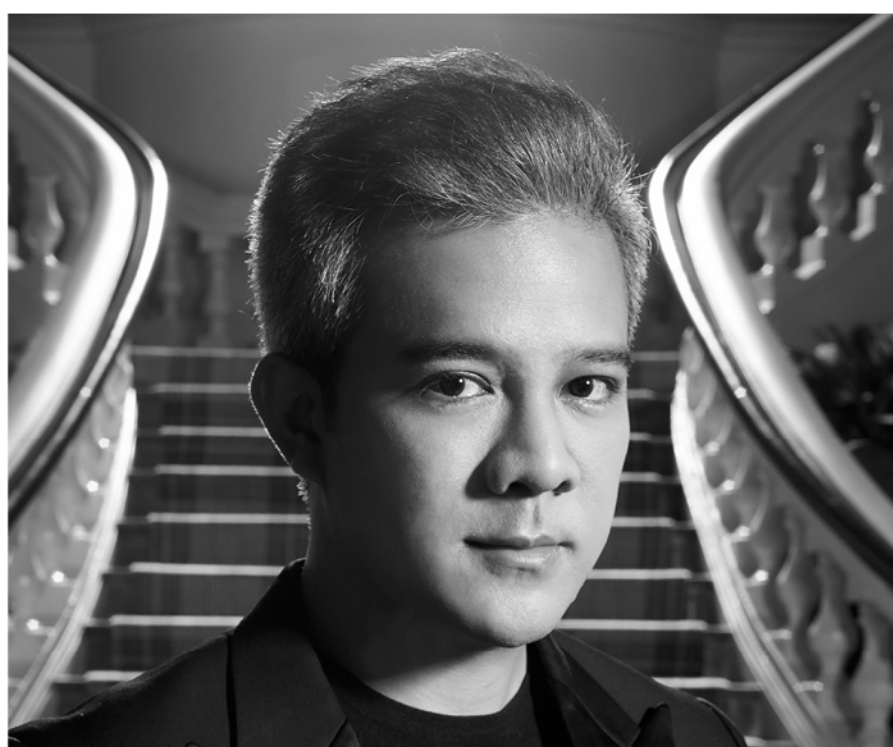


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editor's note

Uncategorically Inspirational

Here it is, the second edition of The Future List, a new list of 100 people you should keep under your radar. Again, we retain our policy of having no age limit and no restrictions on the number of representatives per category or industry. In fact, we walk into The Future List each year without categories and only start formulating groupings after we've picked our hundred. This means that sometimes we have people who stand in a category by themselves, defining it solely, and that's absolutely alright by us. This not only keeps

the list fun on both sides but out-of-the-box by design.

Take your time getting to know all the diverse profiles on the 2021 Future List. We hope that you discover at least a few interesting names you've never come across that'll inspire you and perhaps lead you to new ideas.

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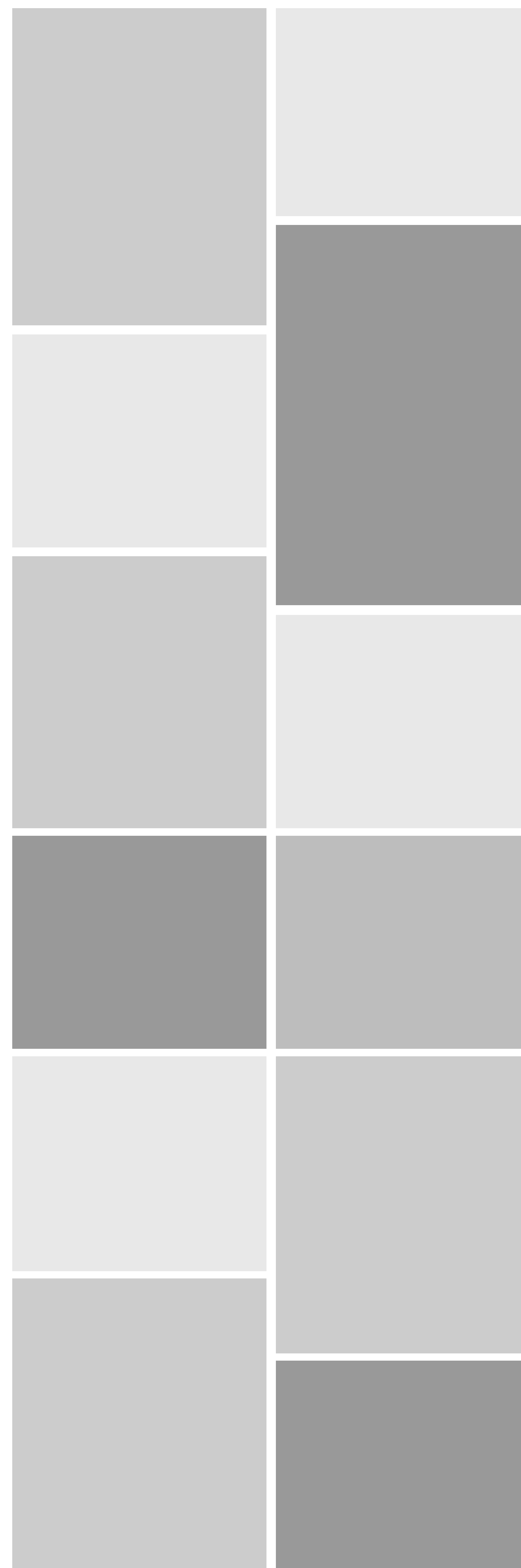
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Akkrawat “Paye” Srinarong, PhD

MUSIC DIRECTOR
THAI YOUTH ORCHESTRA



VDO



Dr Paye is the first ever recipient of HRH Princess Galyani Vadhana Classical Music Funds, and the first Thai violinist to perform at Carnegie Hall with the Grammy-award winning Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. With his musician sisters he formed the Vietrio group and music school. An entrepreneurial musician, Dr Paye is music director of the Thai Youth Orchestra, successfully taking it into international competition, while transforming it into a social enterprise. He is proud that TYO was the first orchestra to emerge out of lockdown to perform 20 concerts last year, much in line with his goal of taking Thai musicians global and raising the bar in music education. Lately he has also had a very visible online presence with Jeeb Ensemble, a group of young professional musicians who make classical music more accessible to the younger generation. He credits Mozart—his birth date twin—for influencing his music, his father for introducing him to the violin and Picasso for making him think outside the box. In his free time, he might be cheering for Arsenal, checking out Blinkist, or seriously working out.

Amanda Phingbodhipakkiya

MULTIDISCIPLINARY ARTIST
ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE WITH
THE NYC COMMISSION ON HUMAN
RIGHTS

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Arts



New York-based Thai-Indonesian artist Amanda is known for the public art campaign, “I Still Believe in Our City” which called attention to anti-Asian hate crimes against AAPI (Asian-American and Pacific Islander) New Yorkers. Though carrying society’s pain has been a challenge for her, she is proud of having found her own path through which she can foster belonging, joy, and resilience in others. Her passion includes deep conversations with dear friends old and new, and long meditative walks. As a neuroscience graduate from Colombia, she believes that neuroscience tells us that when we are ostracised our bodies react as if we are experiencing physical harm, but through her art, she is fostering a sense of belonging in communities so society can heal and thrive, and the trauma isn’t passed down in our DNA to the next generations. Her work appeared on the cover of the March 2021 issue of *TIME magazine*. Apart from fighting systemic racism, she is also passionate about climate change.

Amata Chittasenee

MAKEUP ARTIST AND BEAUTY
BLOGGER “PEARYPIE” TURNED
CULTURAL ACTIVIST



Advocacy



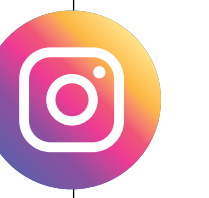
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Once at the apex of the beauty blogger pyramid in Thailand, Amata, or Pear, realised that her ego was getting the better of her. Embarking on a journey of discovery, the Central St Martins graduate insists she is “still in the process of learning, experiencing and reflecting”. She began reconnecting with nature by holding a Nature Learning Camp in Chiang Dao, Chiang Mai, using art as a communication tool. She now incorporates traditional folk wisdom into her work, such as natural dyeing techniques with mud. Today, nature, folk communities, food and culture—particularly handwoven textiles—have replaced makeup as her communication tools. With her movements limited during the past pandemic, Pear started her own green space on her rooftop, growing edible plants. This has taught her about biodiversity, native plants, herbal medicine, and encouraged her to move towards a plant-based diet. She also consults with the Ministry of Culture, Tourism Authority of Thailand, The Support Arts and Crafts International Centre of Thailand and universities on the topic of textiles.

A **mornthep Sachamuneewongse**

CEO & FOUNDER
SATI APP



As many are championing for cleaner energy and a greener planet, Amornthep Sachamuneewongse, better known as “Sanju”, seeks to advocate for an empathetic and mindful society. Having lived with major depressive disorder and schizophrenia, Sanju is well aware of the taboo and inaccessibility of mental help in Thailand. After his stint in the hospitality industry, he went on to found SATI, a mobile application that provides peer support for anyone with mental or wellbeing concerns. A leading force in the effort to advocate for more investment in mental health in Thailand, Saju hopes to expand the app’s network across the country, as well as launching the programme beyond Thailand’s borders, starting with the Czech Republic.

Annett Sosothikul Ho

VIOLINIST



Annett Sosothikul Ho started playing the violin at a very young age. She performed a solo debut at Sala Sudasiri Sobha in 2017. Annett's dream came true when she won the second annual Royal Bangkok Symphony Orchestra (RBSO) Violin Competition in 2019. Still, her most enduring work was when she was appointed as a violinist of the Fluffy Bao Trio and the regional director of the Back to Bach Project. She firmly believes in young talents and aims to inspire elementary school students to learn classical music. Annett is currently studying financial economics at Columbia University and is an incoming analyst at Ares Management. She has raised over 1 million Baht working with UNICEF Thailand. Annett frequently involves herself with public charity concerts starting from the age of just seven. In her spare time, she enjoys watching Broadway shows and hunting down new restaurants when she travels.

