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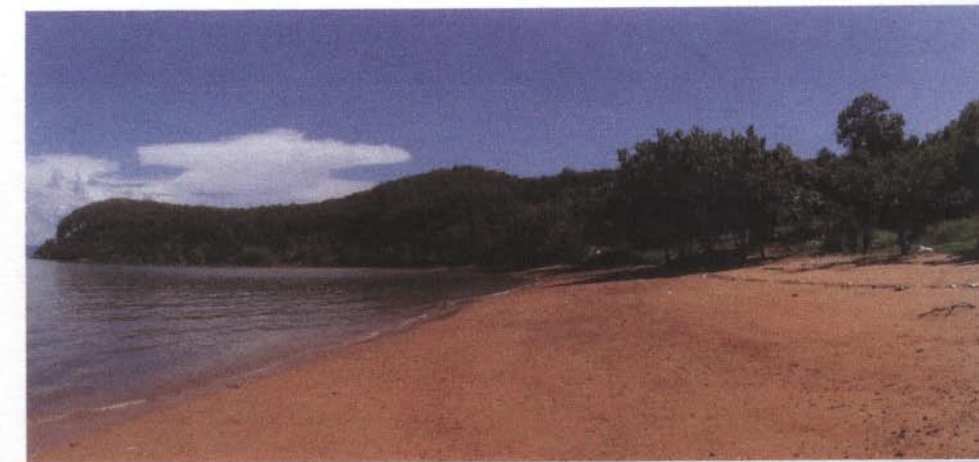
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A STARCK VISION OF PARADISE

A collaboration between renowned designer Philippe Starck and distinguished architect Jean-Michel Gathy has resulted in Phuket's most luxurious residence

On pristine shores and in undoubtedly the premier location on Phuket's east coast, Cape Yamu affords breathtaking panoramic views in every direction. A short and gentle boat ride away, the geographical wonders of Phang Nga Bay, Kho Yao Yai and Kho Phi Phi form dramatic surroundings. Already synonymous with luxury and fine design, the exclusive Cape Yamu retreat is a collaboration between celebrated architect Jean-Michel Gathy and world-renowned design guru Philippe Starck.

Philippe Starck is the most celebrated and commercially successful designer in the world. His passion for breaking through convention and limitation has produced some of the most exciting objects, spaces and ideas of the 20th century. From the Royalton in New York to the



Delano in Miami, Starck's work is about thinking, designing and living. With John Hitchcox, one of Europe's most creative property developers, Starck has created Yoo Ltd in order to take their property development brand worldwide. Cape Yamu has been chosen for the team's first resort development project.

Jean-Michel Gathy's glamorous and elegant architecture discreetly uses traditional elements of Thai style, fusing a clever interaction of tall volumes and wide terraced spaces, while exploiting contemporary finishes and advanced technology. Cape Yamu's unique design respects and harmonises with the contours of the landscape to enhance its natural beauty. Each villa – created with luxury, total comfort and privacy always in mind – blends in with thick natural forest and yet offers resplendent views of the sea and Phang Nga Bay. Gathy has worked in Southeast Asia for the past 25 years, focusing on luxury high-end resorts and private villas. His work includes architectural design for many Aman resorts, for GHM, as well as for exclusive private developments.

Cape Yamu with its stunning views in every direction will undeniably be Phuket's premier east-coast development. Enveloping the entire Yamu peninsula, occupying approximately 190 rai (75 acres) and extending one kilometre into the Andaman Sea, the development boasts more than two kilometres of waterfront nestled along beaches and bluffs, affording most of the villa estates between 35 to 45 metres of private waterfront. Each villa estate resides on exceptionally large two to three rai (3,200-4,800 sqm) plots to enhance the privacy and serenity of this wonderfully beautiful peninsula.

The first phase of the development comprises 36 stunning private villa estates, with buyers able to personalise their chosen architectural and interior designs to create their ideal tropical home. The villas range from 250 to 700 square metres of enclosed living space, plus private swimming pools, expansive decking and lushly landscaped gardens. Additional luxuries and

practical amenities include a restaurant, deli market and two tennis courts. The development's second phase, to begin early next year, will offer a five-star boutique hotel to be managed by one of the world's leading luxury resort hotel management groups. A sumptuous spa as well as unique club villas will be offered.

The boating enthusiast will enjoy unparalleled opportunities. With easy access to your mooring at Boat Lagoon or the new Royal Phuket Marina, you can board your boat from the pier at the entrance to the estate and disembark at the end of the day on the estate's beach. Some of the Andaman Sea's most enchanting islands are only five to 10 minutes away by speedboat. Golfers are only 15 minutes from the internationally acclaimed Blue Canyon course and just 10 minutes from the new Jack Nicklaus-designed 27-hole Mission Hills Golf Club that includes nine holes under lights for night golfing. Dulwich International College, Laguna Phuket and Boat Lagoon are all within 10 to 15 minutes away. Phuket town, the new Central Festival and other major shopping complexes as well as Phuket's airport are but 15 to 20 minutes from the estate's front gate.

This will be the only opportunity to be part of a unique collaboration between Jean-Michel Gathy and Yoo by Starck in Phuket. With only 12 villa estates remaining in phase one, those who wish to realise their dream should not hesitate. □

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