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## **Double the accolades for Laguna Phuket at the 2011 South East Asia Property Awards**

Laguna Resorts & Hotels Public Company Limited and its entrepreneurial leader, Mr Ho Kwon Ping, have been recognised amongst hundreds of industry heavyweights at the inaugural South East Asia Property Awards in Singapore.

Mr Ho, Executive Chairman of Banyan Tree Holdings Ltd, was named Real Estate Personality of the Year (South East Asia) at the lavish awards dinner at Hotel Fort Canning, while Laguna Resorts & Hotels PLC was named Best Developer (Thailand). Banyan Tree Residences were also Highly Commended in the Best Villas (Thailand) category.

More than 300 attendees joined the gala dinner and ceremony where winners in 28 categories were announced.

The award for Real Estate Personality of the Year (South East Asia) was a special Publisher's Choice Award presented by the event organisers, Ensign Media. Laguna Resorts & Hotels PLC edged out four short-listed property developers for the prestigious Best Developer (Thailand) award.

Laguna Resorts & Hotels PLC Managing Director, Mr Michael Ayling, said: "For our Executive Chairman to be named Real Estate Personality of the Year is a great compliment. Ho Kwon Ping is an inspiring leader and continues to propel our company forward in an ever-changing market.

"We're absolutely thrilled to have received the award for Best Developer ahead of such a quality field of industry professionals from across Thailand. The award reflects our hard work and the quality of our products at Laguna Phuket."

Mr Ayling continued: "The South East Asia Property Awards ceremony really showcased the strength of the Asian real estate market, which we are extremely proud to be a part of."

The destination resort's Best Developer (Thailand) award shines the spotlight on the success of Laguna Phuket's latest real estate projects, including The Lofts, Banyan Tree Residences and the Deluxe Residences.

Completed in August, The Lofts at Laguna Village are Phuket's newest and most exclusive loft-style apartments, featuring a contemporary, sleek design. The stylish apartments, almost all of which have been sold, are ideally positioned within the heart of Laguna Village, surrounded by lush landscaping and manicured grounds. Phase II of the development is due to officially launch in just a few weeks time, with many of the units already pre-sold.

The ever-popular Banyan Tree Residences and Deluxe Residences continue to impress Laguna Phuket guests, and are renowned even amongst their competitors for their superior quality and unique Asian interior design.

Eligibility for the South East Asia Property Awards began with nominations from the public and industry and was followed by individual entry submissions judged by a panel of professionals. The top short-listed developments in each category were then visited by the judging panel before the final winners were chosen.

For the full list of winners, visit [www.southeastasiapropertyawards.com](http://www.southeastasiapropertyawards.com).

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Executive Chairman of Banyan Tree Holdings Ltd, Mr Ho Kwon Ping, at the 2011 South East Asia Property Awards. [High Resolution image available at:](#)

**Note to the Editor:**

Laguna Phuket is Asia's finest destination resort – a collection of deluxe hotels and villas including Banyan Tree Phuket, Angsana Laguna Phuket, Dusit Thani Laguna Phuket, Laguna Beach Resort, Outrigger Laguna Phuket Resort and Villas, Best Western Allamanda Laguna Phuket, Laguna Holiday Club Resort, and Laguna Property offering luxury investment and lifestyle residential properties - all sharing 1,000 acres of tropical parkland and three kilometres of beach frontage with the Laguna Phuket Golf Club, Canal Shopping Village, Banyan Tree Spa, four Angsana Spas, Laguna Wedding Chapel, Quest Laguna Phuket Adventure an on-site team building facility, and Latitude, a unique stand- alone function venue.

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