Anothai Nitibhon

COMPOSER, PIANIST



A composer, pianist, and artist, Anothai Nitibhon received a PhD in composition from the University of Edinburgh. Anothai's proudest achievement was being honoured with the Silpathorn Award 2021 for music. Her music research originates from intercultural dialogues, integrating professional music training, elements of folk-based oral tradition with both professional musicians and people who have no musical background. Orchestras and ensembles in many countries have performed her compositions. Anothai often appears as a judge for composition and performance competitions both in Thailand and overseas. In 2016, Anothai organised influential exhibits in Bangkok, such as the "Hear Here" sound installation at the Bangkok Art & Culture Centre and "AS((EAR))N - Sounds of ASEAN" at the Museum Siam. Composing and performing has been an integral part of Anothai's life, and her long-term goal is to inspire the younger generations in creating more music for social projects as well as pushing the boundaries of musical creations, whether it's interdisciplinary collaborations or community engagement.

A nutra “Sy” Mahatthanarak

FOUNDER
HEXA VEGAN SHOES



Business

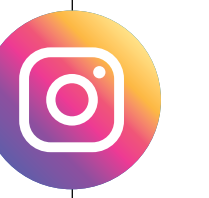


HEXA

Having run her family's leather handbag company, Sy set up her own comfortable vegan footwear business. She wished to encourage people to make conscious purchasing choices in order to lessen the suffering of animals, demand ethical material sourcing, improve human rights in the manufacturing process, and protect our planet. Her application of the sufficiency economy principle in her business has allowed her to overcome difficulties posed by the pandemic, become recognised organically by foreign vegan press, and earn repeat customer satisfaction. A self-confessed workaholic, she relaxes by watching sci-fi, and following the work of Esther Perel which helps her explore and unravel her own relationship dynamics with family, friends, partner and peers. Travelling, vegan food and partying with close friends bring her joy. She is passionate about animal welfare, education, justice for victims of sexual abuse. Her wildest dream is to create innovative materials from abundant food and fruit supplies in Thailand, and to set up a foundation for an animal sanctuary.

Ariya Banomyong

CEO & FOUNDER
TRANSFORMATIONAL



His company provides digital transformation strategies for clients, hardly surprising for a double master's graduate in Mathematics & IT from University of Marne-La-Vallee (France), and Science in Management from London School of Economics (UK). His impressive CV includes head of Google Thailand, president of BEC World (Ch 3), and MD of Line Thailand. But he is most proud of starting his own company in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic, which turned out to be to his advantage, since there was peak demand for digital transformation. Technology is his passion, together with its power to change the world exponentially. He spends his off time indulging in extreme sports like crossfit and kitesurf, as well as keeping an eye on top NFTs, Cryptopunks and Bored Ape Yacht Club. His late grandfather: Pridi Banomyong, is his hero, while his pride and joy are his twin boys: Heka and Nova.

Arunee Thitithanyanont, PhD

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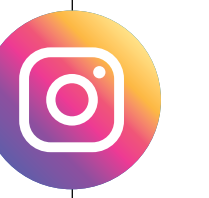
VDO



Switching from being a medical doctor to a scientist was a good move for Assoc Prof Dr Arunee, who was recently awarded L'Oréal Thailand For Women in Science Special Fellowships for Covid-19. She was recognised for her outstanding work in the research and development of Covid-19 diagnostic tests, therapeutic agents, vaccine for Covid-19 and the monitoring of the SARS-CoV-2 evolution. This working mom has achieved much in the past year including collaborative efforts to identify that compounds in the finger root extract effectively inhibit the SARS-CoV-2 virus; publishing a manuscript to demonstrate Anti-SARS-CoV-2 activity of *fah talai jone* herb; and the efficacy of Covid-19 vaccines on virus variants. She is inspired by Anthony Fauci, Elon Musk as well as the film Dead Poets Society where students are taught to look at things through a different perspective. She hopes to build a diverse, appropriately skilled and motivated science workforce for emerging viruses research and support others to access her BSL3 facility for COVID19 research.

Arus “Arch” Angchuan

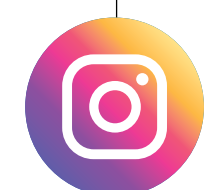
CONCEPT ARTIST &
ILLUSTRATOR



Best known by his creative alias, Apolar, 29-year-old Arus Angchuan made headlines in 2020 as the illustrator chosen to design the artwork for the 20th anniversary commemorative edition of the *Harry Potter* books in Thailand. After months of submission, publishers both locally and in England selected Arus to design the covers of all seven volumes, as well as the books' chapter headers and souvenir items like postcards, bookmarks and a fold-out paper model of Hogwarts. A Chulalongkorn Architecture alum and former video game designer, Arus or Arch now illustrates fulltime as a freelance artist, specialising in book cover arts and character illustrations.



ASIAN CONTEMPORARY POP GROUP



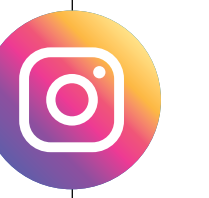
The Arts



Comprising seven musicians—Tontrakul Kaewyong, Narisara Sakpunjachot, Phoowich Tawasinchanadech, Thitirat Dilokhattakarn, Kritamet Kittiboonyatiwakron, Preeda Kesdee, Suntorn Duangdang—and one singer, Amornphat Sermsap, Asia7 combines Thai contemporary, fusion, jazz, pop and world music into an ear-pleasing genre that highlights its Asian roots. Instruments include saw Thai fiddle, Isan folk instruments, saxophone, guitar, keyboard, bass and drums, with electronic embellishments. Meeting up as students of Mahidol University's music department, they all wanted to add novelty to the local music industry and began performing in restaurants and events. They made their debut in 2016 at the Thailand International Jazz Conference. The following year saw them perform at the ACC World Music Festival in Gwangju, South Korea, followed by an extensive world tour that helped them confirm their identity. They have produced several singles that vary between instrumental and vocal music, and have also collaborated with local and international artists. They are now contracted to GMM Grammy and recently represented Thailand via online concerts at the Seoul Friendship Festival 2021.

Aukrit Unahalekhaka

CEO & CO-FOUNDER
RICULT



Aukrit is the CEO behind one of Thailand's most successful and well-known agritech startups, Ricult. Ricult is a multi-award-winning, venture-backed social enterprise founded by MIT alumni that leverages machine learning and satellite imagery to help farmers increase their yield and their profitability. Currently operating in two countries, Thailand and Pakistan, Ricult's mission is to lift farmers out of poverty by equipping them with modern tools and know-how. In the past year, despite having to work a lot from home and being restricted from personally visiting farmers, Ricult has managed to scale up their platform to service 500,000 farmers in Thailand, directly impacting these farmers' communities and livelihoods. Now Aukrit has his sights set on expanding Ricult to 1 million farmers in Thailand and rolling out to nearby countries such as Vietnam and Indonesia.

C Chananya Phataraprasit

CEO
ARAKSA TEA



VDO



Chananya is the CEO of Araksa Chiang Mai, a little tea plantation situated on the foothills of the rich forest of Chiang Mai Province that produces high quality organic tea. Araksa is the first tea garden in Thailand both USDA and EU certified organic for both farm and factory. She is proud of her successful efforts to make tea sustainably, using local hybrid Assam tea plants. She not only runs the business, but tastes, grades, and makes sensory descriptions of the teas, which have won several awards. She also owns Asian Oasis, a tour operator that combines travel with sustainability, community engagement and environmental protection. To overcome the marketing challenges of a boutique tea, she takes creative routes such as virtual international tea summits, partnering with European stores selling sustainable products, and through specialty tea podcasts. A contemporary art lover, she believes making tea is like making art, with much beauty in the shapes, colour, feel and aroma. She advocates for the hill tribe community in Thailand through her Himmapaan Foundation which provides education, healthcare, and women empowerment.

C hanut “Work” Pongpanich

FACILITATOR: PATIENT
RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT,
BANGKOK HOSPITAL



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Arts*



Chanut uses his background as a theatre arts graduate from Chulalongkorn University to enhance healthcare providers' service, focusing on empathic communication skills that build rapport between doctor and patient. The pandemic meant he had to initiate online courses for doctors and nurses who were suffering from task overload, and to help reduce the burnout rate. For this, he drew on his experience as an acting teacher for children with special needs, adapting performing art techniques to enhance their social skills. For his master's degree research, he created a sensory theatre for audiences with autism. What he is most proud of, however, is setting up a sensory children's theatre in his house with his mother, a retired psychiatric nurse for children with autism. He has also embarked on a PhD programme on empathic communication which has been under the radar in Thailand so far. He hopes to convey a message about diversity and equality through his work. He is inspired by the magic of story-telling in William Saroyan's "The Human Comedy".

C Charm Gang Chef Trio

GERAVICH “MEW”
MESAENGNILVERAKUL,
ARUSS “JAI” LERLERSTKULL AND
ATCHARAPORN “AEW” KIATTHANAWAT



Food



Nestled in the historic area of Charoen Krung sits a petite but eye-catching eatery, Charmgang Curry House. This retro-Chinese Thai curry joint is the brainchild of Geravich “Mew” Mesaengnilverakul, Aruss “Jai” Lerlerstkull and Atcharaporn “Aew” Kiatthanawat. They were all part of the kitchen team at Nahm, mentored by David Thompson, before regrouping to establish Charmgang. The group’s shared love of cooking has been ever-present, and each chef possesses a different culinary skill set. With Mew’s art of cooking with fire, Jai’s passion and taste for curries, and Aew’s penchant for the spices, the trio brings together their combined expertise to create a gastronomic and daring experience unique to Charmgang, representing a new generation of Thai food while preserving the art, flavours, and history of its roots.

