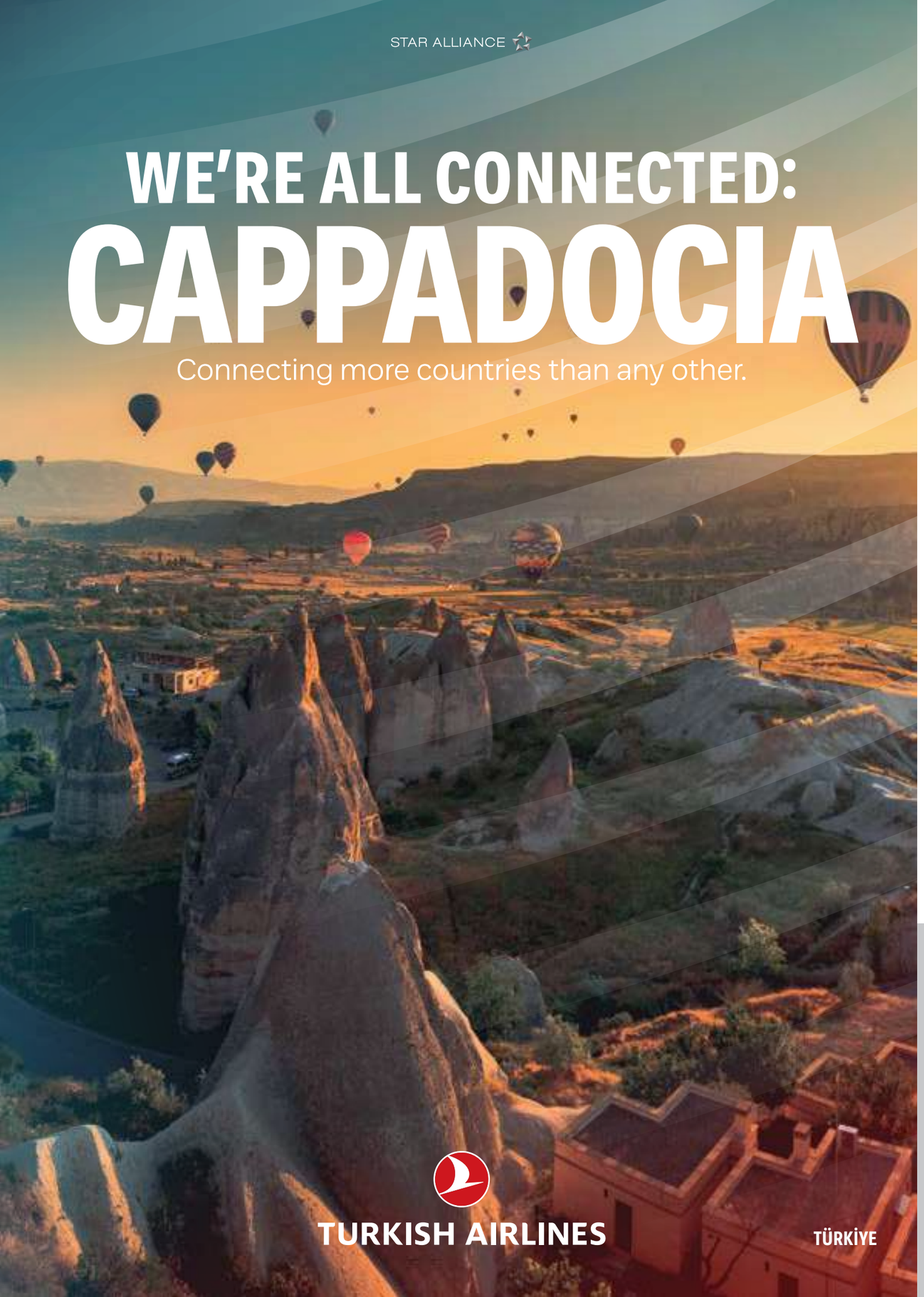

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A Message from the President



Dear Members and Friends,

As we continue through 2026, the T**hai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC)** remains committed to strengthening the business relationship between Italy and Thailand by fostering meaningful connections, encouraging innovation, and creating opportunities for collaboration across industries.

The past months have highlighted the diversity and dynamism of our business community. From the Luxury Committee Meeting, which brought industry representatives together to exchange perspectives and explore shared priorities, to our Aperitivo Italiano networking evening at **TRIBE Sky Beach Club**, these initiatives demonstrate the importance of creating spaces where relationships can develop into lasting partnerships and new business opportunities.

We have also seen the growing contribution of Italian expertise to Thailand's evolving economic landscape. The launch of **Yarix APAC** in Bangkok reflects the increasing importance of cybersecurity and digital innovation, while the collaboration between Thai furniture brand **Vertier** and Italian material innovation company **Alcantara®** illustrates how Italian technology and craftsmanship can complement Thai creativity and manufacturing capabilities. Such initiatives reinforce the potential of cross-border partnerships to generate value, encourage knowledge exchange, and support sustainable business growth.

Beyond commercial development, our participation in The **Next Bucket: Save Lives & Change Lives** charity dinner, organised by **Siam Piwat** in collaboration with the **United Nations World Food Programme**, reminded us of the important role businesses can play in addressing wider social challenges. Strong business communities are built not only through economic cooperation but also through a shared commitment to contributing positively to society.

As we look ahead, **TICC** will continue to support our members through networking opportunities, sector-specific initiatives, business development activities, and platforms for dialogue between Italian and Thai companies. Our strength lies in the diversity of our membership and in our ability to bring together people, ideas, and expertise to respond to emerging opportunities.

I would like to thank our members, partners, committee representatives, and the TICC team for their continued trust and active participation. Your engagement is essential to the Chamber's work and to the continued development of our bilateral business community.

Together, let us continue building stronger connections and turning shared ambitions into new opportunities for Italy and Thailand.

Arrivederci,
Federico Cardini
President

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The Chamber, with its headquarters in Bangkok (Thailand), is proud to host a wide network of companies and entrepreneurs from all around the world -mostly Italian and Thai businesses, which allow TICC to pursue its objectives of enhancing commercial cooperation between Italy and Thailand. The Chamber constantly organizes activities, meetings, seminars, missions, and networking events to facilitate the promotion of economic, industrial, and cultural collaborations.

