

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**SANTHIYA SELECTED TO JOIN SMALL LUXURY HOTELS OF THE WORLD**

Traditionally a haven for budget travellers, the idyllic island of Koh Pha-Ngan, Thailand is best known for white sandy beaches, swaying palms and beach parties. Now the more sophisticated and discerning traveler is able to experience this island paradise courtesy of Santhiya Resort & Spa, which is delighted to announce its recent selection to become a member of the prestigious Small Luxury Hotels of the World.

Located on the secluded north-eastern tip of the island overlooking a sandy bay, Santhiya is a superior five-star property oozing with traditional Thai charm and boasting the highest standards of facilities and service on the island. The resort's 76 rooms and villas are scattered over a lush tropical hillside and blend seamlessly with the natural environment. At the heart of the property is a vast freeform swimming pool with 30ft waterfall, close to two restaurants and a laid-back café. Overlooking the bay, the Ayurveda Spa is a tranquil haven offering a range of traditional spa treatments to rejuvenate body and soul, while for more active guests Santhiya is an ideal base from which to explore the island.

Small Luxury Hotels of the World is an exclusive brand of more than 440 luxury, independent hotels offering an infinite variety of memorable travel experiences in over 70 countries worldwide, and is synonymous with quality and service. Managing director of Santhiya, Khun Komkrit Chantaravisoot comments;

I am proud and excited to belong to the "top overall luxury hotel brands" under SLH flagship. We feel honored to be apart of SLH continued growth with this new affiliation of Santhiya Resort & Spa while continuously enjoying a relative autonomy within the limits established by SLH quality and service standards.

We are positive that SLH will definitely enhance our development while essentially helping us maintain our resorts character making this an outstanding key factor for us.

Santhiya will be in a favorable position to capture opportunities to increase our market share, and to optimize its overall quality service adding premium to our name and appearance.

In the last two years we have devoted significant time to achieved major improvements within quite challenging environment and this year is a significant proof that we are moving closer to our goal into becoming the top luxury hotel, resort & spa in the island of Koh Pha-Ngan, being the only one in the island to be under SLH at present.

Santhiya is looking at this opportunity as only the beginning to all the more positive developments to come on its way and we commit ourselves to remain dedicated and diligent in working towards this goal.

Reservations at Santhiya, and any other property belonging to Small Luxury Hotels of the World, can be made by calling 0800 525 48000 or online at www.slh.com.

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