Chidchanok “Nan” Chidchob

HEMP AND CANNABIS
ADVOCATE



This Chelsea College of Arts graduate was director of merchandising for football team Buriram United, but more recently has been growing hemp and conducting R&D with cannabidiol (CBD) as well as hemp fibre. This further expanded her community work with local weavers for her merchandising projects. The pandemic forced her to move back to her hometown of Buriram where she began the hemp project, her first inroad into the field of agriculture. She is hopeful that hemp can become a new economic crop for local farmers. By the end of the year she plans to open a hemp extraction plant that will allow farmers to grow this crop commercially. She considers herself lucky that she can use her passions for gardening and crafting in her work. As a sustainability advocate, she switched many of Buriram United's apparel to recycled polyester, with plans for more sustainable material in the future.

Chris Potranandana

LAWYER, POLITICIAN, CO-FOUNDER
ZEN-DAI



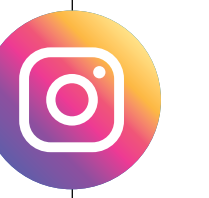
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ZEN-DAI

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Fulbright scholar Chris graduated with a master's degree in anti-trust law and economics from UC Berkeley, during which time he was also president of the Student Organisation of Advance Legal Studies. He co-founded DC Capital LLC and also embarked on a political career as co-founder of Future Forward Party. Seeing the lack of access to hospital treatment for Covid-19 victims which often led to unwarranted deaths, he set up Zen-dai volunteer group in April 2020 to provide transportation and access for Covid patients to get tested or treated. Pick-up trucks, vans, mobile phones were rounded up from friends to set up a call centre and delivery system, offering hope to those who could not reach government facilities. They also set up Zen-dai House as a hospitel for patients for whom home quarantine was not an option. Within two months, Zen-dai had completed over 2,000 Covid shuttles, and helped over 1,500 patients.

Cod Satrusayang

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF & FOUNDER
THAI ENQUIRER



THAI
ENQUIRER

A former journalist at Reuters and DPA, Cod knows the importance of fostering change through freedom of speech and education. Although he often expresses himself with a hint of sarcasm and distinctive banter, he takes it seriously when it comes to issues surrounding change and the challenges of bringing about a free and fair society in this country. Not only is he proud of having put *Thai Enquirer* firmly on the media scene despite the pandemic, he has also managed to complete the New York Times crossword without Wikipedia. He collects old copies of the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam because “they speak to the perseverance of art and culture through the darkest days of totality.” The best advice he has received? “Always have clean socks, write like you speak, and never go against a Sicilian when death is on the line.” Check his Codcast for more Cod.

David Jou

CO-FOUNDER AND CEO
POMELO



David Jou can be considered the Father of Online Fashion shopping. Before Pomelo, he was co-founder of Lazada Thailand, which began the country's fascination with online shopping. His background in the NY private equity industry inspired him to launch his own business, and he was ahead of the game in digital marketing. Not so surprising, since he had already launched his own business as a student at Amherst College, Massachusetts, providing logistics, storage and shipping services for fellow university students. With nine student dormitories in his network, he was kept quite busy. His next student business was selling used uni textbooks. His businesses were conducted on Facebook which had only been launched a year earlier. He chose Thailand for his own start-up after considering the e-commerce potential and the growth of smartphones. Under his leadership, Pomelo is not only the region's leading online fashion retailer, delivering to over 50 countries, it also plans to expand its physical outlets, and offer a B2B consultancy service for fashion and lifestyle brands.

Dominic Puwasawat Chakrabongse

DIRECTOR
PRECIOUS PLASTIC BANGKOK



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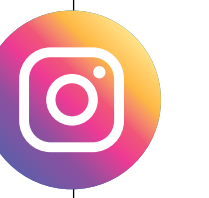
As society becomes more eco-conscious and the threat of plastic waste on our environment looms near, there is one person on the frontlines helping tackle this issue at its core. Dominic Puwasawat Chakrabongse, director of Precious Plastic Bangkok, has found an alternative solution to deal with the plastic waste crisis that is affecting marginalised communities all over Bangkok. Upon graduating with a degree in Environmental Policy at the London School of Economics, Dominic returned to Bangkok to open a branch of Precious Plastic, a non-profit organisation founded in the Netherlands, and now works full time with local communities to build simple plastic recycling machines that give trash a second life by melting them into new products. As a full-time environmental activist, Dominic hopes to expand his efforts in furthering awareness about plastic waste outside of Bangkok, while also hoping to partner with educational institutions to establish a programme educating the youth on the global plastic crisis.

Dujdao Vadhanapakorn

FOUNDER AND MANAGING DIRECTOR
EMPATHY SAUCE CO LTD



Photo Lek Kiatsirikajorn



This dance movement psychotherapist established Empathy Sauce to spread and embed empathy into Thai urban society through activities, self development sessions, classes, and organisational development. The pandemic was a tough ride for her, with the resignation of her working partner, the loss of family members, and the collapse of a family dream project. But she pulled through with the help of self-empathy, and a supportive husband. On top of that, she even managed to build her Empathy Sauce Studio. She believes in the innate beauty of humankind, and that respect and care for others can be achieved through empathic communication. She sees performing art as a poem of human skills and mindset, showing how far a human being can go. She also hosts *R U OK* podcast for *The Standard*, and is a core member of B-Floor Theatre, conducting various roles including artist, actor, director, producer, designer, and financial officer.

Edwin Wiek

FOUNDER & DIRECTOR
WILDLIFE FRIENDS FOUNDATION OF
THAILAND



Founder and director of Wildlife Friends Foundation of Thailand (WFFT), one of the largest animal welfare organisations in South East Asia, Edwin Wiek has made it his life’s mission to be a voice for the voiceless. Originally from Holland, the Dutchman relocated to Thailand in 1989 to help build a fashion accessories company where, two years later, he would find himself in a life-changing incident that convinced him to sell his company and pursue a cause passionate to him: animals. With humble beginnings, Edwin began caring for stray animals while residing in temples with two of his friends. Twenty-one years later, the foundation has grown considerably, boasting 124 employees, dozens of volunteers, and offices in Thailand and Laos. WFFT facilitates several different projects including animal rescue, rehabilitation, and veterinary care to both wild and domestic animals. Wiek’s goal is to provide these services for as long as possible as he believes giving back to society is what keeps it moving forward.

Eric Bunnag Booth

ASSISTANT MANAGING DIRECTOR
JIM THOMPSON SILK COMPANY



Photo **John Clewley**

Business



THE JIM THOMPSON
ART CENTER

Surrounded by art at a young age, Eric Bunnag Booth keeps both the legacy of Jim Thompson and his family’s personal art collection alive and thriving. Born to Patsri Bunnag and Bill Booth, and raised in France by stepfather Jean Michel Beurdeley, Eric is also co-founder of the MAIAM and Maielie Contemporary Art Museums. Eric has worked to regenerate the Jim Thompson brand, making it modern and relevant. In keeping with his family’s history in art collecting, Eric outfitted the Jim Thompson House with an art gallery and continues to preserve local art and culture at the Jim Thompson Farm. He is also most recently overseeing an expansion of Bangkok’s Jim Thompson Art Center. With his stepfather Jean Michel Beurdeley in 2016, Eric opened MAIAM in Chiang Mai to showcase his family’s art collection as well as host exhibits to showcase art from handicrafts to contemporary works. Eric was awarded the Knight grade of the Order of Arts and Letters from the Ministry of Culture of France in 2019.

Florian Rehm

MANAGING DIRECTOR & CO-FOUNDER
WILDCHAIN



Advocacy



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With a passion for the environment and love for the natural world, Florian is managing director and co-founder at Wildchain, a gamifying conservation funding platform. Florian grew up in rural Bavaria where he helped shepherd the endangered Tauernsheck goat away from extinction. This conservation initiative inspired him to focus towards environmental efforts like species extinction, biodiversity loss and climate change. Wildchain is a non-profit organisation with the mission to inspire and empower individuals and organisations to protect endangered species and their habitats. It uses a climate action tool that allows you to adopt wildlife and to plant trees to cut your carbon footprint and support real-world conservation efforts—all within a mobile game. In addition to his love for animals, Florian appreciates innovation. He initiated FabLab Bangkok at KX Knowledge Xchange, a 1000+ m² innovation space focused on digital fabrication, community engagement, and impact as well as initiatives such as clean-tech hackathons, design thinking workshops, and the creation of an online learning platform for corporations.

Fuadi Pitsuwan

DOCTORAL CANDIDATE



Fuadi attended Harvard University, John F Kennedy School of Government and is earning his PhD in politics and international relations at the *University of Oxford*. He developed an interest in coffee in 2012 and started producing coffee in 2014. Now one of the co-founders of Beanspire Coffee, a green bean exporting company, his primary goal is to work with Thai coffee farmers during the harvest season to improve and build a solid product to connect to a global coffee market, and develop Thailand as a specialty coffee origin. He’s been recognised for creating a positive social impact, including supporting students in relief efforts after the tsunami in 2004. Fuadi is a member of the advisory board for Teach for Thailand, where he is known for his efforts to improve education.