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Torre del Mangia: Siena's Iconic Historic Tower

Standing proudly in the heart of **Piazza del Campo**, the **Torre del Mangia** is one of **Siena**'s most famous landmarks and the third-tallest historic tower in Italy. Built between 1338 and 1348 beside the **Palazzo Pubblico**, **Siena**'s historic town hall, it was designed to represent the city's freedom and independence. Today, visitors can climb the tower's 300 steps to enjoy breathtaking views of **Siena**'s medieval rooftops and the beautiful **Tuscan** countryside, making it one of the city's must-visit attractions.

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TICC NEWS

THAILAND

Thailand's Economic Outlook Faces Pressure from Tariffs and Industrial Restructuring
Retrieved from The Nation Thailand, 11 August 2026

The **Bank of Thailand** warned that US tariffs, factory closures and weaknesses in the labour market could weigh on the country's economic performance in the second half of 2026. The central bank also highlighted structural challenges affecting long-term competitiveness, including low industrial productivity and a mismatch between workers' skills and employers' needs. These pressures could affect business investment, employment and Thailand's ability to sustain economic growth. Addressing these issues through workforce development, improved productivity and industrial upgrading will be important to strengthening the country's economic resilience.

Thailand's GDP Growth Slows to 1.9% in the Second Quarter
Retrieved from The Nation Thailand, 17 August 2026

Thailand's economy grew by **1.9%** year-on-year in the second quarter of 2026, slowing from **2.8%** in the previous quarter. Despite slower overall growth, total investment increased by **9.1%**, while the value of goods exports rose by **17.6%**, providing important support to economic activity. The **National Economic and Social Development Council (NESDC)** projected full-year economic growth of **2.0–2.5%**, with a midpoint forecast of **2.2%**. Sustaining investment growth and boosting domestic demand will be key to supporting Thailand's economic performance.

Thailand Sees Foreign Business Approvals Rise 26%, While Investment Value Surges 37%
Retrieved from The Nation Thailand, 18 August 2026

Thailand approved 736 foreign businesses during the first seven months of 2026, a **26%** increase year-on-year. Their combined investment reached approximately THB 219.2 billion, up **37%**. Singapore led investment by value, while Chinese businesses accounted for the largest number of approved enterprises. The Eastern Economic Corridor remained an important destination for foreign capital.

Tourism Remains a Key Economic Vulnerability
Retrieved from Bangkok Post, 20 August 2026

Thailand recorded a **2.9%** decline in tourist arrivals, highlighting the challenges facing one of the country's key economic sectors. International tourism plays an important role in supporting domestic consumption, employment, hospitality, transportation and other service-related businesses. A sustained slowdown in visitor numbers could put pressure on tourism-related revenue and affect businesses that depend on international travellers. The trend also underlines the importance of strengthening Thailand's tourism competitiveness, diversifying source markets and encouraging higher visitor spending to support economic activity. Monitoring arrivals in the coming months will be important in assessing the sector's recovery and its contribution to the country's broader economic outlook.

OTHER COUNTRIES

US Consumer Confidence Falls to Lowest Level in 7 Months as Gas Prices Remain Elevated
Retrieved from Associated Press, 25 August 202

US consumer confidence fell to 89.4 in August, its lowest level in seven months, as elevated gasoline prices and concerns about employment prospects weighed on households. The decline reflects growing uncertainty about the economic outlook, with persistent inflation continuing to put pressure on household budgets. Rising fuel costs have made everyday expenses more difficult to manage, potentially limiting consumers' ability to spend on other goods and services. Concerns about the labour market have further weakened sentiment, as households remain cautious about job security and future income. The decline in confidence highlights the challenges facing the US economy, as weaker consumer sentiment could affect spending, a key driver of economic growth.

China's Manufacturing Activity Shows Signs of Improvement
Retrieved from The Washington Post, 31 August 202

China's manufacturing activity improved in August, with the official Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rising to 49.8 from 49.2 in July, although it remained below the 50-point threshold that separates growth from contraction. Strong overseas demand for technology products supported exports, helping offset the impact of US tariffs. However, weak domestic consumption and the prolonged property-sector downturn continued to weigh on economic growth, highlighting the challenges facing China's recovery.

ITALY

Italian Exports Rise 4.5% in the First Half of 2026
Retrieved from Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 11 August 2026

Italy's exports reached €337.2 billion in the first half of 2026, increasing by **4.5%** in value compared with the same period in 2025. Growth was recorded across both European Union and non-EU markets, highlighting the continued demand for Italian products internationally. Exports to China rose by **19%**, while shipments to India increased by **4.2%**, reflecting opportunities for Italian businesses in major Asian economies. These results reinforce the importance of expanding international trade partnerships and diversifying export destinations to support Italy's economic growth and the global competitiveness of its companies.

Ferragosto Expected to Generate More Than €1 Billion in Restaurant Spending
Retrieved from FIPE-Confcommercio, 11 August 2026

FIPE estimated that spending on food and drink consumed outside the home would reach €10.8 billion in August, including €1.6 billion generated by foreign tourists. Spending at restaurants on 15 August alone was expected to exceed €1 billion across public food-service establishments, with restaurants accounting for at least €500 million.

Business and Consumer Confidence Improve in August
Retrieved from ISTAT, 28 August 2026

Italy's composite business confidence indicator rose from 95.7 in July to 96.9 in August 2026, while consumer confidence increased from 94.2 to 94.5. The improvement was particularly evident in the construction and services sectors, suggesting more positive sentiment in these areas. However, manufacturing confidence remained subdued, highlighting continuing challenges for industrial businesses. The overall increase in confidence points to a gradual improvement in economic sentiment, although sustained growth will depend on stronger business conditions and consumer expectations in the months ahead.

Rising Energy Bills Put Pressure on Italian Businesses
Retrieved from ANSA, reporting a Confesercenti study, 29 August 2026

Italian businesses in retail, food service and hospitality faced an estimated €870 million in additional energy costs between June and August compared with the same period in 2025. The estimate included approximately €700 million in additional electricity costs and €170 million in gas costs. Electricity bills for restaurants and hotels rose by as much as around **50%** in some cases.

