in the Maldives, I suggested to her we quickly film a video for a song we'd recorded a few years ago on one of my FAB BAZ POP trilogy albums.

The song is called 'Touch Me – Touch You' and is a heavily disguised piece of social commentary on the 'do not touch' culture rising amongst the 'woke' community in the Western world, intensified by eager lawyers.

So, I've included a line in the song that asks, very sarcastically, 'baby give me permission'... ha ha! I'm so grateful to be living in Thailand. Again, full song and video for 'Touch Me – Touch You' by Barry Upton with Marina, can be enjoyed on YouTube – FAB BAZ MUSIC TV.



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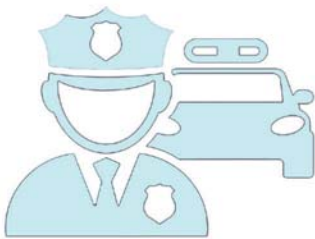
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EMBARKING ON NEW JOURNEYS: TRAVEL TRENDS TO WATCH IN 2024

As the world continues to evolve, so do our travel preferences and aspirations. With the dawn of 2024, a fresh wave of travel trends is set to shape the way we explore the globe. From sustainable adventures to immersive experiences, here are the travel trends to watch in 2024 that promise to redefine our journeys.

SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL:

In 2024, sustainability will become more than just a buzzword in the travel industry. Travellers are increasingly seeking eco-friendly accommodations, participating in carbon offset programs, and choosing destinations that prioritise environmental conservation. Sustainable travel isn't just a trend; it's a responsible way to explore our planet, ensuring that the beauty we admire today remains for generations to come.

CULINARY TOURISM ON THE RISE:

Food has always been an integral part of travel, but in 2024, culinary tourism is taking centre stage. Travellers are increasingly seeking authentic, local dining experiences, exploring street markets, and engaging in cooking classes to immerse themselves in the culinary heritage of a destination. From street food to fine dining, the journey is as much about the flavors as it is about the sights.



SOLO HOLIDAYS: TRAVEL WITH OTHER SINGLES

Travelling alone might not seem much fun, or may even appear daunting, especially if you have recently become separated, divorced, or widowed. So solo group holidays are perfect for anyone who does not want to travel on their own: Singles without kids, single parents whose kids are away, single parent empty nesters, and people whose partner does not share their love of skiing or travelling. Therefore escorted group vacations for single travellers are on the rise.

TECH-ENHANCED EXPLORATION:

The integration of technology into travel experiences is reaching new heights. Augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) are revolutionising how we discover destinations, allowing travellers to virtually explore before setting foot in a new place. Mobile apps are providing real-time translations, enhancing communication, and making navigating foreign lands more accessible than ever.



JOURNEYS DURING PREGNANCY:

Expectant parents are choosing to embark on vacations, creating unique babymoon experiences before the arrival of their little ones. However, it's crucial to prioritise safety and comfort during these travels. Airlines and travel providers are adapting to cater to pregnant travellers, offering special services and amenities. From prenatal yoga sessions to maternity spa treatments, the travel industry is recognizing the unique needs of expectant parents, ensuring a safe and enjoyable journey. Before planning a trip during pregnancy, it's essential to consult with healthcare professionals to ensure that the chosen destination and activities align with the health and well-being of both the mother and the baby. With careful planning, travelling while pregnant can be a memorable and enriching experience.



WELLNESS GETAWAYS FOR THE MIND AND BODY:

The importance of holistic well-being is influencing travel choices. Wellness retreats and mindful travel experiences are gaining popularity, offering travellers the chance to rejuvenate their minds and bodies. From yoga retreats in serene landscapes to digital detox escapes, these journeys focus on self-care, promoting a balance between relaxation and exploration.

2024 is set to be a year of transformative travel experiences. Whether you're passionate about sustainable adventures, tech-infused exploration, or culinary delights, the evolving landscape of travel offers something for everyone. And for expectant parents, the growing recognition of the unique needs during pregnancy opens up new possibilities for creating lasting memories before the next chapter begins. So, fasten your seatbelts and get ready to embark on new journeys that will redefine the way we explore the world.



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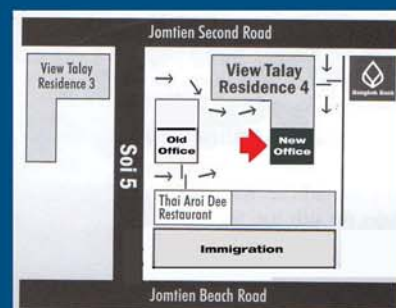
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Interior Design Trends for 2024



Now is the time after decisions were made for in-home offices or cosy nooks for cocooning, to take your interior design to the next level. Designers are setting a focus on previously underestimated areas of the home such as the hall and already searches for 'handmade' and 'eclectic interior design vintage' are growing.

Plain white walls are still out, but so are slick, high-gloss finishes that can turn any room into a hall of mirrors. Lacquer now gives way to brushed or hand-applied finishes, like Roman clay or limewash. Also texture is important such as patterns in wood that are three-dimensional or floors of ceramic and terra-cotta that have geometric texture that changes when you introduce light into the picture.

Brown Will Be A Statement Colour

With earthy browns and rich terracottas that bring comfort and create a welcoming atmosphere, not only will these colours be seen in textiles but also in furniture and paintwork. The trend for exposed brick and metal fixtures making way for softer, more natural styles using wood, wallpapers and ceramics



In the bathroom designers are predicting a pause from technology with its harsh blue lights and bright touch screens. Instead, without the buzz of tech bathrooms there's a return to a more Victorian sensibility. Also embracing nature with the use of large windows that invite the outside in as you start your day renewed and focused.



