

# hospitality



A veteran international hotelier talks about 2012 and what he thinks will happen, while a local General Manager with much international experience shares what it is like to be running a Malaysian hotel brand. We also offer all the latest news in awards, certifications and hotel openings, as well as the new movement in the industry.



Eco living the Kamu way

### Green Getaway

Pitched in the heart of the Lao jungle, Kamu Lodge may be off the map, but to eco-friendly travellers it's a very bright blip on the radar screen. Tourism officials singled out the tented eco-lodge for its first ASEAN Green Hotel Award at the 2012 ASEAN Tourism Forum, held recently in Manado, Indonesia.

One of 81 winning properties handpicked from among thousands of hotels and resorts in Southeast Asia, Kamu Lodge offers some of the most sustainable stays and low-impact holidays available in the emerging destination of Luang Prabang.

Nestled between verdant rice paddies and the banks of the Mekong River, the compound's 20 private, tented lodges feature solar power electricity, thatched roofs, and all-natural furniture.

Activities for guests draw from and are interwoven with the surrounding natural attractions and nearby Kamu community. Kamu Lodge supports the quality of life and preservation of the Kamu traditions through the use of locally sourced products and the education of guests. **ha**

### DOCOMO interTouch, Uniguest & PrinterOn Partnership

DOCOMO interTouch, one of the world's largest hotel technology providers has announced it entered into a strategic partnership with Uniguest, a provider of self service technology and specialized services and PrinterOn, a provider of world leading mobile printing solutions.

The partnership will make DOCOMO interTouch the largest distributor of both Uniguest and PrinterOn solutions globally for the lodging, restaurant and healthcare outside of the US.

DCMI will offer the Business Center solution from Uniguest, which are a best of breed set of applications to remotely manage and secure PC or Mac computers for Guest usage in the business center, lobby or front desk. The Business Centre solution is the first step of the cooperation between the two companies; more products such as Uniguest's Flight Information and E-Concierge will be released later during the year. **ha**



Belgium's best comes to Malaysia

### Luen Heng Adds Appealing Alternative for Specialty Beers

The Grimbergen beer born in the middle ages was brewed under an agreement with the Fathers of Grimbergen Abbey in Belgium and is now available to discerning drinkers through Luen Heng F&B Sdn Bhd (LHFB), a subsidiary of Carlsberg Malaysia.

Top fermented ale beer, Grimbergen offers a large range of beers with its blond, brown, and white recipes from 6 to 6.7% alcohol content. The range includes the Grimbergen Blonde and Grimbergen Double in bottle as well as Grimbergen Blanche (White) in draught and bottle.

They are available at selected high-end trendy bars and entertainment outlets in the Peninsular Malaysia.

Grimbergen is a success in Belgium and France with double digit growth over the last decade. The introduction of Grimbergen beer in Malaysia complements the premium portfolio of imported beers by LHFB. **ha**