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MORE THAN A TOAST: HOW UNICO APERITIVO BUILDS TICC'S BUSINESS COMMUNITY



Bangkok, 4 August 2026 - the **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC)** recently came together for the **Unico Aperitivo** at TICC Connect. a premier member-exclusive networking assembly designed for the Chamber's members. Executed within a welcoming and informal atmosphere, this private forum facilitated direct engagement between corporate representatives and the Chamber's Board of Directors. The event encouraged meaningful conversations, the exchange of business insights, the strengthening of existing partnerships, and the development of new professional connections.

As a one of TICC's signature exclusive initiatives, **Unico Aperitivo** underscores the Chamber's commitment to fostering a collaborative business community where valuable relationships are built through authentic conversations and shared experiences. The Chamber expresses its sincere appreciation to all participants and and looks forward to welcoming members again at the next edition of Unico Aperitivo.



FEATURED ARTICLE

TURKISH AIRLINES NAMED EUROPE'S BEST AIRLINE FOR THE 11TH TIME



Turkish Airlines received three prestigious accolades at the 2026 Skytrax World Airline Awards: "Best Airline in Europe," "World's Best Business Class Catering," and "Best Airline in Southern Europe". Turkish Airlines also rose to 5th place in Skytrax's "World's Best Airlines" ranking.

Turkish Airlines, the airline that flies to more countries than any other carrier in the world, reinforced its strong standing in the aviation industry by being named **"Best Airline in Europe"** for the 11th time at the **2026 Skytrax World Airline Awards.** Known as the 'Oscars' of the aviation industry, the awards were presented at a ceremony held on September 18 in London.

In addition to the "Best Airline in Europe" title, Turkish Airlines received the **"World's Best Business Class Onboard Catering"** award for the 10th time and the **"Best Airline in Southern Europe"** award for the 13th time. Turkish Airlines also received five additional awards across the Economy and Business Class categories in Europe and Southern Europe, bringing its total number of awards at the ceremony to eight.

Commenting on the awards, T**urkish Airlines Chairman of the Board and the Executive Committee Prof Murat Şeker** said: *"We are delighted to be named 'Best Airline in Europe' for the 11th time, and to lead in further categories. This achievement once again demonstrates the international recognition of the high standards we uphold throughout our guests' travel experience, from service quality to our culinary offering. The fact that these awards are based directly on our passengers' evaluations makes them particularly meaningful to us. As we bring Turkish hospitality to guests from around the world, we continue to work to further enhance our service quality at every touchpoint. I would like to thank all our colleagues who contributed to this achievement and our guests for their trust in us. As Turkish Airlines, we will continue to proudly represent our country in the skies and continue shaping the future of global aviation."*

Edward Plaisted, CEO of Skytrax, said: *"We congratulate Turkish Airlines on these fabulous achievements at the 2026 World Airline Awards. Being named the Best Airline in Europe, ranking No 5 worldwide, and winning the award for the World's Best Business Class Catering that reflects the partnership with Turkish DO&CO, which continues to set industry benchmarks. Turkish Airlines provide a well-developed product to customers combined with high levels of service hospitality."*

Holder of a Guinness World Record for its extensive flight network spanning six continents, Turkish Airlines continues to lead the aviation industry in sustainability, technology, and innovation while carrying Turkish hospitality into the skies. Strengthening its global presence with a service philosophy centered on the passenger experience, the national flag carrier has once again solidified its strong position in international aviation with eight new achievements at the Skytrax World Airline Awards.

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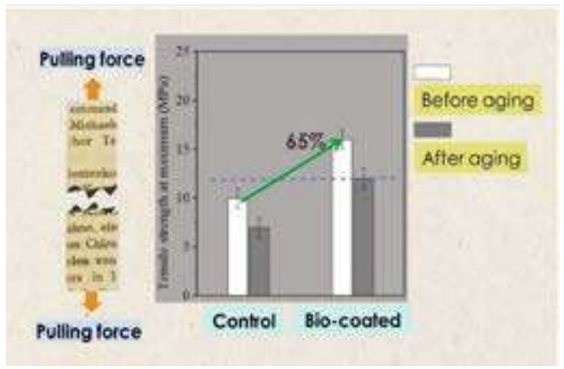
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SCIENCE THAT HELPS PRESERVE EMOTIONS: AN INVISIBLE BIO-COATING FOR PAPER AND BOOKS



Books are more than repositories of knowledge. They are vessels of history, memory, and personal meaning, preserving emotions that cannot be recreated. Even in an increasingly digital world, where knowledge and stories can be accessed with just one click, physical books still hold a unique value. The emotional connection can be found in the familiar scent of an old book that evokes nostalgia, or in faded ink that brings to mind the person who wrote its words.







Even a stack of books in the corner of a room can evoke a sense of history, reminding us of each book's story and how it came to be there.

It is this connection between material and human experience that **NEXTBOND** seeks to protect through science. **NEXTBOND** is a Thai deep-tech company dedicated to transforming material-coating technology into solutions that enhance the quality and durability of cellulose-based materials, particularly paper and books. The company's first product, **PaperCuraTM**, is a bio-based coating solution designed to help protect and extend the life of paper-based materials. The name combines *"paper"* with the Italian word *"cura"*, meaning *"care,"* reflecting the company's intention to care for paper and books and help preserve them for longer. Applied by spraying or dipping, the solution forms a thin, invisible film on the paper's surface, enhancing water resistance and increasing paper strength by up to 65%. Its fast-drying formulation, which dries within five minutes on a single A4 sheet, also makes the coating practical for efficient use in real-world preservation settings. By extending the life of books, **PaperCura** helps ensure that the memories and feelings they carry can continue to connect us with the people and places they hold.



Moving from laboratory development toward commercialization, **NEXTBOND** participated in Leave a Nest's Tech Planter program, where it connected with potential partners and explored new opportunities within the startup and deep-tech ecosystem. The program opened the door to partnerships with a range of Japanese companies, including Soken Chemical & Engineering, a specialist in coating technology, and **APIA**, a technology commercialization company.

To bring the technology further into real-world applications, the company has conducted pilot projects applying its coating solution to books and archival materials from institutions across Thailand, including both public and private organizations. These encompass rare books from the Office of **Academic Resources (Central Library)** at **Chulalongkorn University**, historical documents dating back to the founding of **Kasetsart University**, and old film magazines from the **Thai Film Archive**.





