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Tropical hideaway the perfect retreat

By Simon Youens*

THIS beautiful villa in Laguna is nestled in a quiet tropical hideaway, which forms part of an exclusive five-star development of just seven villas.

It's the perfect retreat from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

The designers set out to create and build an exclusive enclave which would stand out from the crowd and surprise and delight you in a way that other villas fail to do.

The proud owner was so confident about what he and his wife have achieved, they entered the development in the prestigious CNBC International Property Awards.

They won two categories.

From the outside, the various roof levels have been laid with Canadian shingles in a Balinese style, creating an impressive, but unusual look.

A huge antique double entrance door welcomes you into a world of difference.

Walking across floating steps which sit on a lotus pond, you see the large deluxe swimming pool, with the water cascading over the infinity edge, bringing life and sound to the outside area.

The surrounding gardens have been planted with various tropical plants and well placed lighting to enhance the mood and there is an impressive sala.

The main living area consists of the kitchen and living room.

The kitchen is finished in high gloss black cabinets, a matching fridge, granite benches and a breakfast bar.

The effect works well and looks extremely classy.

The long living room has an average ceiling height of three metres, with the centre vaulted even higher, which is decorated with timber and ornate lights, making it a real feature.

Well chosen furniture, artwork and unique sculptures have been carefully positioned, so as not to clutter the area.

You can imagine yourself relaxing here, watching a movie or listening to music, with the calming view of the water outside.

The living area links to the master bedroom via a glass walkway.

The huge bed positioned in the centre highlights the room, and the back wall hides the walk-in closet, with beautifully crafted wooden wardrobes and large amounts of hanging space.

Leading off from this is the en-suite bathroom which features his and hers vanity sinks, toilet and an inside waterfall shower.

The floor steps down into a lush tropical garden with a romantic outside shower and bathtub, making it the perfect place to relax after a hard day at the office.

The spacious second bedroom has all the same features as the master bedroom with an added bonus of a private deck area.

A covered carport provides ample parking for one car.

There is also a laundry room, a utilities room and lots of other storage spaces.

The villa is air-conditioned throughout and comes complete with TV and telephone points in each room and a fast wireless internet connection.

A management company provides 24-hour security, garbage collection, pest control and cleans all the common areas.

The villa is close to both Layan and Bang Tao beaches, and is surrounded by lots of great restaurants and handy convenience stores.

The asking price for this exceptional villa is only 13.9 million baht, and for this you get 302sqm of living area and 422sqm of land area.

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