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## KATA ROCKS SUPERYACHT RENDEZVOUS KICKS-OFF PHUKET'S CRUISING SEASON

Held over three days from December 10 to 12, the inaugural Kata Rocks Superyacht Rendezvous (KRSR) was a resounding success as it provided an excellent kick-off to the 2017 cruising season. With Phuket-based luxury property developer and resort management brand, Infinite Luxury, as a sponsor, the exclusive event saw over 13 world-class superyachts assembled on the azure waters of the Andaman Sea. Invited guests were treated to a series of bespoke activities, glamorous parties, and social events in a relaxed yet luxurious environment courtesy of Kata Rocks, one of Phuket's foremost luxury resorts.

Launching the KRSR was an opening cocktail party at Kata Rocks, a luxurious fee set against a beautiful sunset filled with superyachts, as guests were entertained with performances by the world-famous champagne, as well as Thai pop opera superstar Tirya, who delivered a strong vocal performance. A leisurely cruise along Phuket's west coast to the Surin Phuket the next day had invited guests experience the majestic 93m MY *Lazaro I*, the largest superyacht at the Rendezvous, the modern design of the Penning 92, as well as the swift Zeehulder 244 among others, with the journey including a gourmet beach barbecue.

Following the launch of Kata Rocks' acclaimed handcrafted beachfront golf, "The Spirit of Kata Rocks", during the evening "Gins of the World" Cocktail party, the invitation-only, Feeding Owners' Dinner ensued. Held at the Kata Rocks Peninsula Sky Villa, the lavish gala dinner featured open-air and Kata Rocks owners enjoying a one of a kind culinary experience paired with Dean Ferguson, Pordale "Cango" 2010 and Louis XIII cognac by Betty Martin among others. A highlight of the dinner's festivities was the creation of an original piece of art by one of Thailand's most prominent artists, Mr. Wachiran Rochat of Negras Art Gallery. The piece drew a final silent auction bid of THB 150,000 (approx. US\$ 4,100), with proceeds of the auction going to the Phuket Youth Sailing Club (PYS), an organization that aims to promote and develop sailing for the next generation of sailors on the island.

A lively "yacht hop" on the last day invited guests to partake in experiencing various vessels out at sea. These included the ancient Phinisi polynesian vessels out at sea. These included the ancient Princess 77, the racing thrill of the 31m Ocean Racer and the classic quality of the *Darlington Schooner*. On land, there were opportunities to indulge in signature treatments at the award-winning Infinite Luxury Spa, attend a Pordale Wine and Cheese Master Class, as well as

enjoy a Louis XIII cognac experience session. Meanwhile, industry representatives engaged influential editors from over a dozen luxury lifestyle media publications during a private champagne brunch in a Kata Rocks Sky Villa Penthouse, while select VIP guests were hosted to a champagne brunch cruising aboard the 31m MY *Wardens Sun*, courtesy of Burgess. The day's activities drew to a close with the KRSR closing celebrations, affectionately dubbed Phuket's "party of the year", where internationally renowned crossover band YetiTwo opened with a moving musical rendition of the Thai national anthem in remembrance of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej. A live band followed with more music as guests danced and enjoyed an amazing buffet prepared by Kata Rocks executive Chef Erin Ross, and her culinary team.

Mr. Richard Pope, Kata Rocks' and Infinite Luxury Chief Executive said that everyone was absolutely delighted by the overwhelming positive response. "Overall we are thrilled by the response we have received from all KRSR participants. Feedback has been extremely positive and it is very gratifying to help aboard Phuket to also attain a new luxury destination and superyacht playground."

Now headed by leading industry players as Asia's top superyacht event, the KRSR has firmly placed Phuket on the global yachting map alongside the world's premier yachting destinations such as Monaco, St Tropez, Cannes, and the Caribbean. "We were very impressed with the inaugural Kata Rocks Superyacht Rendezvous," Richard Lambert, Managing Director Asia Burgess said.

This year, interested parties can look forward to the second edition of the KRSR, which will be held from December 8 to 10, 2017. ■





## ROCKING IN PHUKET

The first Kaha Boka Super yacht Boatshow (KRSR) kicked off Phuket's onisng season. The 3-day showcase event in early December offered a series of boogie activities, glamorous parties and social networking events in a relaxed, luxurious waterfront environment. Sited on land by LUXURIE Luxury's Kaha Boka Resort & Boatshow (a high-tech, design-led luxury pool villa), with an expansion plan announced for 2017, KRSR gathered over 15 world-class yachts that cradled a Brittan or Caribbean quality to one of Asia's most prominent super-yacht destinations. X



