

## The Sarojin introduces visits to local autistic social enterprise Avautis as part of its 'Sarojin Cares' volunteering days





From L-R: The Sarojin's owners Kate and Andrew Kemp inaugurating new classroom facility and The Sarojin's pool.

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**4 December 2023.** Renowned for its commitment to responsible tourism and community engagement, Khao Lak's boutique residence <u>The Sarojin</u>, is delighted to announce the addition of visits to **local autistic social enterprise** <u>Avautis</u> as part of its 'Sarojin Cares' volunteering programme. This follows a recent \$4,000 plus donation directed towards building a new classroom facility, which was completed and inaugurated in November.

<u>Avautis</u> is a social enterprise project developed by The Parent Club of Phang Nga Autistic Persons whose aim is to provide sustainable employment, education and financial support for autistic adults and children. They do this 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 and 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.

Promoting inclusivity and empowerment of the local community are values that align seamlessly with The Sarojin and therefore this is a cause the resort aims to support in the long run. Including visits to the facilities under the 'Sarojin Cares' umbrella will allow staff and guests who wish to take part, to assist in whatever way might be needed. This could include helping to clean the facilities, assisting with the production of skincare products, farm maintenance, planning games and activities with the children, etc.

All guests staying at The Sarojin receive a complimentary invitation to take part in the 'Sarojin Cares Days' which are monthly team outings to do volunteer work in the community. The resort offers guests the chance to immerse themselves in hands-on activities, get involved with the local community and care for the local environment whilst enjoying a luxurious escape. To date excursions have included cleaning nearby towns, coastlines and waterfalls, longtail boat and bridge restorations, orphanage

visits, joining a local facility for disabled children for arts, crafts, games, singing and dancing and tree planting and mangrove restoration as part of the 'One Booking One Tree' scheme.

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: <u>www.sarojin.com</u> and <u>The Sarojin 360 Tour</u>

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