

# THE FIRST CITIZEN OF A NEW REPUBLIC

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## TIM DEAN-SMITH



**A**s with most entrepreneurs that have become celebrities on the sandy isle of Koh Samui, the President of the Beach Republic is no exception when it comes to emanating a sense of camera shyness. However, Mr. Tim Dean-Smith is willing to let us expose him on film for this explicit editorial on his dream-child The Beach Republic. For him there is nothing in more "full colour" than this imaginative creation he has established on the coconut riddled shores of this island in the Gulf of Thailand. And for this he is willing to flash a smile for us.

**"FOR ME LONDON IS A DRAB BLACK & WHITE... BUT SAMUI...SAMUI LIVES IN FULL COLOUR!"**

Unlike most visionaries who have stumbled upon the beauty that Samui holds, the possibility that was first entertained by Tim was to build a private hideaway for himself. But it wasn't long before Tim realised that the amenities on this sanctuary were missing an important feature that he had the means to provide, a civilized wine and dine all-inclusive location that exuded premium quality for holiday adventurers. In 2004 Tim gave up his London ventures, and moved onto Samui to create what has today become a diamond in the rough amongst the charismatic boutique locations that inhabit the oasis of Samui.

Beach Republic was conceived by Royal Nirvana, the resort and residential development company headed by this British real estate developer and investor. Tim initiated construction in 2002 when the group purchased its first development site on Lamai Beach, and opened the first phase of its luxury private pool villas to customers in 2004. In December 2008, Beach Republic launched on the water front a superb Ocean Club offering fine dining, cocktails, spa treatments from around Asia, and a place to relax throughout the day and evening. Beach Republic has since become the must-visit destination on Koh Samui.

**THERE'S A NEW REPUBLIC. BECOME A BEACH REPUBLIC CITIZEN.**

Royal Nirvana is also the developer of Koh Samui Country Club, located in the hills behind the village of Maenam. Royal Nirvana is privately held, and is backed by private investors from Europe, including other members of the Dean-Smith family who have been involved with real estate construction, development and investment since 1962.

When asked about the motivation behind Beach Republic, Tim remarked: "Some of my fondest memories of growing up were summer afternoons spent with friends and family by the ocean at places like St. Tropez, Cap d'Antibes and St. Barth's. When I first moved to Thailand, I realized that no one was providing that same level of quality and service, in a genuinely relaxing environment."

Beach Republic stands apart from the crowd with a unique feel and culture of its very own, marrying a contemporary and hip Mediterranean beach lifestyle with a twist of irreverent fun.

**BEACH REPUBLIC IS INSTANTLY SEXY, SOPHISTICATED AND COSMOPOLITAN.**

"With Beach Republic, we are bringing the chic cosmopolitan beach lifestyle experience to Koh Samui. We have studied beach clubs and restaurants all over the world and Beach Republic provides a unique blend, offering beachside relaxation, infinity pool, dining, cocktails, wine, spa, and chill-out time for every age of contemporary visitor. We have imported furniture, wines, antique woods from the craftsmen of northern Thailand, from Bali, and from beyond."

The self-contained destination consists of the stunning Ocean Club and Restaurant, the indulgent Higher Plan Asian Fusion Spa, and Beach Republic The Residences - five luxurious villas, each with its own private chemical-free pool. Truly something to smile about!

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