FOUNDER
BANGKOK COMMUNITY HELP



Advocacy



American entrepreneur Greg Lange, owner of the Mexican chain Sunrise Tacos and several Subway outlets in Bangkok, is the founder of Bangkok Community Help. With experience running a charity in the US, he now volunteers providing hot meals, bags of rice and other supplies to families in need during the Covid-19 pandemic. At the start of 2020, he was approached by members of the Klong Toei community asking to use the kitchen of his restaurant to prepare hot meals for people living in the area. This got him interested in helping others as well. He started visiting slums and soon realised that many were facing problems which included dirty garbage sites infested by rats, dilapidated houses, lack of food, basic sanitation facilities among many others. He and his deeply committed volunteers began to work on various re-painting, cleaning, renovation, and construction projects. This group's work inspired more local and expat volunteers to join hands and that's when Bangkok Community Help was formed. He now volunteers with the group "Dinner From the Sky" and shares his experiences on the Bangkok Community Help Facebook page.

Jackie Wang

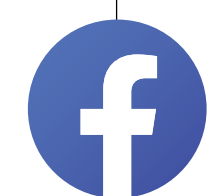
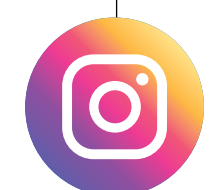
COUNTRY DIRECTOR
GOOGLE THAILAND



Being appointed as country director of Google Thailand in September 2019, Jackie Wang originally joined Google Thailand's sales team, transferring from McCann Worldgroup in 2014. Bringing experience working for Google in the US as a brand manager, her leadership at Google Thailand has seen audiences soar, especially during the pandemic. YouTube watch time in Thailand rose 20% in the first six months of 2020, compared with the same period a year earlier. Wang's focus when the virus first spread was to make sure people had the information and tools they needed to help cope with the situation. Google Thailand plays a part in supporting the community both in short-term and long-term response to the virus by promoting authoritative and reliable information; supporting education and learning; and contributing to business continuity and economic recovery. Wang believes it is crucial that people have access to health information they can trust online to make the right decisions to protect themselves and those around them from the pandemic.

Jantanak “Yui” Tuekaew

CEO AND CO-FOUNDER
DISRUPT TECHNOLOGY VENTURE



Yui Jantanak is a pioneer and visionary in EdTech startups. Since founding StormBreaker Venture as the first Education Technology Incubator in Thailand in 2018, her organisation has invested in and incubated 14 EdTech startups and other education social ventures as well as provided intensive mentorship, bootcamps, business development, and a funding runway for them. Three of these EdTech startups won the top 50 EdTech startups in ASEAN. Yui’s energy and motivation comes from the realisation that she can tangibly impact hundreds of thousands of people. With a strong passion in education, she has deepened her work with the Equitable Education Fund to incubate social entrepreneurs to tackle education inequality. Prior to this venture, Yui was a Thai traditional medical doctor and researcher, having graduated with a Master’s degree specialising in herbal medicine from Mahidol University.

Jimmy Mouwad

CO-GUARDIAN
MOUAWAD DIAMOND IMPACT FUND



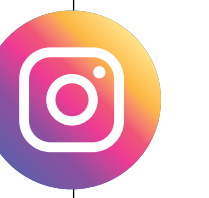
Fifth generation scion of the Mouawad family, Jimmy Mouwad is the co-guardian of the Mouawad Diamond Impact Fund, an initiative to create value by improving the lives of underprivileged communities in diamond producing countries. A graduate of the Hult International Business School and the Gemological Institute of America, Jimmy leads the initiative in its activities in education and skills development, selecting projects that make a positive impact on individuals, communities and the world. The impact fund is currently working in South Africa with aims to expand to Southeast Asia. While leading the initiative, Jimmy is also involved in the family business and has plans for his own venture. In his free time, he is an avid scuba diver and skier, with a passion for design, fashion and architecture.

Jirayut “Topp” Srupsrisopa

FOUNDER & CEO
BITKUB



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Oxford University graduate Jirayut Srupsrisopa is founder and group CEO at Bitkub, a new generation digital asset and cryptocurrency exchange platform. With Bitkub, Jirayut aims to foster a robust and efficient blockchain ecosystem by providing a full range of digital asset products and services, or a one-stop service for all. Founded in 2018, Bitkub is currently one of Thailand's largest cryptocurrency platforms committed to building an innovative but also safe and compliant financial application that can serve everyone. Through harnessing the power of blockchain technology, Jirayut hopes that Bitkub can lay the foundation of the Thai blockchain ecosystem and have the greatest impact in bringing economic liberalisation and financial inclusion through innovation, technological advances, and a new wave of decentralisation of the financial system. Bitkub recently achieved unicorn status when Siam Commercial Bank Group acquired a majority stake in the company.

John Chantarasak

CHEF AND FOUNDER
ANGLO THAI



John Chantarasak is the chef-patron and director of Anglo Thai, a London based culinary project that he runs with his wife Desiree. Drawing influence from his half-Thai half-British heritage, Anglo Thai marries traditional Thai recipes with seasonal British ingredients, complemented with a low-intervention wine programme. The experienced chef, who used to work in roles related to business economics and play music in a London based rock band, has spent time training in kitchens across the world, including Nahm under the care of mentor and friend David Thompson. Seeking to further the education of Thai cuisine and culture in the UK, John has had several pop-up residencies across well-known restaurants in London. John and Desiree are charity ambassadors representing For Life Thailand that supports children with disabilities in Thailand.

John Dalley

CO-FOUNDER & PRESIDENT
SOI DOG FOUNDATION
INTERNATIONAL



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Co-founder and president of Soi Dog Foundation International, John Dalley has been helping street dogs and cats since 2003. Based in Phuket, the foundation's work with street animals consists of spaying and neutering to prevent unwanted puppies and kittens, along with the rescue, vaccination, medical treatment and sheltering. The animals rescued by the foundation are cared for and are also offered for adoption. Since its founding, the Soi Dog Foundation has sterilised over half a million animals in Thailand. In his free time, John is an avid hiker and often posts his treks on his YouTube channel. Dedicated to his duty to give homes to dogs and cats, John hopes to see a huge reduction in the number of stray animals in Thailand. In 2020, John was awarded the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) for his services to animal welfare in Southeast Asia.

ARCHITECT
JUTI ARCHITECTS



Juti Klipbua is director and principal architect of eponymous JUTI Architects, a firm that provides a full range of services including interior and architect design, consultant service, construction management, renovation design and medium scale urban planning. The well-known architect has designed several popular sites around the country, keeping to his philosophy of Simplicity and Elegance - an architectural solution to combine artistic and aesthetic prospects with site, climate and culture. His project, the Mary Help of Christian Church, won the German Design Award 2020's Excellent Architecture in the Religious Space category from the German Design Council. Despite the pandemic, Juti only has new projects in mind. His next goal for his firm is to actively think of designs to respond to the post-pandemic world and designs that care for the environment.

Kanatip Soonthornrak

EDUTAINER
TALK SHOW HOST



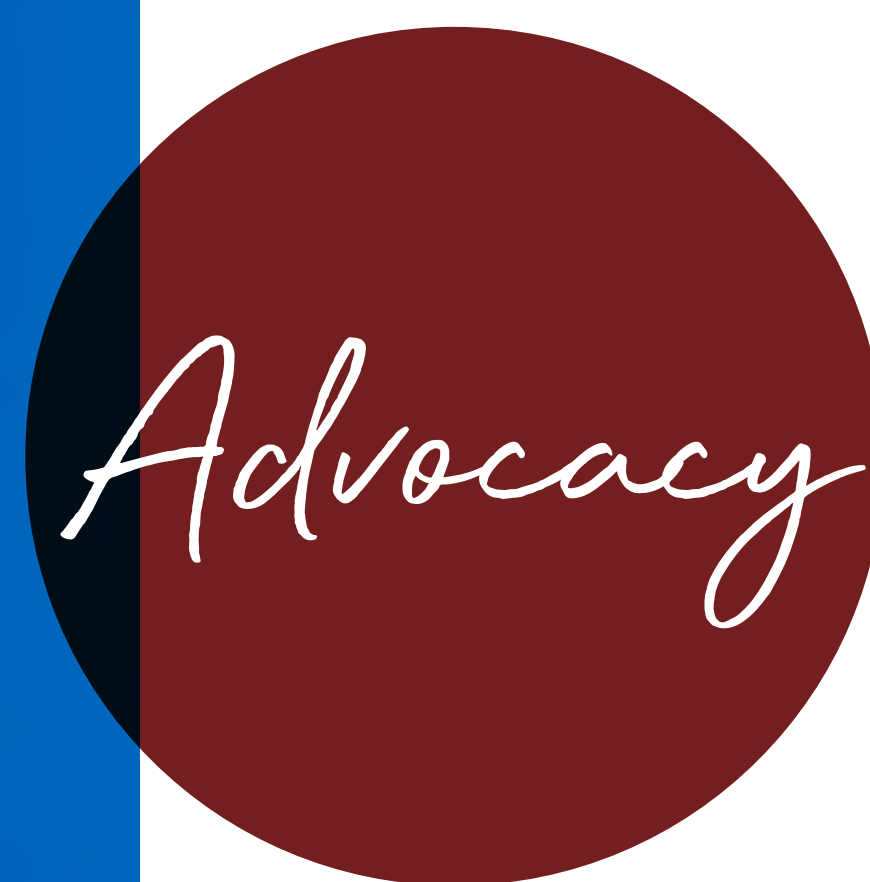
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A full-time English tutor and intermittent talk show host, Kanatip “Loukgolf” Soonthornrak has inspired thousands of Thai students to realise their true potential when it comes to learning English. Armed with a degree in Communication Arts from Chulalongkorn University, followed by a Master’s in Theatre Directing from the University of Essex, he set up Angriz English Academy with his sister, Saranee. He realised teaching English was his true calling when he first started out tutoring high school students. Angriz is formed with well-designed materials along with the academy’s cosy ambiance, which motivates students to be passionate about learning. Angriz also works collaboratively with English Consultant, Paul Burgess, along with other native speakers to ensure students get the highest possible quality of learning experience. Besides his strong passion for teaching, he also hosts his own TV Talk Show “Loukgolf English Room.”

