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### **The Sukhothai Bangkok gets makeover and new Club Wing**

**Bangkok, November 15, 2018:** Legendary hotel The Sukhothai Bangkok will usher in a new chapter in its illustrious 27-year history when the newly completed Club Wing opens its doors to guests for the upcoming festive season. The wing is the first phase of an expansive and multi-phase restoration of the iconic hotel that in the past has won much praise and accolades for its understated architectural charm, timeless Thai elegance, and gracious service.

The luxurious Club Wing includes 33 brand-new rooms and suites, a Club Lounge on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor, a new high-tech Fitness Centre in the basement, a renovated swimming pool with well-appointed cabanas, and the multi-award-winning La Scala Italian restaurant that also underwent an extensive six-month makeover. With the transformation of the Terrace Wing into the luxurious Club Wing the stage is set for the restoration of the rest of the hotel and the Main Wing room interiors over the next few years.

“The Sukhothai embraces everything that is Thai and one thing everyone loves about it is the design. So when we decided to renovate the hotel there was no better person than Ed Tuttle, who originally designed the hotel to do it,” says General Manager Thomas Schmitt-Glaeser, who oversees this important project apart from his day-to-day tasks of running the hotel.

In his initial vision for the hotel, American architect and interior designer Ed Tuttle imbued it with the essence of the 13<sup>th</sup> century Sukhothai era, creating a contemporary hotel that paid homage to the grace, elegance and charm of that glorious age, yet celebrated Bangkok’s status as a world city. He made generous use of teak, granite, mirrors, glass, ceramics, metal and the finest Jim Thompsons silks to evoke the palatial salons of the ancient capital. He also included architectural elements such as reflections pools, stupas, symmetrical colonnades and other Sukhothai-style sculptures.

Tuttle used the same materials in his re-imagining of the hotel as he oversees the facelift. “The basic brief was to upgrade, but also come up with an evolved style rooted in the original design concept,” he explains.

The new Club Wing adds another elegant dimension to the traditional Thai refinement and immaculate contemporary style of one of the city’s most iconic hotels.

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The 33 suites in the new Club Wing are a sumptuous blend of granite, wood, metal, mirror and silk, combined with elegant design and intricate detailing. Generously spacious they range in size from 45 to 138 square metres, with some featuring large verandahs. Full-length windows frame city views and the expanded swimming pool below. Rich silk-panelled walls, warm teakwood floors and furniture, mirrors, and marble-clad bathrooms preserve the aesthetic thread of tradition with modern sophistication that has defined the hotel for years.

All the rooms and suites combine subtle Thai nuances with modern technology and supreme comfort. In-room conveniences include high-tech Japanese toilets, Harman Kardon sound systems, a 55" LED television, digital bedside control panel, Bottega Veneta amenities, a Nespresso coffee machine, 400-threadcount linen, Slumberland mattresses, and a pillow menu. Club Wing guests also enjoy in-room check in when they arrive.

The Club Lounge located on the sixth floor of the new Club Wing offers the ultimate in exclusivity with impressive views of the swimming pool. One of the largest in the city it allows guests to enjoy an a la carte breakfast, afternoon tea, or sip signature cocktails at the private bar. Additionally, it also offers a private meeting room for up to six persons.

The 25-metre long infinity-edged outdoor pool fronting the building, is surrounded by 12 cabanas, and is lined with blue and green mosaic tiles that echo the serenity of Thai Palatial architecture when the light reflects off them.

With its double height ceilings and state-of-the-art equipment from Life Fitness, the brand-new spacious fitness centre located in the basement is the perfect place to tone muscles, increase stamina and just keep healthy. High-tech video walls allow guests to enjoy relaxing views of the tropical gardens outside among many other scenic settings. The fitness centre also includes a separate enclosed room for spinning, and a pro shop.

Last year, La Scala, the award-winning Italian restaurant located in the same building, returned to the city's dining centre stage after an extensive renovation. Drawing inspiration from its namesake the grand La Scala Opera Theatre in Milan, the concept for the new La Scala was the "The Great Theatre for Marvelous Moments", where extraordinary moments engage patrons in a full sensory experience of cuisine, design, glamour and service. This year the restaurant was the only one in Thailand to be awarded 3 Forks by the Gambero Rosso Guide as one of best Italian restaurants outside of Italy.

The addition of the new Club Wing combined with the famed Sukhothai hospitality, now heralds a new era for this city icon.

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### **About Ed Tuttle**

American architect and interior designer Edward Tuttle, who originally designed The Sukhothai Bangkok was named one of *Architectural Digest's* "Top 100 Architects in the World". His other major work includes Aman resorts around the world and Hyatt properties such as the Park Hyatt Milan. His preference for clean, simple lines and his eclectic use of building materials reflect an aesthetic sensitivity and originality that often distinguish his works as timeless architectural classics.

### **About The Sukhothai Bangkok**

Combining contemporary style with the essence of old-world palatial charm, The Sukhothai Bangkok recaptures the splendor of a bygone age. Accommodation is in low-rise pavilion style buildings set within six acres of tropical gardens with lotus ponds. The interior design mirrors Thai royal style and incorporates rich silk fabrics, teakwood paneling and marble detail throughout. It also offers a selection of world-class restaurants and bars including the Colonnade for international cuisine and the famous Sunday Brunch, the Zuk Bar with its indoor and outdoor lounges, the renowned La Scala Italian restaurant and the award-winning Celadon restaurant, serving traditional Thai cuisine.



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