The focus on preserving paper and books has led **NEXTBOND** to explore another natural material: leather. Building on its expertise in surface-coating technology, the company extends its technology to leather and plant-based leather, developing solutions that provide water resistance without compromising the material's natural appearance. Like books, leather goods can carry personal histories and sentimental value for their owners, becoming part of memories that are difficult to replace. This parallel effort marks **NEXTBOND**'s expansion into a wider range of materials whose value extends beyond their physical properties to the human experiences they represent.

NEXTBOND

A research-driven materials technology company developing bio-based coating solutions for the preservation and protection of paper, books, natural-fiber handicrafts, and wood. Its technologies include antifungal coatings and sustainable protective materials designed to enhance material durability while prioritising environmental and human safety.

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INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY: THE HOUSE OF THE FUTURE





Green Living, owned by architect **Vincenzo Russi**, is the only company in Italy specialized in the design and construction, since 2010, of homes built using recycled shipping containers. Our solutions include single villas, apartments, bed & breakfasts, police stations, schools and much more. They are all building types designed with the highest construction quality and completely sustainable, with low environmental impact, with natural and recycled/recyclable materials, but above all self-sufficient from an energy and water point of view. **Green Living** has created in the UK, Austria, Croatia, Slovenia obviously in Italy, in the United Arab Emirates.

Our innovative construction system integrates several current and sustainable aspects:

• **Creative recycling:** containers that would otherwise be destined for disposal, giving them new life.

• **Reduction of environmental impact:** we reduce the use of reinforced concrete by up to 90% compared to a traditional construction.

• **Modularity and flexibility:** the containers can be combined with each other as easily as Lego bricks.

• **Cost reduction:** construction costs are 50% lower than a traditional construction due to the speed of construction, less use of reinforced concrete, recycling.

• **Energy and water self-sufficiency:** Green Living's buildings are equipped with solar panels and salt storage batteries (recyclable), and water-producing machines that make these homes self-sufficient also from a water point of view.

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TICC LUXURY COMMITTEE MEETING FOSTERS DIALOGUE ON ITALY–THAILAND LUXURY INDUSTRY



Bangkok, 27 August 2026 – The **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC)** successfully held its **Luxury Committee Meeting** at **Tribe Sky Beach Club, EMSPHERE**, bringing together industry representatives to exchange perspectives, discuss shared priorities, and explore opportunities for collaboration within Thailand's luxury business landscape.

Chaired by Ms. **Pannitta Srisa-ard**, Chairwoman, alongside Mr. **Chakrit Benedetti** and Mr. **Yongyudh Teeravithayapinyo**, Vice Chairmen, the meeting took the form of an open forum designed to encourage active participation and meaningful dialogue. The discussion provided a platform for members to share their experiences, identify emerging industry needs, and contribute ideas that will help shape the Committee's future direction and activities.

The meeting also reinforced the importance of collaboration among businesses operating in Thailand's luxury sector. By bringing together different perspectives and areas of expertise, the Committee seeks to better understand the opportunities and challenges facing the industry while identifying potential initiatives that support business development and strengthen connections between Italian and Thai companies.





The **TICC Luxury Committee** aims to foster meaningful professional relationships, facilitate the exchange of knowledge, and develop initiatives that bring tangible value to the business community. Its scope encompasses a range of luxury sectors, including fashion, interior design, yachting, and automotive, providing a shared platform for companies interested in contributing to the growth and development of the Italy–Thailand luxury business community.

TICC extends its sincere appreciation to all participants for their valuable contributions and engagement. The Chamber looks forward to continuing this collaborative effort through future Committee meetings and initiatives, creating further opportunities for dialogue, knowledge sharing, and cooperation across Thailand's luxury industry.

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BUSINESS CONNECTIONS: AN EVENING AT TRIBE







Bangkok, 27 August 2026 - The **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC)** was delighted to welcome members and guests to another vibrant edition of our **Aperitivo Italiano Monthly Networking**, held at the stunning Emerald Green House, **TRIBE Sky Beach Club**, **Emsphere at EM District**.

Set against a relaxed rooftop and pool club atmosphere, the evening brought together professionals, entrepreneurs, and business leaders from across the Thai-Italian business community for an evening of great conversations, meaningful connections, and authentic Italian hospitality. With the event fully booked ahead of time, guests enjoyed an energetic gathering complete with exciting lucky draw prizes, reflecting the continued strength and enthusiasm of our growing network.

At TICC, we believe that strong business connections are built through personal interactions, and evenings like these continue to strengthen the ties between our members and partners.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our Venue Partner, **TRIBE Sky Beach Club**, for their warm hospitality, and to our generous sponsors for making the evening possible: **Acqua Panna, Sanpellegrino, Albero.th, Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel, Chatrium Grand Bangkok, Gambero Rosso International, Jim Thompson, Officina Del Prosciutto Thailand,** and **San Marzano Wines.**

We look forward to welcoming you to our next Aperitivo Italiano and many more opportunities to connect with the Thai-Italian business community.



INTERVIEW

CHEF MATTEO FONTANA: EXECUTIVE CHEF AT THE ST. REGIS BANGKOK





What first inspired you to pursue a career as a chef, and when did you realize that cooking could become your profession?

My passion for cooking started at home, watching my grandmother cook every day, but especially on Sundays when she would prepare lunch for the entire family. I remember seeing how much love, passion, and care she put into every dish. Those moments gave me my first connection with food and taught me that cooking is not only about ingredients and technique, but also about emotions, memories, and bringing people together.

As I grew older, that passion naturally developed into a profession. My experiences in Italy, particularly in two- and three-Michelin-starred restaurants, then gave me the discipline and technical foundation to turn that childhood passion into my career.

Of all the kitchens you've cooked in - Italy, Vietnam, India, the UAE, Thailand, and beyond - which one changed you the most as an executive chef, and why?

I would say that every country has played an important role in my career and has given me something different. My experience in Italy gave me a very strong technical foundation and a deep respect for Italian culinary traditions. Working across Asia and the Middle East then broadened my perspective and taught me how different cultures approach food, people, and hospitality. All of these experiences have shaped me into the chef and leader I am today.

Thailand's produce culture is bold and distinct. Has anything here changed how you think about Italian cooking, or challenged assumptions you came in with?

Absolutely. I love Thai food culture, and I see an interesting connection with Italy. In both cultures, traditional home-style recipes and the quality of the ingredients are at the heart of the cuisine. Thailand has made me appreciate even more how much character local produce can bring to a dish. It has also encouraged me to look at Italian cooking with a more open mind, while still respecting its traditions and identity.

