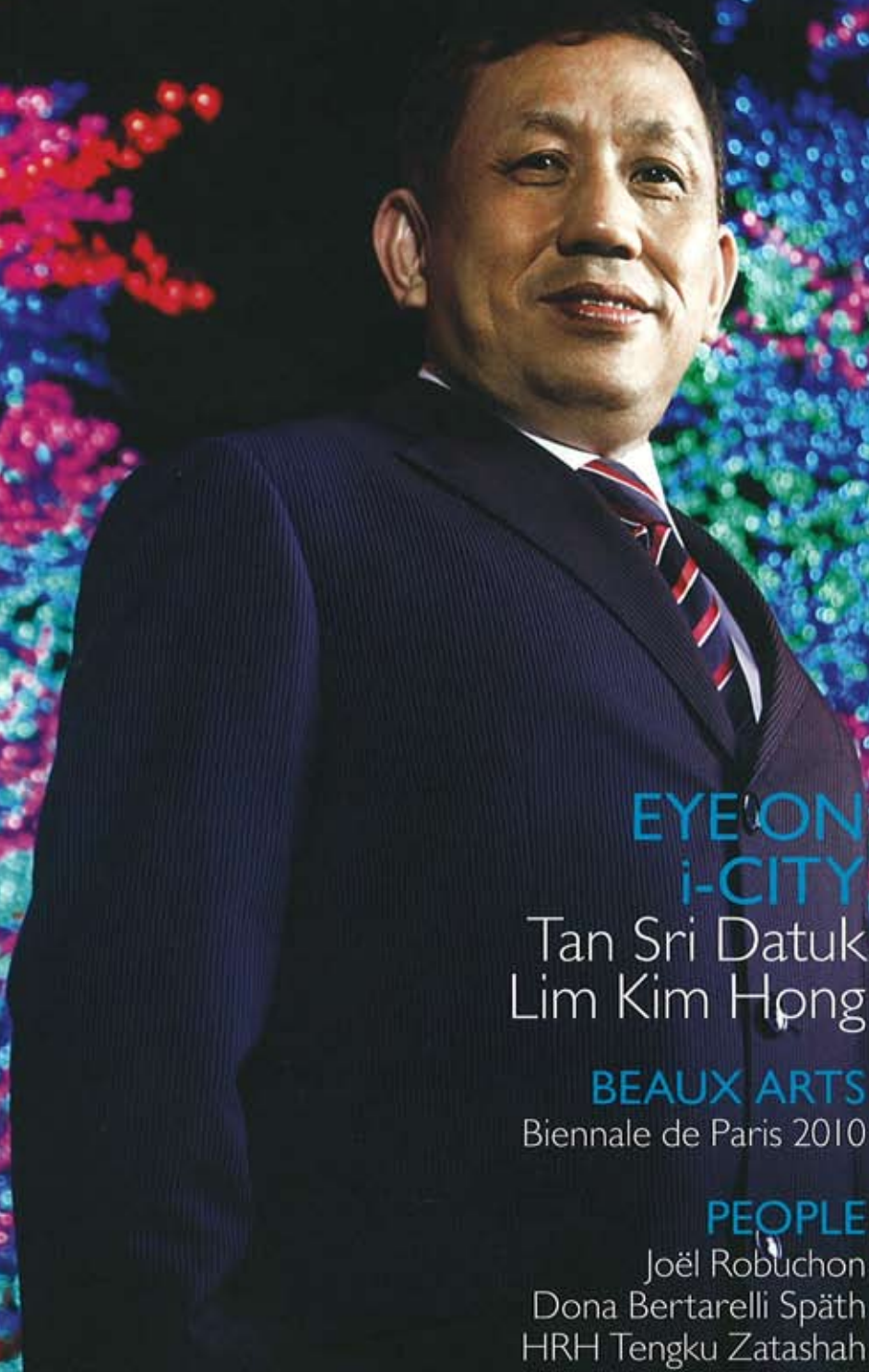


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« OMANI BAY SANDS

Head to Shangri-La's Barr Al Jissah Resort and Spa in Oman to experience the true luxury of the Middle East. Embraced by the rugged Omani mountains and the graceful Gulf of Oman, this integrated three-hotel luxury resort is a secluded paradise for the high-end traveller. Of the three hotels, Al Waha is an ideal family spot, while Al Bandar is for those who still need to sneak some business meetings into their trip. But if you want the ultimate, no-holds-barred VIP treatment, we recommend Al Husn – the only six-star resort of the three – for its private beach, infinity pool, cigar lounge, library and private gym. For reservations, call +968 2477 6666.



