

The Sarojin donates \$4,000 to local autistic social enterprise

The donation will be used to build a new classroom facility





From L-R: The Sarojin's owners Kate and Andrew Kemp visiting the Avautis facilities.

Images are available for download <u>here</u>.

19 October 2023. Thailand's 56-roomed boutique residence, <u>The Sarojin</u>, has made a donation of \$4,000 to <u>Avautis</u>, a social enterprise project developed by The Parent Club of Phang Nga Autistic Persons whose aim is to provide sustainable employment for autistic adults and education for autistic children. The donated funds come from The Sarojin Khao Lak Community Fund and will be directed towards building a new classroom facility.

Avautis' heartfelt initiative to promote inclusivity and empowerment for the autistic community aligns seamlessly with The Sarojin's core values of giving back to the local community and fostering positive change. Following the tragedy of the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami, The Sarojin Khao Lak Community Fund was created to support the recovery of the local area. It has allowed The Sarojin to contribute to a number of local life-changing projects since such as the building of fishing boats, housing, schools and roads, local orphanage support and animal welfare, among other projects. The fund is formed of guest donations, money raised through local initiatives and profits raised from 'The Story of The Sarojin' book, produced exclusively for the support of the community fund.

Avautis provides sustainable employment and financial support to autistic adults and children by providing the skills and resources required to operate an organic farm and also to produce and distribute FDA-approved skin care products. These include Avautis Serum, Avautis Facial Cream, Avautis Hands and Nails Cream produced with natural herbs sourced in the area such as turmeric from Thap Put District in the Phang Nga Province.

Commenting on the donation to Avautis, The Sarojin's owner Kate Kemp said: "We are delighted to be able to support Avautis in their extremely valuable and worthwhile mission within the local community. At The Sarojin, we are firm believers in the power of giving back to the community and have been fortunate to be able to support many notable causes to date. The partnership with Avautis is a tremendous example of community partnership, engagement, and inclusivity and one that we look

forward greatly to sharing with our guests. We hope our contribution helps make a positive impact on the lives of autistic adults and children in the area and foster a more inclusive and sustainable society".

The Sarojin plans to continue to support Avautis in the long run by including visits to the facility as part of The Sarojin Cares Days, a monthly team outing to do volunteering work in the community. Guests receive a complimentary invitation to join the team on the volunteering excursions during their stay should they wish to do so.

For more information about The Sarojin and its community initiatives, please visit: https://www.sarojin.com/en/khao-lak-resort-sarojin/community-and-environment/

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About The Sarojin

The Sarojin is beautifully set on an 11km stretch of secluded white sand beach in Khao Lak, just a 55-minute drive north of Phuket Airport and is surrounded by five spectacular national parks and the world-famous dive sites of the Similan and Surin Islands. Designed in a contemporary Asian style, the five-star resort's 56 deluxe residences are nestled within ten acres of tropical grounds leading directly onto the beachfront. Each guest room features its own private garden and "sala" sundeck, couples' baths with waterfall showers, and plunge and relaxation pools that blend into the natural habitat. Other facilities include an attentive "Imagineer" who can create tailor-made experiences for hotel guests and complimentary use of a fully equipped fitness centre, mountain bikes, sailing catamarans, sail boats, sea kayaks and windsurfing boards. Tranquillity is guaranteed as no children under the age of 10 are permitted to stay at The Sarojin.

The Sarojin has been recognised for its fine dining offering by **The MICHELIN Guide Bangkok, Phuket, and Phang-nga 2021**. The highly-regarded restaurant guide honours those that consistently provide diners with high quality products, a 'mastery of flavour and cooking techniques' and value for money, as well as demonstrating the chef's personality within the cuisine.

The Sarojin has been voted consistently in Conde Nast Traveller's Top Resorts in Thailand: Readers' Choice Awards 2013-2021

The Sarojin Community Care Fund

Established in December 2004 <u>The Sarojin Community Care Fund</u>, which was initially set up to help rebuild the communities surrounding our resort in the wake of the devastating 26 December tsunami, continues to contribute to a number of worthy local projects in Khao Lak. From providing medical provision for prosthetic limbs and supporting local orphanages with childcare, to building school classrooms, roads and covering the cost of a full-time veterinary surgeon to care for the local wildlife, there's such a huge variety of ways our fund gives back to those closest to us. Guests are encouraged to donate to the fund during their stay, with 100% of the money raised distributed to local community projects.

For further information on The Sarojin, please visit: www.sarojin.com and The Sarojin 360 Tour

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