If you had to build one dish that represents your time in Bangkok so far, what would be on the plate?

I would choose my duck ravioli, inspired by my grandmother's recipe. It represents both my Italian roots and the journey I have taken since arriving in Bangkok. It is a dish with a strong sense of memory and home, but it is also something that guests can experience today at **VIU**, our Italian restaurant at The **St. Regis Bangkok**. For me, it perfectly represents the connection between tradition, personal history, and my life in Thailand.

Looking back at the path that took you from Italy to Bangkok, what advice would you give someone earlier in their career chasing a similar trajectory?

Follow your dream and always give your best every day. In this industry, success does not happen overnight. It comes from being consistent, staying curious, learning from every experience, and giving your best even when nobody is watching. Every country, kitchen, and person you meet can teach you something. Stay humble, work hard, and never stop believing in where you want to go.

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FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME



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Bangkok, 4 September 2026 – The **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC)** participated in **"The Next Bucket: Save Lives & Change Lives"** Charity Dinner, organised by **Siam Piwat** in collaboration with the **United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)**, at **NEXTOPIA**, 5A Floor, **Siam Paragon**.

The event supported the campaign's goal of delivering 100,000 nutritious meals to vulnerable communities facing food insecurity. Through this initiative, **Siam Piwat** and **WFP** aim to turn everyday experiences into meaningful contributions to humanitarian assistance across the region.

The charity dinner brought together two renowned restaurant brands, **Fallabella Little Sister Kitchen** and **Gordon Ramsay Street Burger**, which collaborated to create a special dining experience in support of the cause. **DJs Bestboi** and **Bomber Selecta** also joined the evening, adding entertainment to the fundraising event.

Distinguished guests included **H.E. Paolo Dionisi, Ambassador of Italy to Thailand**, alongside representatives from **Siam Piwat** and the **WFP Bangkok office**, including **Simone Parchment**, **Christine Grignon** and **Chef Willment Leong**, WFP Goodwill Ambassador**.**

All proceeds from the event, after expenses, were dedicated to the **WFP**'s mission to combat hunger and provide vital food assistance to vulnerable communities.

TICC is pleased to have participated in this meaningful initiative, reaffirming its commitment to supporting humanitarian causes and encouraging collaboration between the private sector and international organisations to address pressing social challenges. Through collective action and shared responsibility, initiatives such as **"The Next Bucket: Save Lives & Change Lives"** demonstrate how partnerships can contribute to a more inclusive and food-secure future.



Chef Willment Leong

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YARIX APAC: NEW CYBERSECURITY HUB FOR THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION LAUNCHES IN BANGKOK



Bangkok, 9 September 2026 - **Yarix APAC** officially launched in Bangkok with an event held at the **Cavallino Motors Ferrari Showroom**. A joint venture between **Var Group** and **CV Ventures**, **Yarix APAC** brings to the city a new cybersecurity center designed to coordinate operations across the Asia-Pacific region.

The **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC)** was represented at the event by Mr. **Giacomo Iobizzi**, Secretary General, Mr. **Giuseppe D'Onofrio**, Project Manager, and Ms. **Ployngarm Namngoerungsree**, Event Manager, highlighting the Chamber's continued engagement with Italian businesses and investment initiatives in Thailand.

At the core of the initiative is support for the Security **Operations Center (SOC)**, which operates according to a **"Follow the Sun"** model, ensuring 24/7 incident monitoring and response. Bangkok was selected as a strategic hub thanks to its geographic location and time zone, enabling seamless operational continuity across teams in Asia, Europe, and North America while helping reduce the impact of night shifts on staff.

One of the project's defining features is its commitment to a 100% local workforce, from analysts through to management. The Bangkok team has already demonstrated its ability to operate according to the same standards as the main European center and is already delivering security services to clients in Europe.

Supporting the analysts is **Egyda**, a proprietary AI solution used for initial screening and threat detection. By automating these first stages of analysis, **Egyda** allows specialists to focus their time and expertise on investigating the most complex cases.

Commenting on the strategic importance of the initiative, **Fabrizio Saltalippi**, International Business Leader at Var Group, said: *"Thailand represents a strategic base for Var Group's next phase of international growth in the cybersecurity sector. Yarix APAC allows us to integrate our operations in Europe, the Americas, and Asia into a more unified security platform, enabling clients to benefit from shared expertise, coordinated and in-depth threat intelligence, and seamless service delivery across all regions."*

Krisanayot "Chris" Buranasamrit, President of CV Ventures, added: *"The Thai cybersecurity market is entering a very promising growth phase, driven by cloud adoption, AI-based services, stricter regulatory requirements, and the rapid digital transformation of key sectors. We believe this creates a significant opportunity for Yarix APAC to play a strategic role, helping companies in Thailand and across the region strengthen their resilience, accelerate innovation, and grow with confidence."*

To support its growth in the region, **Yarix APAC** has already started building its local distribution network, signing agreements with two local partners, appointing distributors, and establishing a dedicated sales team in Thailand. The company has also launched a Thai-language website focused on incident response services.

And this is only the beginning. Further investments are planned over the coming years, with the goal of expanding the local team and establishing Bangkok as a regional hub for the continued growth of **Yarix APAC**'s services across Asia-Pacific.

Website: www.yarix.com



B.GRIMM
148 years of Doing Business with Compassion

For more than three decades, B.Grimm Power has grown alongside Thailand's development — from supporting the nation's industrial transformation to advancing renewable energy across the region and strengthening the communities it serves. Guided by the belief that energy should create opportunities beyond electricity, our journey continues with a simple purpose: to **Empower the World Compassionately.**







148 YEARS OF DOING BUSINESS WITH COMPASSION

For 148 years, B.Grimm has grown alongside Thailand by applying knowledge, expertise and compassion to address society's evolving needs. From introducing modern healthcare through Thailand's first European manufacturer to supporting infrastructure development such as the Rangsit Canal, B.Grimm's journey has always been guided by the belief that business can create meaningful value for people and communities.

Within this long-standing heritage, B.Grimm Power represents our commitment to powering progress through reliable and sustainable energy solutions. For more than 30 years, we have viewed energy not simply as electricity, but as a foundation for opportunity — enabling industries to grow, supporting investment and helping communities prosper.