Also Chartreuse

Chartreuse is a bold, energising colour that is about to have its moment in interiors and fashion. My tip for incorporating chartreuse into an interior is to avoid going full neon," McCauley notes.

Avoid going to the acid green or day glow neon and instead go for lime colours that will lift and refresh your interiors. For example in the bedroom with this Chesterfield-styled headboard in Chartreuse against a navy blue wall to showcase the elegance of the colour. Or with the use of splash back tiles in the kitchen to add a highlight.

Unexpected Murals

Often ignored but frequently used, a stairway is the perfect place to hint at the beauty to come within your home. Murals are expected to make an appearance in unexpected places such as foyers stairways and halls,

There will also be a rise in sustainable materials especially for unique pieces like seaweed lamps, even furniture collections made from recycled cardboard.



Inviting Living Rooms

Minimalism has evolved into a look less rigid and more warm, organic and inviting. Warm, textural spaces with natural materials in earthy colour palettes move away from whites and greys toward creams, browns, and rusts.

2024 will be a year of personalised eclecticism with a mood for more personalised spaces and people incorporating antiques and pieces passed down from the family alongside new pieces. Also in furnishing curves and softer shapes meeting straight lines a mix and balance that makes a space interesting.



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DECIDING WHERE TO LIVE IN PATTAYA - LAKE MABPRACHAN

Pattaya has plenty of options when looking for a place to put down roots if you have a young and growing family or are planning to retire. I mention these two categories specifically because the destination we are talking about today, Lake Mabprachan, is particularly suitable for those people. Situated about a 20 minute drive from the centre of the city, the area is obviously rural compared to some other parts of Pattaya but can still boast a variety of amenities and convenient shops and restaurants.

First things first. It is essential that you have your own vehicle if you live around the lake. There is no public transport to speak of and the only way to travel freely would be to use the taxi services that are available, such as Bolt or Uber. This is fine for when you're having that night out and going into town but for the day to day shopping, school runs and anything local, your own means of getting around is imperative.

As mentioned earlier, the Mabprachan Lake area is much more suitable for families or people thinking of retiring than for the solo retiree or younger single people. The property available is mostly villas and houses with more space than you would have in the city and there are very few condominium developments compared to the extensive choice you would have closer to the city.

So, what are the advantages of living around the lake? Firstly, the majority of international schools are within easy reach, as is the motorway to reach Bangkok. There are lots of local convenience stores and the major supermarkets are only a 15 minute drive away. As far as entertainment is concerned, there are plenty of local bars where you can grab a cold beer and watch live sports and the surprising thing is that the area also has a wide choice of good quality restaurants, some of which are frequented by customers traveling from the city, such is the reputation of some of them. Situated mostly on the road that surrounds the lake itself, you can try anything from Italian, Thai, Indian or Chinese food right through to an American style diner and plenty of choices for the "must have" Sunday roast.

The biggest question to be asked is, what type of property is available and what can I expect for my money? Well, if you're coming from Europe or anywhere else where the property prices are rocketing, you'll be very pleasantly surprised by what you'll get for your hard earned cash. Even in comparison to the areas closer to the centre of town, the prices are favourable. If you're looking for a bigger property with plenty of indoor and outdoor space, you'll have a wide range of property and prices to choose from. Whether you are buying from abroad or are already situated in Thailand, the best way forward is to contact a reliable and trustworthy agency to guide you through the process of purchasing your home. Gustaf Real Estate is one such company and you won't find a better team in Pattaya to help you through every aspect of the procedure. You'll be in safe hands with Gustaf Real Estate, so get in touch and start planning a move to your dream home in Thailand.



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Open House at Zensiri Midtown Villas



ESS Developments hosted an exclusive open house to showcase Zensiri Midtown Villas. A project of 26 luxury pool villas in central Pattaya as featured in Discover Pattaya Magazine's August issue. If you missed this it is still available to view online in the Back Issues of our website pattayatrader.com

Thank you Rodney James Charman for the photos





What a way to cap off this incredible year of 2023.

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Our team experienced a tremendously enjoyable and fashionable time in Bangkok, filled with smiles and delight. Our heartfelt gratitude extends to everyone for their unwavering support and to our diligent crew, who consistently strive to achieve our targets and adhere to timelines without ever compromising on quality.



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PRESTIGE PROPERTIES ATTENDS FUTURE PROPERTY EXPO FOR A "POP UP PATTAYA" EVENT

It was great to see so many friends and customers out of their offices and the Chon Buri area whilst attending a busy 4 day expo at Bangkok's Central World. The store was buzzing with pre Christmas and New Year shoppers and many of them came to see The Future Property Expo. at the Beacon 2 Zone.

Pattaya Prestige Properties founded 12 years ago and now with over 2,500 listings had an excellent position at the show. Patrick Lewinger, Managing Director of Pattaya Prestige Properties said the expo provided an excellent opportunity to reinforce connections with developers and great training for his sales team. They were encouraged to engage with passers by and provide valuable information for visitors at the stand.

Especially for this event Prestige had some enticing discounts and incentives from Riviera Malibu Residences as well as pre sale offers from the Patta Group with their Horizon and forthcoming Chieftan projects. Patrick also told me about an amazing development close to Rugby School Thailand The View Estate Pattaya that has beautiful, elevated villas, on generous plots of between 1/2 and 1 1/2 Rai and reasonable prices starting around 20 million baht.

Also in attendance were: Alan Bolton, Zensiri Midtown villas, Sansiri showcasing their Eco Homes, Wyndham, East Coast Real Estate and Baan Mae villas. Everyone reporting that the event was well attended and offered some pleasing leads and opportunities. So it may be that Pattaya will Pop up at another such event soon.





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