Kanravee Kittayarak

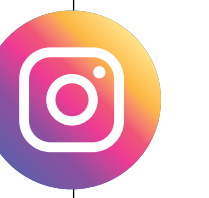
MANAGER
TIJ JUSTICE INNOVATION UNIT



Before joining the Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ), Kanravee had a stint at the renowned law firm Baker McKenzie and also started her own firm giving free legal advice to social enterprises. The law graduate from Chulalongkorn University went on to earn two Masters degrees from Cambridge University and Stanford University on the Cambridge-Thai Foundation and the Fulbright scholarships respectively. She is proud of having introduced design thinking for justice to Thailand, and setting up TIJ's Justice Innovation Unit, proving that innovative and collaborative solutions towards people-centred justice are demanded and recognised. She shares this vision with the younger generation through her university course Rethinking Justice for Innovators. She is inspired by Gaudi from whom she learned how to leverage the environment in creating masterpieces. Through her work, Kanravee hopes to amplify the voice of vulnerable people who face injustice. She relaxes by swing dancing and playing with her cats.

Kanyaputt “Jean” Vatchara

CREATIVE DIRECTOR
PERMAFLORA



2021 has been a huge year for Jean. She completed her Master's degree at the Royal College of Art, London, before diving into her family's 30-year-old faux flower business, Permaflora, as the Communication and Interaction Designer. With an impressive portfolio in the arts—she's exhibited at the Uglyduck in London and Sónar+D in Barcelona—Jean brings her creative vision to the revival and expansion of the family business. Jean finds Permaflora's need to stay up-to-date a crucial step in the company's future. She devotes her time working to expand the company's online presence and its shift into fashion and art, while at the same time, using her artistic insight and marketing expertise to rebrand the company's image.

Kasin “Gigs” Suthammanas

CEO THAILAND AND CO-FOUNDER
FINNOMENA



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Kasin established FINNOMENA in 2015 as a digital wealth management platform that has grown from a core team of seven to 200 staff. Serving 1 million customers, and with a website reach of 80 million views per month, Fortune 500 companies are knocking on their doors showing interest in funding and partnerships. Starting out with a computer science degree, Kasin switched to finance, finding his niche in asset management prior to setting up FINNOMENA. The biggest challenge he recently faced was market volatility, a global trend magnified by the pandemic. To stay ahead of the market, his company aired live every day, sharing deep investment analysis to become a trusted investment partner. His next step is to offer cryptocurrency investment/farming, peer-to-peer lending technology and more future asset classes for investment. With Thailand becoming an aging society, he wants to empower people through financial literacy. His role model is Warren Buffet, the self-made billionaire who still lives a modest lifestyle. He has a soft spot for classic cars.

Kit Kittirattana

COO & CO-FOUNDER
FRESHKET



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Kit graduated in accounting and finance and much of his career has been spent in consultancy, specifically espousing finance accounting and technology modules. His core strengths are in business process improvement, financial shared services, business consolidation and business intelligence. He has also worked with McKinsey & Company, Thai Union Group PCL and PwC Thailand. Before establishing Freshket he was head of logistics and operations at FoodPanda. In 2017, he launched Freshket, a mobile web-based platform that links the food supply industry, helping simplify the management of restaurant supply chains. Freshket's e-marketplace links farms with restaurants through a B2B model. With Covid impacting the hospitality industry so drastically, Freshket also expanded to a B2C model to suit the individual customer. In 2020 Freshket raised US\$3 million in its Series A funding to upgrade technologies, enhance efficiencies in its supply chain management and improve its customer service platform. Through technology, he aims to become the most trusted and sustainable end-to-end food supply chain platform in Thailand that benefits all parties involved in the food supply ecosystem.

Kittima Chareeprasit

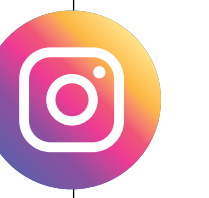
CURATOR
MAIIAM CONTEMPORARY ART
MUSEUM
CO-FOUNDER
WAITING YOU CURATOR LAB



Kittima Chareeprasit received her MA in Curating and Collections from Chelsea College of Arts. Her interest lies in contemporary art and culture which revolve around critical history, social and political issues, and has been vocal against attempts to suppress those who use art as a form of political expression. In 2016, she co-founded Waiting You Curator Lab, an experimental curatorial workshop and artists' book publishing house. She also offers seminars in visual art, art management and museology at Chiang Mai University. Despite all difficulties caused by the Covid pandemic, she is proud to have continued working with art institutions across Asia and Europe to bring excellent art programmes to Thai audiences. Her latest project at MAIIAM, called "The Hunters" draws themes from the volcanic activity of Mount Merapi, Yogyakarta, and the increasing numbers of dams of the lower Mekong, a timely reminder of how Covid could be seen as a form of Earth's retaliation against man's exploitation of its resources. Apart from contemporary art, looking for undiscovered restaurants is her passion.

Kittinun Daramadhaj

PRESIDENT
RAINBOW SKY ASSOCIATION OF
THAILAND



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Kittinun is a prominent activist, and his association advocates for access to sexual health services and various rights of LGBTQIA+ people, working with various government offices such as the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, the Law Council and the The Women Lawyers' Association of Thailand. He chairs the Sub-committee on Gender Discrimination Diagnosis of the Ministry of Justice, and was named Social Justice Hero in the Hero Awards 2020 organised by APCOM. He is most proud that he has recently been able to include gender diversity in the formal school health education and physical education curriculum. Kittinun also pushed the draft spouse act into the Cabinet agenda. The main challenge to overcome in this matter was convincing those of different faiths that this is a matter of human rights rather than merely a gender or religious issue. His next goal is to provide legal acceptance and equal rights for transgenders, and eventually to eliminate all forms of gender discrimination in Thailand.

Kornkarn “Gade” Rungsawang

DANCER
PICHET KLUNCHUN DANCE
COMPANY



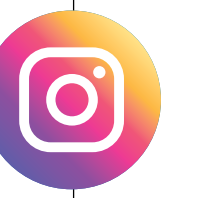
Gade's grandparents were *likay* artists, and dance was infused in her DNA. A dance and music graduate—she started taking Thai classical dance lessons from the age of 13—she met the innovative Thai dancer Pichet Klunchun as a student, and he helped her bridge the gap between contemporary and Thai classical dance, understanding that both serve to communicate a message through physical movements. This allowed her to work with top choreographers in Japan, and join the International Choreographers Residency Program at the American Dance Festival 2017 in New York on an Asian Cultural Council scholarship. This 7-month study in the US further helped her understand that dance movement can apply to every part of the body. Taking this concept further, she created the Vagina Dance workshop which drew a lot of controversy from traditionalists. Her recent project, a short film titled “Dance Offering” won the Southeast Asia Choreographers Network (SEACN) #3 Challenge Award.

Kotchakorn Voraakhom

CEO & FOUNDER
LANDPROCESS
CHAIRWOMAN OF THE CLIMATE
CHANGE WORKING GROUP,
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS (IFLA WORLD)



Business



LANDPROCESS

This Harvard graduate, who describes herself as “a badass Thai urban landscape architect”, was touted by the BBC as one of the world’s 100 most inspirational and influential women of 2020. Her main goal is to solve urban ecological problems through landscape architectural design. When Thailand was badly impacted by the floods of 2011, she created her first public park—Chulalongkorn Centenary Park—which used the laws of gravity to drain water by simply inclining the entire park to collect rain. The same concept applied to Thammasat University Urban Rooftop Farm, which used rice terraces to slow the runoff and grow food crops. In 2020, Chao Phraya Sky Park was created from an abandoned skytrain track to become a bridge park across the river complete with a walkway and a bicycle track. Her projects appear in “Seat At The Table”, a docuseries in preparation for COP2020. Among her accolades are TIME 100 Next, 100 BBC Women, Bloomberg 30 for 2020, and UN Global Climate Action Awards 2020, Women for Results.

Kridtat “Mac” Satharanond

CEO
NOVYDRONE



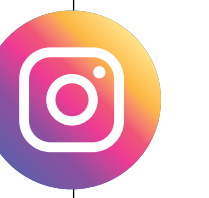
Kridtat, or Mac, became a household name when his drone helped to pinpoint the valve to cut off the chemical leak that was the cause of the massive fire in Bangkok’s eastern suburbs in August 2020. A former actor and model, his interest in flight technology was perhaps planted by his father, a former director of the Military Information Technology Centre. Mac had always been keen in robotics and completed his studies from the Institute of Field Robotics, King Mongkut’s University of Technology Thonburi. He launched a start-up, Novy Drone, for the use of drone technology for smart farming purposes—imagery, land and pest surveys, as well as spraying fertilisers and pesticides. He plans to use robotics technology to help invalids and the elderly. Not content to throw away his childhood dreams of becoming a pilot, he has now embarked on a flying course at RTAF 604 Civilian Training Division.