FROM THAILAND TO THE WORLD

As Thailand's manufacturing sector expanded, dependable energy became essential to the country's competitiveness. B.Grimm Power responded by developing one of Thailand's pioneering industrial power businesses, helping provide reliable electricity and steam to industries in some of the country's most important industrial areas.

Growing alongside Thailand, B.Grimm Power has evolved from a Thai energy company into a multinational energy company operating across 15 countries.

As the world moves toward a cleaner energy future, our responsibility continues to evolve. Building on decades of engineering expertise, B.Grimm Power has expanded its renewable energy portfolio across the region, including one of Southeast Asia's largest solar power projects in Vietnam.

Our renewable energy footprint today extends beyond Thailand to projects including solar energy in Japan, wind power in South Korea and hydropower in the United States. Through these efforts, we aim to support today's energy needs while contributing to a more responsible future for generations to come.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

Our commitment extends beyond energy. Guided by Doing Business with Compassion, we continue to create value for society through initiatives in education, livelihood, arts and culture, environmental stewardship and sport.

The B.Grimm Boworn Project reflects this commitment by strengthening communities through the connection between village, temple and school — three foundations that have long supported Thai society.

One example is the Sangtham Thuathai Project, which brings solar energy solutions to temples, schools, healthcare centres and community facilities across Thailand. The initiative also supports the Chakrapan Pensiri Plant Development Centers under the Chaipattana Foundation in Chiang Rai and Saraburi, helping communities recover from natural disasters through agricultural support.

At B.Grimm School, solar energy powers classrooms and the planting house, allowing students to learn about renewable energy and responsible practices through real-life experience.

EMPOWERING THROUGH EDUCATION

Education has long been an important part of B.Grimm's contribution to society. We believe that creating opportunity begins by giving young people access to knowledge and the chance to develop their potential.

B.Grimm supports scholarships, learning programmes and initiatives connecting young people with knowledge, music, sport and their communities. These efforts reflect our belief that education is not only about academic achievement, but about developing capable, responsible individuals who can contribute meaningfully to society.

LIVING IN HARMONY WITH NATURE

For B.Grimm, compassion extends beyond people to the natural world.

This philosophy is reflected in Save the Tigers, B.Grimm's commitment to supporting the conservation of Thailand's wild tiger population and the forest ecosystems on which they depend.

The tiger is an important indicator of a healthy forest ecosystem. Protecting tiger habitats therefore contributes to safeguarding forests, biodiversity and the many species sharing these landscapes.

Through long-term conservation efforts and collaboration with partners, B.Grimm aims to support the recovery of Thailand's wild tiger populations and preserve the country's natural heritage for future generations.



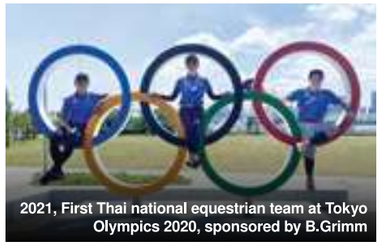
> *"With compassion, businesses can exist in harmony with nature and communities."*
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> *Dr.Harald Link, Chairman of B.Grimm*

ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH MUSIC

B.Grimm's long-standing support for classical music grew from Dr Harald Link's personal passion for music. A pianist himself, Dr Link believes in music's ability to enrich lives and bring people together.

This passion has developed into B.Grimm's long-standing support for the Royal Bangkok Symphony Orchestra (RBSO), helping strengthen Thailand's classical music community while creating opportunities for musicians and younger generations.

Through concerts, music education and support for emerging talent, B.Grimm contributes to artistic excellence while helping make classical music more accessible. Music transcends language and borders, making it a natural expression of B.Grimm's belief in harmony and compassion.





BUILDING CHARACTER THROUGH EQUESTRIAN SPORT

B.Grimm's commitment to equestrian sport began with Dr Harald Link's passion for polo and has grown into long-term support for the development of equestrian sport in Thailand.

B.Grimm supports polo and equestrian activities while creating opportunities for Thai riders, particularly young athletes, to develop their abilities and progress towards regional and international competition.

Beyond competition, equestrian sport represents discipline, patience, perseverance, responsibility and mutual trust between rider and horse — values that resonate strongly with B.Grimm's philosophy.



POST PRESS RELEASE

ITALIAN DESIGN EXCELLENCE IN THE HEART OF BANGKOK: AN INTERVIEW WITH NICOLA CONTI, FOUNDER OF ELEMENTI INTERIORS





For over 15 years, Elementi Interiors has combined the bespoke elegance of Made in Italy, engineering precision, and technological innovation across the most exclusive residential projects in Bangkok and Thailand.

TICC: Nicola, how did your journey begin, and what vision guided the creation of Elementi Interiors in Bangkok?

Nicola Conti: It started over 15 years ago, driven by my curiosity for a rapidly growing country and the desire to bring Italian design culture to Asia. From day one, my vision was clear: to create an interior architecture laboratory delivering high-end turnkey solutions. We combine the Made in Italy tradition—built on proportion, formal research, and sensitivity to materials—with a deep understanding of local construction dynamics.

TICC: How do you approach high-end residential projects in Bangkok's luxury landscape?

Nicola Conti: Working on high-end condominiums—such as our recent projects at *Tait Sathorn 12, The Estelle Phrom Phong, Langsuan Ville, or Sindhorn Tonson*—requires immense flexibility. We analyze natural light, city views, and movement flow to build tailored concepts. Whether in central penthouses or private residences in developments like *AIRI Km.5* or *THE FOREST IAS* in Bang NA, our goal is to transform standard layouts into unique, extraordinary homes.

TICC: Turnkey management is one of your core strengths. What does this mean for your clients?

Nicola Conti: Time is a client's most valuable resource.

Our turnkey service eliminates the stress of renovation by managing every phase directly:

- **Design & Modeling:** Concept development, layout optimization, and interactive 3D models.
- **Procurement**: Importing European furnishings alongside sourcing from trusted local partners.
- **Site Supervision:** Daily coordination of site teams and custom joinery to millimeter-level tolerances.
- **Handover:** Delivering pristine, fully styled homes ready to live in.

Clients have a single point of contact accountable for budget, timeline, and final quality.

TICC: Custom joinery is central to your work. How do your bespoke solutions stand out?

