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Dining?

katsusei
jemme café
taman wanted
singapore's
tokyo's peter
marmalade

Bunga Raya

new eco resort in sabah

Six Degree Architects

crafting the look of
melbourne

Travel!

experience southeast asia's best
resorts and restaurants

Bali's Newest Villas

take a look at the latest offerings

Weddings in Paradise

two luxurious venues to say I do



Editor's Thought

it's the journey, not the destination

Bali continues being the shining light in free-standing rental villas in the region and in the past year, even with the world-wide economic calamity, the island's luxury villa construction steamed on unaffected. In this edition we focus on a selection of brand new villas to enter the rental market on Bali. We also take a look at two different wedding venues on the island; one that has been setting the standard over the past decade, and another that just opened last month. The wedding industry in Bali is a booming business and one reason for that is the quality of services available.

You may have noticed a change in the magazine's name on the cover of this edition. Without noticing or even planning it, FRV has evolved into a style of travel magazine over the past couple of years,

one that doesn't rely on advertorial or press releases but goes out to hunt it, and we have decided to reflect that in the moniker and masthead of the publication. Our articles and coverage have expanded all over the Southeast Asian region, still focusing on the basics of the FRV concept, namely luxury food and buildings, but entering the mix over this time have been many trips to many exotic and lavish destinations. We thought it was time to take the bull by the horns and call a spade a spade, and thus, FRV TRAVEL was born.

We trust you will enjoy this edition of FRV TRAVEL and the new direction we find ourselves departing in.

FRV CONTRIBUTORS



David Trauts

Correspondent, English. Trauts sometimes wakes up in the morning and wants to change everything. Thankfully,

sometimes it works, but not always. This edition he was in the thick of the action searching for new villas around Bali and tasting a few of the morsels the island has to offer in Cafe Jemmi and re-checking back at Four Seasons' Taman Wantilan.



Ve Handojo

The Twitter-addict is trying to balance his semi-digital life with basic delicacy for the tummy: warm spinach

salad in The Marmalade Pantry, hummus in Le Meridien's Al Nafoura, and fried stuff in Katsusel. He is an anti-social person, but if you treat him a martini in Le Bar, he'll gladly see you there. Otherwise, just follow @VeHandojo.



Melanie Lee

Singapore Correspondent, Singapore. Melanie has written freelance for an array of publications

including Singapore Women's Weekly, Teens and TODAY (a daily newspaper). She is currently teaching writing and communications at a polytechnic in Singapore. In her free time, Melanie loves eating, traveling and meeting interesting people - which is why she absolutely loves writing for FRV!



Erza S.T.

The Indonesia Opera Society's founder and executive producer, Erza S.T., is also a food and restaurant consultant in

Jakarta. He has written for several publications, is an avid music lover, and musical producer. In his leisure time, he is an active writer, contributing his articles on lifestyle and travel to prestigious publications in Indonesia including Fine Restaurants & Villas Magazine.



Rachel Love

Told by a fortuneteller that her life would take a dramatic change in a move to the East, she arrived in Bali with a few

hundred pounds and a vision to fulfil a lifelong dream of being a writer on a tropical island. FRV's resident arts writer, Rachel is one of Bali's most prolific authors, writing extensively on all things lifestyle and travel related.



Thomas Jones

Thomas criss crosses the Pacific this time around to report on fine food and finer hotels in Auckland,

Tokyo and Kuala Lumpur and brings back a few extra kilos as a souvenir. Luckily, a trip to an beachside island resort in the Borneo rainforest helps him sweat it off.

NEW VILLAS IN PARADISE

Ketapang Villa stretches along the beach for almost 300 metres, and features antique Joglo and Balinese style buildings and a multitude of facilities situated on two and a half hectares of land. Seven suites encompass the main building, which upstairs accommodates two dining areas, a living room, and two terraces facing the outdoor surroundings. A professional kitchen can be found downstairs with a cool dining room, and a private theatre. Besides the landscaped natural gardens, Ketapang also features a complete gym, two pools, a tennis court, two Jacuzzis, an organic kitchen garden, a soothing fish pond, helipad and has direct access to the beach. Ketapang is truly a remarkable villa.





VILLA KETAPANG

LOCATION: TEGAL MENGKEB -
15 KM FROM TANAH LOT
BEDROOMS: 7
BATHROOMS: 9
LAND SIZE: 2.5 HA
BUILDING SIZE: 3000 M²
SWIMMING POOLS: 50 X 10 M
AND 70 M²
ARCHITECT: BALI THREE LINE
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