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THE SUKHOTHAI BANGKOK UNVEILS CHIC NEWLY RENOVATED ROOMS

Celebrating its 18th birthday this year, The Sukhothai Bangkok has unveiled the first phase of renovations to 40 of the hotel's superior rooms, with all 100 rooms of this type to be completely refurbished by July 2010.

Set within six acres of tranquil, beautifully landscaped gardens in the heart of Bangkok, this iconic hotel combines traditional refinement with immaculate contemporary style and has long been a favourite with design-savvy visitors to Thailand's bustling capital. The current refurbishment has been undertaken by internationally-renowned interior designer Edward Tuttle, who masterminded the original interior designs for the property and has a long association with some of the world's finest luxury hotels and resorts.



The rooms have been given a new softness thanks to the use of subtle but rich chenille canvas wall fabrics by Jim Thompson, which balance the exotic teak wood, pradou cabinetry and signature detailing that has always defined the architectural and interior style of The Sukhothai. Amenities have been upgraded to include integrated bars and new flat screen televisions discreetly installed behind grey mirrors to blend seamlessly with the room when switched off. In the bathroom, guests will find compartmental shower and toilet areas remodeled in classic Sukhothai black granite and mirrored cabinets to create a depth of space.

Tuttle explains: "Keeping the classical image of The Sukhothai was a major concern when remodeling the existing bedrooms. Subtle touches such as the new teak wood floor throughout the bedroom and bathroom, give the entire space another level of unity and luxury."

Born in Seattle, but based in Paris for the last 30 years, Tuttle is known for his elegant and creative use of space. He has been involved with some of the most luxurious hotel and resort developments worldwide, including Aman Resorts internationally, The Chedi Phuket and Park Hyatt Paris-Vendôme.

Note to the Editors:

About The Sukhothai Bangkok

The 210-room The Sukhothai Bangkok is a multi-award winning member of the exclusive Leading Hotels of the World network. As one of Thailand's most luxurious accommodation experiences, its ancillary facilities including the Spa Botanica, limousine fleet, gym and swimming pool, modern meeting space and superb culinary encounters combine to produce one of the finest hospitality brands in the Kingdom. www.sukhothai.com

About Edward Tuttle

Edward Tuttle – one of Architectural Digest's "Top 100 Architects in the World" – is the original designer of The Sukhothai.

Tuttle imbued the essence of the 13th century Sukhothai era into his design and the result was a contemporary hotel that exuded the grace, elegance and charm of that glorious age. Tuttle was born and educated in the United States but his career has a decidedly exotic quality. Incredibly classic was Tuttle's finished product that The Sukhothai today is an icon among five-star luxury hotels; the property possesses an air of timeless Thai elegance.

Besides the legendary Sukhothai, Tuttle's other major work in the past decade includes six Aman resorts in Thailand, Europe, Morocco, Indonesia and the United States, and Hyatt properties including the Park Hyatt Milan.

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