Nicola Conti: Bespoke joinery separates an ordinary interior from a luxury one. While many local competitors rely on pre-built catalog packages, our strength lies in 100% custom-made solutions engineered for each project. From feature media walls to kitchens and integrated wardrobes, every piece is designed down to the millimeter using high-performance materials like FENIX, quartz, high-quality laminates, and premium wood veneers, equipped exclusively with precision German hardware.

TICC: How do you combine material selection, furniture, and lighting in your projects?



Nicola Conti: We divide our approach into two main areas:

1. Furniture ("Italian Design, Made in Thailand"): I personally design every custom piece, which is then crafted locally by skilled Thai carpenters under my supervision. This ensures Italian proportions and quality while maintaining control over costs and climate adaptation. Where required, we integrate iconic loose pieces from Italian and European brands like *Cattelan Italia, Natuzzi, Lago, and Reflex Angelo, etc*.

2. Lighting: We combine architectural LED profiles integrated into custom joinery with statement suspensions from brands like *Davide Groppi, Luceplan, Vibia, Ingo Maurer, and Reflex Angelo,* etc., balancing dramatic design with lighting performance.

Nicola Conti: Material selection is my favorite phase. Curating furniture and lighting is where interior architecture truly comes alive, balancing aesthetics, function, and spatial perception. To ensure high standards, we divide our approach into two distinct areas:

TICC: What are the main challenges of working in Bangkok, and how do you navigate them?

Nicola Conti: Beyond technical adaptation to the tropical climate, the biggest operational challenge is site coordination. My core advantage is that I speak and communicate directly in Thai with the craftsmen on site. Removing language barriers allows me to explain technical details clearly, resolve issues instantly, and ensure strict adherence to European quality standards.

TICC: What is the geographic focus of your current projects?

Nicola Conti: About 90% of our work is in Bangkok, focusing on condo renovations, penthouses, and private landed homes. We have also expanded to Phuket, handling high-end villa projects that emphasize spatial flow and indoor-outdoor continuity.

TICC: What advice would you give to someone planning to renovate a luxury property in Thailand?

Nicola Conti: Plan: thoroughly and engage qualified professionals early. A well-conceived interior project built with quality materials enhances daily living while protecting long-term property value. With over 15 years of local experience,



Elementi Interiors makes this process structured, transparent, and rewarding.

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The future of visas.

Issa Compass, a new member of the Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce, is turning one of the most paper-heavy parts of international business, moving people across borders, into software.

“The way people move across borders is fundamentally broken, not because the problem is hard, but because no one has built the right system to solve it.”

Priscilla Yeung
Co-founder & CEO, Issa Compass



Co-founders Priscilla Yeung, CEO, and Aaron Yip.

This season, it's all about vibrant hues that command attention. The trend toward maximalism is taking center stage, and bold colors are leading the charge. Expect to see shades of electric blue, neon green, and flame red dominating the runway.

Issa Compass was built to take that uncertainty out of the process. Operated by Issa Systems Co., Ltd., the platform pairs software with immigration experts and a legal team to help applicants prepare and submit Thai visa applications.

Its decision engine checks documents and requirements against live, embassy-specific rules, including unlisted ones, before an application is submitted, rather than relying on a single generic checklist.

The idea is personal. Co-founder and CEO Priscilla Yeung, a former Boston Consulting Group adviser who has lived across five countries, moved internationally five times in six years and still could not secure a US work visa, even with lawyers behind her. The problem, she concluded, was not effort. It was the system.

From 10 visa types to 20, with the focus firmly on long-stay routes.

In September 2026 the company doubled the Thai visa types on its guided workflow from 10 to 20, spanning the Destination Thailand Visa (DTV), every Long-Term Resident (LTR) and Non-Immigrant O sub-category, the Elite programme administered by Thailand Privilege, and SMART categories.

Its focus remains the DTV and LTR, the routes most used by remote professionals, entrepreneurs and executives.

Growth has been quick.
In April 2026 Issa Compass announced it had passed 100,000 users, following an August 2025 funding round that included Iterative Capital, 500 Global, Tekton Ventures and Sequoia India’s Sprout Program.

Since July 2026 the company has been a member of the Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce. “**As a member, we want to be a resource for fellow chamber members whose own people need Thai visas, whether that’s an employee relocating for work or an executive applying for a longer stay,**” says Ms. Yeung.

For Italian companies building teams in Thailand, and for Italians choosing to live and work there, the benefit is practical: clearer requirements, fewer surprises and one place to prepare a file.
The decision always rests with the authorities, and Issa Compass is not a law firm, but getting the paperwork right is something software can help with.



Issa Compass is based at theCOMMONS at Cloud 11 on Sukhumvit Road, Bangkok, with a team drawn from more than 13 nationalities.

We believe your passport should define your identity, not your possibilities. Our mission is to make international immigration effortless, so anyone can build a life wherever they choose.

100K+
users supported in the past year

In April 2026 Issa Compass announced it had passed 100,000 users: remote workers, entrepreneurs, tech executives and skilled professionals planning a life in Thailand.

20
Thai visa types supported

Up from 10 earlier in 2026, from the DTV and LTR to Non-O, Elite and SMART categories, each running through the same document and requirement checks

87
Embassies tracked

Tracked live and updated every hour, covering 158 applicant nationalities

About Issa Compass

Issa Compass is a real-time visa platform operated by Issara Platforms Pte. Ltd. (Singapore) and Issa Systems Co., Ltd. (Thailand), co-founded by Priscilla Yeung and Aaron Yip. It helps expats, remote workers, skilled professionals and the companies that employ them prepare and submit Thai visa applications, with a focus on the DTV and LTR.

www.issacompass.com

PROMOTED ARTICLE

VERTIER X ALCANTARA UNVEIL “THE ART OF VELOCITY” A MASTERPIECE COLLECTION ELEVATING THE ART OF LIVING







Vertier, Thailand’s leading luxury furniture brand led by **Vorawut Chantawee**, CEO of Vie Decor Co., Ltd., officially announced a major collaboration with **Alcantara®**, the world-renowned Italian material innovation brand. Officially supported and imported by A.F. Group Companies—led by Executive Director **Jakawarn Bandapraneat** —the milestone partnership marks the unveiling of the exclusive contemporary furniture collection, **“The Art of Velocity.”** This historic occasion represents the first-ever official co-development between Alcantara® and a Thai furniture brand.