Kris Yensudchai, PhD

CREATIVE DIRECTOR
MAE FAH LUANG FOUNDATION UNDER
ROYAL PATRONAGE



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Dr Kris is a Silpathorn Award 2021 laureate for design, and is known for his avant-garde and innovative adaptations of hill tribe inspired textiles. Trained first in interior design, he switched fields to study fashion at Marangoni Fashion Institute in Italy, and later joined the foundation where he has created countless award-winning collections which focus on sustainability such as upcycled yarns from PET bottles. This yarn also formed the basis of his latest collection Re-Pleats Plastic collection based on the *pha khao ma* Thai multi-purpose cloth, which won the DEmark award 2021. His passions include teaching as a way of sharing with others, his family and restoring the natural environment which informs every manner of his work. His favourite artists are Sting and Stanley Kubrick, while his architectural background regards Rudolfsky's "Architecture without Architects" as the go-to tome. Like his own work, it emphasises the artistic, functional and cultural richness of architectural design.

Manusanun “Mew” Leelahongjudha

CO-FOUNDER
SUDTANA



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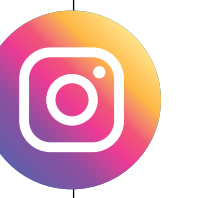


Merging ancient remedies with modern science is what Manusanun “Mew” Leelahongjudha is passionate about. She took the traditional remedies she learned from her grandfather to MIT to find ways to enhance them. Then she and her brothers founded Sudtana, a brand offering not only remedies for the skin but also how to love the way you look naturally. Aside from researching and developing products for Sudtana, she also enjoys traveling around Thailand and finding the finest organic ingredients she can use. More than that, she’s a keen supporter of local farmers who practise environmentally-conscious farming. Indeed Sudtana has partnered with many of them to source ingredients for the brand’s products. Despite the overwhelming message of many beauty products that beauty is skin-deep, Mew wants everyone to feel good in their own skin and forget about what societal norms dictate and instead focus on what makes each of us unique.

Max and Joanna Hellier



CO-FOUNDERS
ROOT THE FUTURE



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Root the Future is Thailand's largest plant based and sustainability community, whose mission is to raise awareness of climate change and how a shift towards planet-friendly food options as well as climate-friendly habits can help create a more sustainable planet. Working previously as a video producer and fashion model respectively, Max and Joanna shifted from shooting sustainable fashion into sustainable advocacy, creating the biggest plant-based and sustainability festival in Asia which also implemented no single-use plastic, waste composting and recycling policies. Their main challenge is to clarify the difference between "plant-based" and "vegetarian". They are determined to fight the bleak forecast of Thailand's future by helping people make alternative lifestyle choices. Also on the cards is a second sustainability and plant-based festival in early 2022, a campaign to highlight the consequences of agricultural burning in Northern Thailand to help battle smog and pollution, and a visual representation on the effects of rising sea levels in Bangkok. To relax, Max practises Muay Thai and Yoga, while Joanna is into running, reading and cats.

Methawee “June” Thatsanasateankit

CEO
VULCAN COALITION



June is a social entrepreneur whose organisation, Vulcan Coalition provides disabled people with job opportunities through AI technology. Made aware that the disabled are equally capable as the able-bodied, but simply lacked opportunity, she set up The Guidelight so disabled university students could access educational materials. This grew into Vulcan Coalition, a platform that accommodates incapacities ranging from impaired vision and hearing to physical and autistic disabilities, and helps the disabled produce data for the clients. She uses the 2E strategy: Empower and Educate, whereby the disabled are hired and educated in AI, data labelling and other similar tasks. The working platform provides codes relating to various disabilities in order to set the preferred screen, mouse, keyboard and shortcut parameters with enlarged icons for people with low vision and light sensitivity. She hopes to show that disabled people are not burdens but a force for progress who can be integrated into society, and that they can drive the Thai AI industry to a position where it can compete with foreign businesses.

Michael J Baines

PRESIDENT & CO-FOUNDER
THE MAN THAT RESCUES DOGS



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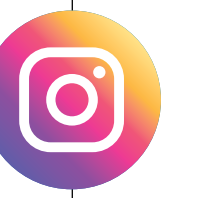
Michael J Baines is The Man That Rescues Dogs (TMTRD). An expat in Thailand for 20 years, Michael is a chef by trade but has ditched the kitchen to dedicate his life to the rescue and care of stray dogs in Thailand for the last decade. Based in Chonburi, The Man that Rescues Dogs Foundation currently cares for 950 dogs, a number of which are special-needs dogs, and has established its own vet clinic. Michael is looking to expand the clinic into a fully-equipped pet hospital in order to help treat, vaccinate, and spay and neuter more dogs. The foundation relies solely on donations from around the world to cover its 40,000 baht a day expenses (1.2 million baht per month) and is regarded as one of the best in its efforts of animal rescues in Thailand. It's amazing what one man with a big heart for animals and a big will to save them can accomplish.

Munin Pongsapan, PhD

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THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY



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Munin Pongsapan is Dean and Associate Professor of the Faculty of Law at Thammasat University. Munin's passion for education led him to become a lecturer at Thammasat University in 2003. He earned a scholarship to obtain a Master's and Doctorates in Law, respectively at the University of Cambridge and the University of Edinburgh. Since then, he has taught, researched, and published extensively. During his PhD studies, Munin became the second Thai lawyer to publish with the Oxford University Press, earning him a reputation at international level. On his return to Thailand in 2013, he became the first Director of the International LLB Programme at Thammasat University and was appointed director of the LLM Programme in Business Law. Currently Chairman of the Council of Legal Education, Munin has co-edited the book "Thai Legal History: From Traditional to Modern Law" to be published by Cambridge University Press. He is Co-Editor in Chief of the Thai Legal Studies, the first English-language law journal focusing on Thai law and a subject editor of the internationally accredited Asian Journal of Comparative Law.

Nagara “Charlie” Na Nagara

DESIGNER & CO-FOUNDER
TAKSATOYS
STRATEGIST, STORYTELLER



It's not everyday someone tells you they're passionate about making toys. A 90s kid who works in the creative marketing field, “Charlie” Na Nagara fondly recalls an offline childhood of playing outside with friends and playing with physical toys. Combined with formal studies on human-centric product design, he founded TaksaToys with his family when he was barely out of university. Today, TaksaToys has three main products, Resources, ArchKidTech, and Lomoco, all of which have been purposefully designed to unlock children's creativity and ‘taksa’, the Thai word for ‘skills’. TaksaToys has been celebrated in international conventions such as Spielwarenmesse in Germany, but Charlie's hopes for his toys are for them to get picked up more in Thailand, where toys aren't as highly regarded as learning and development tools as they are in Western societies like Germany and Japan.

Naraphat Sakarthornsap

FLORAL ARTIST



The Arts



Graduate of Chulalongkorn University's Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts, Naraphat, or Ball, identifies as a "Perfect Flower" when referring to gender. He is an employee of a sustainability-oriented arts and crafts design company, but outside that he is also a professional photographer and distinguished artist, having acquired the Young Thai Artist Award in 2016 in the photography category. His medium? Flowers. The floriography in his works explore themes of inequality, gender issues, LGBT, and on a personal level past trauma. His art has been exhibited in Thailand, Singapore, Taiwan, the Philippines, South Korea, China, and Spain. Most recently, his project, Gushing Out My Confession, was displayed in the Festival Photo Exhibition held in Heidelberg, Germany, under the theme "Queer Is Not Anti". An ardent fan of Anne Geddes photography and Diane Warren's music, Naraphat still makes regular visits to the Pak Klong Talad flower market to buy flowers for his work.

Naruporn Monmaturapoj, PhD

RESEARCHER
NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (NSTDA)



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Dr Naruporn was recently recognised by L'Oréal's Thailand For Women in Science Special Fellowships for Covid-19 for her study, Preparation and Properties of Hydroxyapatite/Titanium Composite for Microbial Filtration Applications. In simple terms, her study helped to develop a surgical mask capable of filtering H1N1 Influenza A viruses and PM2.5, with 99% efficacy in filtering viruses according to the ASTM F2100 standard. She is proud that her work, which originated to combat PM2.5, has been timely in providing protection for medical frontline personnel against Covid-19. She is now working towards developing a bone substitute material of international standard that will eliminate the need for expensive imports. She also hopes the surgical mask filter will also be made available for the general public in the near future. In her free time, she can be found in her backyard vegetable garden. She finds gardening requires the same dedication as doing research in terms of patience, endurance, observation and attention to details.

Natavudh “Moo” Pungcharoenpong

FOUNDER
OOKBEE, 500 TUKTUKS,
SIX NETWORK



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With an undaunting entrepreneurial spirit and a passion-filled pursuit to champion other startups, Natavudh “Moo” Pungcharoenpong has spent the past 18 years founding and funding upcoming businesses and mentoring like-minded entrepreneurs. A graduate of Kasetsart and AIT, Natavudh ran a software house before moving on to establish companies like the blockchain-centred SIX Network and the start-up company 500 TukTuks which seeks to empower other start-ups locally and in Southeast Asia. But Natavudh is also keen on educating the next generation of businesspeople and founders. His company, Ookbee, is one of the biggest online bookstores in Asia and makes a vast amount of Thai-language books accessible to the public. Even in his daily life, he does his best to set aside time to mentor university students who are seeking to go into business.