▲ ORCHARD LIGHTS UP

The Christmas lights at Singapore's Orchard Road pull in visitors from around the globe year after year. If you're making a trip down south this month, why not stay at the newly-opened **Grand Park Orchard** – which has quickly become one of the island's most fashionable hotels. Previously known as Park Hotel Orchard, the hotel has been completely revamped to include 308 stylish furnished rooms and suites that boast Bang & Olufsen LCD televisions, Herman Miller designer desk chairs and the full range of Bvlgari bathroom amenities. Call +65 6603 8888 to find out more.

"ALL JOURNEYS HAVE SECRET DESTINATIONS OF WHICH THE TRAVELER IS UNAWARE."

- MARTIN BUBER -

GOLF ANYONE?

Are you and your better half absolutely mad about golf? If you answered yes, you're likely aware of Koh Samui's growing significance as one of South-East Asia's preferred golf destinations. As such, the exclusive beachside hideaway, **Napasai by Orient-Express**, is introducing a three-night package for golfing couples. Rates start at USD329, while green fees are an extra USD95. Those interested should e-mail their reservations to [reservations@napasai.com](mailto:reservations@napasai.com).



BILL HARDY  
WINEMAKER  
AND BRAND  
AMBASSADOR OF  
HARDYS

»» traveller

**WHERE ARE YOU HEADED TO NEXT?**  
I am going to Patagonia in South America.

**MOST MEMORABLE VACATION?**  
The Greek islands of Santorini and Crete.

**BEST PLACE ABROAD FOR A MEAL?**  
Paris. My wife and I have a love for the main restaurant at the Hotel Plaza Athénée. Paris. It holds great memories for us.

**FAVOURITE AIRPORT?**  
This sounds stupid because everyone else hates it, but my favourite is the original Terminal 1 of Charles de Gaulle. I love the idea of the design, with all the escalators going around and the circular motion, with underground access to different pods. The

theory is fantastic, but the practicalities don't work. But I just think that, in its day, it must have been amazing.

**FAVOURITE AIRLINE?**  
Qantas!

**FIRST OR BUSINESS?**  
Business.

**WHAT CAN'T YOU LEAVE HOME WITHOUT?**  
My Leatherman.

**WHERE DO YOU GO TO GET AWAY FROM IT ALL?**  
I go hiking in the wilderness. I go to Tasmania or to New Zealand's South

Island. And when I say hiking, I don't go with an organised tour. It's everything on your back: your tent, sleeping bag, a little burner, dehydrated food and, boom, off you go.

**YOUR MOST TREASURED SOUVENIR?**  
When I go to a country, I try to bring home a beautiful piece of porcelain, often antique porcelain. So you know, I have a room at home with 60 to 80 pieces of porcelain and I can tell you where every single one of them came from. I remember the exact day and location of where I bought those pieces, whether it was in the Grand Bazaar of Istanbul, on the Greek islands or at the Chatuchak Weekend Market in Bangkok.

QUICK GETAWAY

If you and the missus are looking to spend some quality time together away from the fuss of the children and the bustle of the city, the **Philea Resort & Spa** in Ayer Keroh, Malacca, is an ideal option for those not willing to stray too far from the nation's capital. Located only 90 minutes south of Kuala Lumpur, the rustic resort, made primarily using the finest pinewood from Russia, is surrounded by lush greenery, enveloped in fresh, unpolluted air. We like the intimate Philea Suite that features a king-size bed and a spacious bath area but, if you must bring the children, opt for the double-storied Royal Villa, which comes with two bedrooms, a kitchen area and a private dipping pool. For more information, visit [www.phileahotel.com](http://www.phileahotel.com).