Drawing inspiration from Alcantara’s distinguished legacy across automotive, interior, and fashion design, the collection seamlessly integrates material science, cutting-edge innovation, and master craftsmanship.

The launch event was attended by prominent figures, including acclaimed actor **Tate Myron**, who shared his passion for design, alongside an array of high-profile celebrities and interior designers. **Dr. Wit Sittivaekin** served as the guest host, guiding attendees through an insightful deep dive into the collection’s narrative. The event took place on **Tuesday, September 29, 2026,** at the **Vertier Flagship Gallery** (Regent House Building, Ratchadamri Road).

“At Vertier, we are dedicated to curating the finest elements to elevate the living experience,” stated **Vorawut Chantawee**. *“It is an absolute honor to collaborate with Alcantara®. Their global material innovation offers exceptional tactile softness and visual elegance while upholding environmental responsibility—aligning perfectly with our vision for sustainable business. Furthermore, Alcantara® meets the demands of daily life with its outstanding durability and effortless maintenance, making it perfectly suited for Thailand’s climate and lifestyle.”*

This landmark collaboration flawlessly bridges Italian technical mastery with Thailand’s design and manufacturing ingenuity. Inspired by the thrilling energy and powerful aura of supercars, **“The Art of Velocity”** masterpiece collection expresses concepts of speed, equilibrium, and direction through striking architectural contours. Alcantara’s iconic tactile softness, superior durability, and globally recognized timeless beauty are unified with Vertier’s signature commitment to meticulous detail.









Collection Highlights Included:
V1 Lounge Chair: Velocity in Repose: Supercar-inspired armchair with hand-stitched Alcantara® upholstery. Features concealed magnetic headrest adjustment and a 360-degree rotating aluminum alloy base.

Dinemaster: The Masterpiece of Dining: Architectural dining table featuring a freeform Patagonia Quartzite stone top with beveled edges, paired with an intricately Alcantara®-upholstered base.

Veloce: Driven by Momentum: Soothing yet dynamic sofa with asymmetrical lines and undercut bases for a floating look, wrapped in vibrant Alcantara® 6601 Violet.

Forza: The Art of High-Performance Design: Supercar-inspired coffee table series featuring bold red Alcantara® surfaces, high-gloss black accents, stainless steel trims, and natural marble.

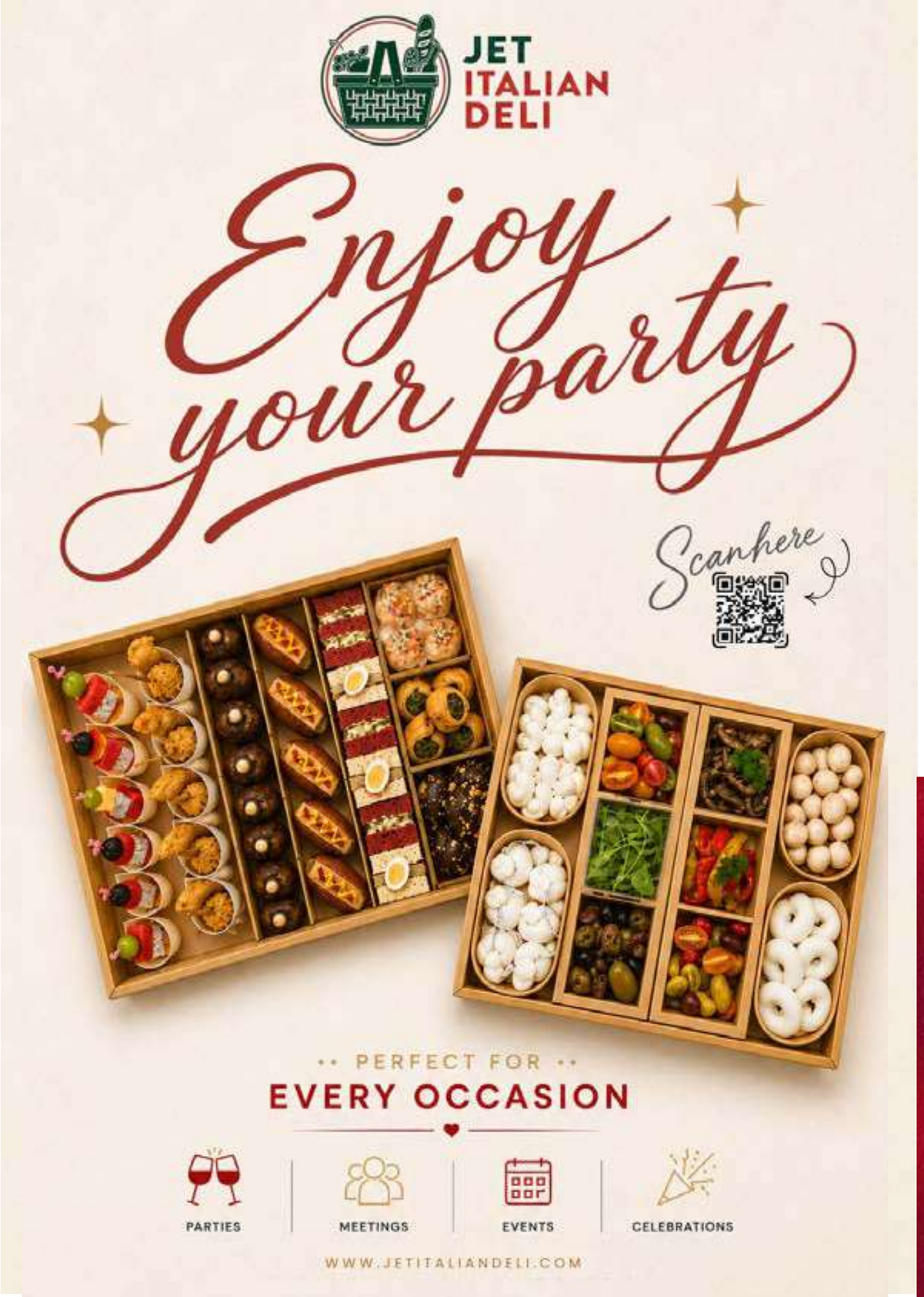
Step into the world of luxury design and immerse yourself in elevated living with **“The Art of Velocity”** collection at the Vertier Flagship Gallery.

Location: 1st Floor, Regent House Building, Ratchadamri Road
Hours: Monday – Sunday | 10:30 AM – 7:30 PM

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