

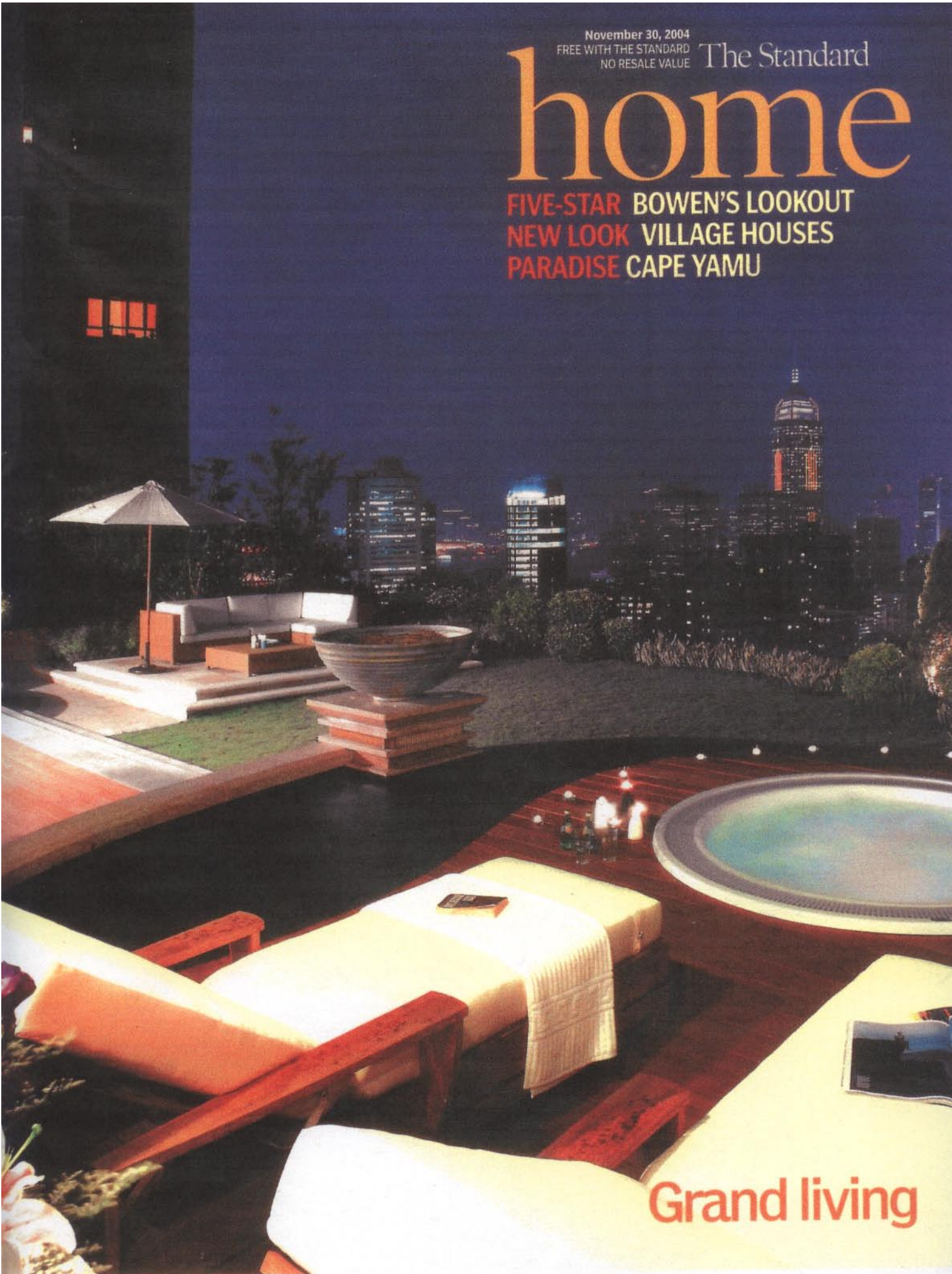
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FIVE-STAR BOWEN'S LOOKOUT
NEW LOOK VILLAGE HOUSES
PARADISE CAPE YAMU

Grand living





Most people who have visited Phuket in southern Thailand yearn to return. Some even dream of making this paradise island their second home. Now, that dream could come true.

Paradise beckons



Cape Yamu Cape Yamu

Thirty-eight "designer" luxury villas are being built for sale at picturesque Cape Yamu, on Phuket's northeast coast. The developers have teamed-up with world famous designer Philippe Starck and international architect Jean Michel Gathy - the architect of the famed Amanresorts - to build this idyllic getaway.

The villas cost between US\$1 and 2 million each, apparently a good buy since most of them have already been snapped up 30 months before completion date.

The project was unveiled to potential Hong Kong buyers this month, and market analysts said afterwards the price was reasonable, pointing out that Cape Yamu was "truly beautiful"; that the location was ideal, and the villas - "modern masterpieces".

Ultimately, the project will also incorporate a "beyond stars" boutique hotel with a spa and other resort facilities, plus additional hotel villas and luxury *cabanas*.

Cape Yamu is the most prominent peninsula on the eastern coast of Phuket Island - extending from Boat Lagoon and the new Phuket Royal Marina. Dozens of islands and secluded beaches are just minutes away by speedboat.

Nestled around 3 kilometres of beaches and coves, the luxury villas each occupy about 3,200 sq metres of mainly beachfront land.

Villas range from 350 to 600 sq metres according to choice, and overlook the Andaman Sea.

Few other luxury villas on Phuket have their own beachfront - so much so that the 3 km of beachfront property which comprises Cape Yamu in fact accounts for two-thirds of the total of all privately owned property on Phuket.

Starck says the development design "retains elements of Thai traditional architecture yet offers fresh and inspiring

spatial and visual approaches to ocean front living".

Both classical and modern interior design packages are on offer, with décor also tailored to owner preferences.

With stunning views in all directions, the villas overlook the Andaman sea with the famous Phang-Nga Bay to the north, directly across the water from Naka Noi, Naka Yai and Raet Islands, and further to the east Yao Noi, Yao Yai and Phi Phi islands where the film *The Beach* starring Leonardo DiCarpio was shot.

South of the peninsula are the Rang Noi, Rang Yai and Maphrao islands, and the entire Sapham Bay.

The hotel will be on one of Cape Yamu's hilltops, commanding 360-degree views. With fewer than 75 rooms, its exquisite facilities will include a spa, special Club Villa programme, large swimming pool and international restaurants.

Management of the resort for rental, maintenance, housekeeping, amenities and gardening is pledged to be the "finest on Phuket".