Natthakhet “Dr Deyn” Yaemim, MD

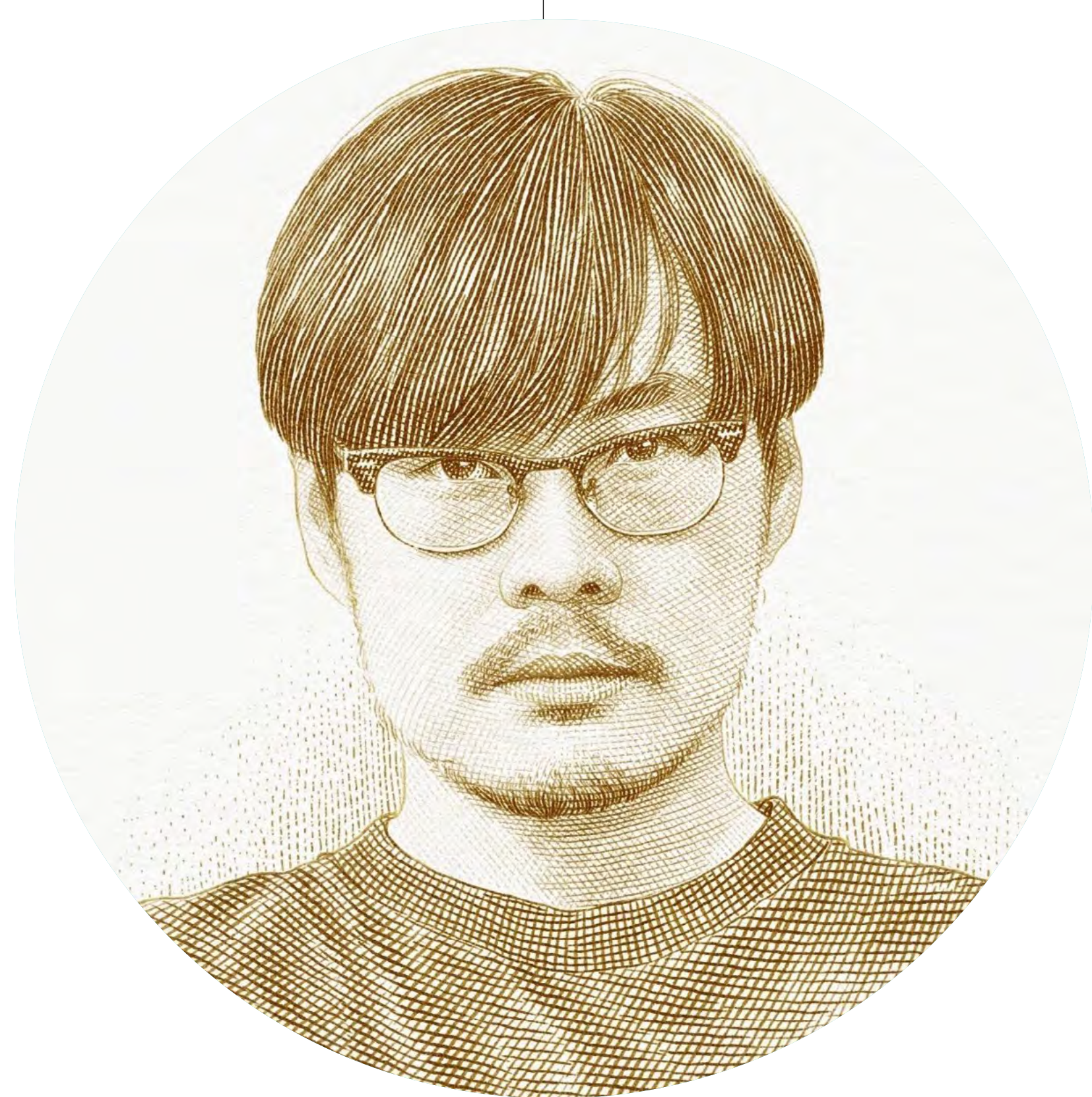
FOUNDER & CEO
PULSE CLINICS



Aware of the discrimination and stigma against the LGBTQ community at local hospitals, Dr Deyn opened a clinic in 2015 that offers counselling and treatment with sensitivity and respect to all patients including the unprivileged. After training in pathology he furthered his studies in HIV medicine, providing the perfect platform to launch his clinic, which also has knowledge sharing networks with top universities and institutions globally. Despite the pandemic, Dr Deyn was able to expand the clinic's global online services and integrated network of companies which now includes PULSE Social Enterprise, PULSE Clinics (Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Philippines), PULSExpress clinic (Thailand), PULSE Tech & Innovation, La Défense Laboratoire, EU Health & Wellness, and the Asia.gay website. He was honoured as The Creative Entrepreneur 2021 by the National Innovation Agency. He launched the PULSE awards, an international art contest to use art as a tool for health promotion and to support new and emerging artists. Podcasts are his French and Spanish learning tools, while the works of Claude Monet and Gustav Klimt help him connect with the universe.

Nawapol Thamrongrattanarit

WRITER, SCREENWRITER,
FILM DIRECTOR
SILPATHORN 2021 LAUREATE



Nawapol is a big name in both independent and mainstream film in Thailand. He founded Very Sad Pictures and Happy Ending Film companies and also works for GMM Grammy's film studio subsidiary, GDH559. His first feature film *36* won New Currents award from the Busan International Film Festival 2012, while his second feature film *Mary is Happy, Mary is Happy* premiered at the Venice International Film Festival the following year. He feels challenged by the changes in the media for storytelling and the interests of younger audiences, but winning the Silpathorn Award 2021 for film and motion media is proof that he knows how to accommodate those changes. He is most proud of having achieved all his seemingly "delusional" goals set to paper as a high school student. He plans to move into a new area of work that is not film-based, or uses film as only one of the elements of communication. To relax, he plays the drums and watches online memes that fascinate him due to their borderless imagination. He is also a proponent of true democracy in Thailand.

Net Supatranij

FOUNDER
INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP
ASSOCIATION



Advocacy



After working in advertising and marketing in New York and Singapore, this graduate from the London School of Economics founded ila Generation, an award-winning UK-based social enterprise to work with businesses to trigger social change, empowering gender-based violence survivors and making gender equality a standard — not a privilege. She also created ALLY as a B2B app that helps retail staff recognise signs of abuse and redirect victims towards help. She hopes to expand ALLY globally, particularly in the UK, Thailand and India, to encourage businesses to be accountable for the communities they operate in. She strives to make gender equality a standard. Decreasing domestic abuse rates, donuts and her dog help to keep her motivated. Despite this, she has had to learn the hard way during the past year that you cannot solve the social issues of the world in a short time, and a health scare has forced her to slow down and indulge more in her passion for reading, NFL, F1, and tennis. She won the UN Women Thailand Youth Leadership award for their Women's Empowerment Principles 2021.

Nick Supreda Sotavongse

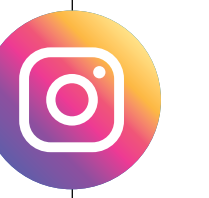
FOUNDER
BLAQLYTE AND AUNTYS HAUS



Nick's passion for music and entertainment led him to curate small events before he eventually opened Blaq Lyte as a nightclub for emerging DJs, with proceeds going to orphanages as far away as India through his 32 Foundation. This is a reference to Nick's own background as an orphan who was raised by seven "aunties" in California. He eventually hopes to build a school for orphans in Nong Khai that focuses on helping them develop their future career options. He also created Future Factory as a creative incubator for art, music, technology, and entertainment, with plans to expand to LA in the near future. His Auntys Haus streetwear store reflects his taste in fashion and lifestyle. As a result of the lockdown which all but killed the live music scene, his company transformed into an agency to connect artists to other corporations for work opportunities. They also expanded into the world of gaming and e-sports, working with Garena Free Fire and Zipmex crypto exchange company. Making music, skateboarding, and helping street dogs fill his private time.

Niki Chatikavanij

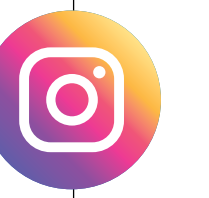
FOUNDER
BITESIZEBKK



In an ever-saturated news cycle that can overwhelm most of the time, Niki sought to create a place where the public can get “digestible” news. The result was the aptly named BitesizeBKK. With its own website as well as its IG and FB pages, it strips down the news of the day to only the most vital parts and is delivered in an aesthetically minimalist and wonderfully written way. The kicker? Niki started BitesizeBKK by herself and continues to maintain and write the content by herself. Despite the challenge of having everything on her shoulders, she’s determined to provide what she calls “truthful yet fun news content for Thailand’s future generation”, and she’s been doing exactly that so far.

Niks Anuman-Rajadhon

FOUNDER, TEENS OF
THAILAND, ASIA TODAY &
TAX
CO-OWNER, ISSAN RUM



Niks has a grievance against Thailand's laws banning alcohol advertising, which may be fine to some except for the fact that the fines for alcohol advertising are up to five times higher than drunk driving fines which he finds definitely warped. As a result, he set up the Art & Culture of Alcoholic Beverages Association of Thailand (ACAB) comprising people in the alcohol business in an attempt to petition Parliament to change Section 32 which bans alcohol advertising. His establishments are all young and trendy, such as the cocktail catering company Vice Versa, Thailand's first gin bar Teens of Thailand, and Asia Today Bar, which focuses on sustainably grown ingredients and local wild honey. He is also behind the highly popular Bangkok Gin Festival and the Bangkok Bar Show. During Covid, Niks moved into the non-alcohol field with Left Handed Roasters, a community-driven Thai coffee brand, and most recently, became co-owner of Issan Rum distillery based in Nong Khai province. His role model is the late wildlife activist Seub Nakhasathien.

Nonglak “Pa Jeab” Chairitthichai

NATIONAL LONGBOARD
DOWNHILL ATHLETE 2019,
AGE 63



Lifestyle



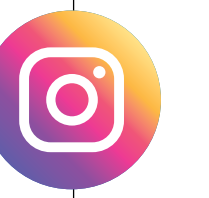
A self-confessed workaholic and a veteran of the travel industry, Pa Jeab was diagnosed with breast cancer and had to come to terms with a sense of mortality. Rather than mope, she pulled herself together, moved towards a more healthy lifestyle and diet, and took up longboarding—a sport that her son was active in. Having been very sporty as a young girl, she took to the board like a duck to water, and rather than discourage her, her son was very supportive of her new activity. Pretty soon she was part of a crowd that competed around the country, enjoying the camaraderie rather than a desire to win. When downhill skateboarding was first introduced at the 2019 Southeast Asian Games, the small pool of local athletes in Thailand meant that Pa Jeab found herself, at the age of 63, among the four women selected for the national team. Though she came home empty handed, she proved to everyone that there are no limits to what you can do if you dare to step out of your comfort zone and overcome your fear of failure.

Pol Capt Nuntinee Kleadmanee

DEPUTY INSPECTOR
OFFICE OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF
CYBERCRIME INVESTIGATION BUREAU,
ROYAL THAI POLICE



Advocacy



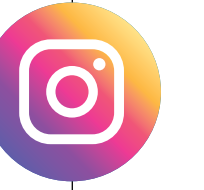
A degree in Crisis and Security Management from Leiden University perfectly equipped her for the Thai police force, landing first at Thai Interpol. She is proud of having been selected to work with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) as a National Consultant on anti-corruption for its Global Programme on Combating Wildlife and Forest crime. Another source of pride was having competed in the Miss Universe Thailand 2019 pageant, helping her fulfill a childhood dream yet taking her out of her comfort zone. She placed in the top 20, and felt empowered by the experience. She is now undergoing training to qualify for the position of Inspector. She would also like to join the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission and is prepping for recruitment in 2022. Having survived cancer at the age of 14, she supports the Ramathibodhi Hospital Pediatric Cancer Center and hopes to create a motivational children's book in Thai about cancer and how to battle it.

Pacharee “Sophie” Schuemers-Rogers

JEWELLERY DESIGNER
PACHAREE



Business



Sophie Schuemers-Rogers is the Thai-born, Swiss-based founder of jewellery brand Pacharee. Originally a clothing line, it was pairing her mum’s baroque pearls for a shoot that shifted the brand’s focus towards jewellery. Sophie’s father is the wizard of all gems who invented new stone cutting and heat treatment techniques, passing his passion and eye for raw natural beauty on to his daughter. Sophie believes she can inspire smaller brands especially students and small-scale entrepreneurs around the world. After a successful launch in Bangkok, her collection got picked up by Barney’s in New York and is now worn by fashionistas around the world, including Tamara Kalinic, Bella Hadid, Jessica Kahawaty, Ploy Cherman, and Krit Amnuaydechkorn. Regardless of the challenges she faces, Pacharee is blessed with a small but dedicated team able to achieve the quality she aims for. Pacharee focuses on the wonderful characteristics within each pearl and gemstone in ways that are respectful to their origin yet bring out their natural elegance.

Pailin Wedel

JOURNALIST & FILMMAKER



The Arts



2050
PRODUCTIONS

Founder of 2050 Productions, Pailin Wedel has made a name within the film industry in a short amount of time. Following graduation from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Pailin developed an interest in all things film and journalism. Working for The News & Observer (USA), she taught herself the art of video production and went on to film documentaries for National Geographic Channel and *The New York Times*. In 2018, Pailin debuted her documentary *Hope Frozen*, her first full-length documentary featuring the story of a Thai family seeking to cryogenically preserve their deceased daughter. The documentary became one of the first Thai Netflix Original Documentaries which has won several awards including the International Emmy 2021 for Best Documentary. She hopes her works can become a source for generating healthy conversation while bringing to light controversial issues in need of attention.

Panrapee Pukkajiam

CEO
AWESOMEDOUGH
FOUNDER
TUM MA HA GIN

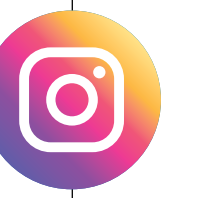


CEO of her own company Awesomedough, Panrapee is an online business veteran with over 10 years of experience. What she started as a small design business when she was 16 years old slowly grew into a full-fledged design company with a factory. Since founding her company in 2016, Panrapee helms Awesome Screen, a fashion design, screening, and printing service as well as runs the popular Facebook page Tum Ma Ha Gin (ท่า มา หา กีน), a page dedicated to collecting stories and information of creatives, their crafts, and sourcing raw materials. Awesome Screen specialises in shirt screening for fundraising, special events and corporate apparel, as well as general consumers. Her biggest motivation is to improve the quality of life of the craftsmen in the fashion industry.

Pan Pan Narkprasert



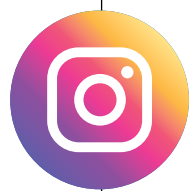
THAILAND'S WAACKING DRAG
QUEEN
OWNER, HOUSE OF HEALS



Pan Pan, AKA Pangina Heals, finds the whole gender typifying thing irrelevant. The co-host of *Drag Race Thailand* channels the likes of his role models RuPaul, Mariah Carey, and Lady Gaga when performing. It was drag and dance that helped heal childhood issues caused by bullying (hence the moniker). Opening the drag venue, House of Heals, in 2020 was a source of pride but the ensuing pandemic lockdown proved challenging. Having just returned from a third successful US tour, Pan Pan is looking forward to reopening his venue, and creating awareness that drag is an art form rather than a transition to becoming a woman. He is fully supported by his family. His father, aunt and 96-year-old grandmother even agreed to drag makeovers to prove that art, love, and acceptance have no boundaries. He is an outspoken advocate for the LGBTQ+ community, trans rights, racial and gender equality, sexual health awareness and helping underprivileged children as well as his sister's Covid Thailand Aid.

Panu Wongcha-um

PRESIDENT
FCCT



With more than 10 years of experience as a journalist, broadcaster, and reporter, Panu Wongcha-um knows too well the importance of seeking change through access to honest information. Upon completing his master’s degree at the National University of Singapore, Panu went on to work for the Thai broadcasting company, MCOT, where he provided both Thai and English news coverage. Nothing is off limits for Panu, who’s travelled to the most remote and dangerous terrains to ensure every side has been reported; whether that be during his time in Myanmar covering the events of the recent coup, to youth-led protests in Thailand. He currently splits his time fulfilling his role as the president of The Foreign Correspondents’ Club of Thailand and the Senior Correspondent of Reuters.

Paphawee Jinnasith

FILM DIRECTOR



The Arts



She's Violette Wautier's go-to director for music videos. She's made ads for brands you probably carry either in your pocket or use somewhere at home. Her short films have been screened in London and Melbourne, and she's not even 30. Paphawee J, as she is called, is defining the next generation of Thai filmmakers as well as paving the way for more female visionaries in the male-dominated industry. Self-taught in her current line of work, Paphawee graduated in Communication Management from Chulalongkorn University and worked a short stint in marketing for Greyhound Original before pursuing her passion for filmmaking full time. Now, she has two short films under her belt, as well as several TV commercials and music videos for well-known brands and Thai artists like Zom Marie, FWENDS and, of course, Violette Wautier. When asked what accomplishments she's most proud of, Paphawee answers the selection of her latest short, *Happy Birthday, Great-Grandma*, to many film festivals around the world, including China where her great-grandmother was from, and the fact that her mother can pick her work out of "a pile" of anonymous work.

Patipat “Keng” Susumpow

CO-FOUNDER & MANAGING DIRECTOR
OPENDREAM CO LTD



Advocacy



His LinkedIn profile simply says “I hack things”, but this techie designs, produces and implements multiple digital social impact tools on health and education. He has been involved in the implementation of digital disease detection in Thailand and Southeast Asia since 2009, covering both human and animal health including Sicksense, SEA’s first digital disease detection platform. Opendream is a social enterprise set up in 2007 to use digital technology to bring about sustainable change in areas of health, education and livelihood. It features apps developed by the team such as DoctorMe, Thailand’s first personal health care mobile application; LoveNotYet, Thailand’s first sex education mobile game; Corrupt, the first visual novel for anti-corruption; and Judies, a comprehensive sex education game. He also collaborates with other organisations including Google, Oxfam GB, Skoll Global Threats Fund to create synergy to drive sustainable impacts. As a student, he won the Trinity Challenge Grand Prize for his innovative Participatory Onehealth Disease Detection (PODD) project to equip farmers to become “disease detectives” and contribute to the fight against future pandemics.

Petch Manopawitr, PhD

CO-FOUNDER & DIRECTOR
REREEF



Dr Petch is a conservation scientist with 20 years experience in biodiversity research, protected area management, and conservation science training. His organisation, ReReef, is a Thailand-based environmental and sustainability enterprise with outreach in SE Asia providing practical solutions for a healthy planet by empowering consumers and building business cases for a circular economy. His conservation career has taken him from the Seub Nakhasathien Foundation, the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) Thailand, Asian Waterbird Census (AWC), and WWF Thailand. He also lends his expertise to UNDP and the Zoological Society of London as technical advisor, and has a string of fellowships at leading international universities such as Cornell, University of Hawaii, Duke University and Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology. He is also an environmental columnist for various publications including *National Geographic Thailand*, and received the 2018 National Geographic Thailand Explorer Award. He has plans to publish books on Earth's extinction crisis and solutions, and help steer Thailand towards a sustainable pathway. His hobbies include reading, trekking, bird watching, and nature photography.

Phanidchanok “Nidnok” Damnoentam

WRITER & PODCASTER



Phanidchanok, better known as NidNok, is a writer, blogger, and podcaster. Apart from reviewing books and movies on her website, she is famed for her book *Power Bride* about her wedding experiences, followed by *Two Be Continued* where she talks about her adaptations after marriage. Like most people, Nidnok was an office employee but when she gave birth, she decided to change that and work from home to raise her daughter, Nanon. Working three jobs from home and taking care of her child, NidNok has become a guru on childcare with her podcast *The Rookie Mom Nidnok* on Salmon Podcast sharing her stories and experiences for new moms and young relationships.

Pichaya “Chef Pam” Utharntham

CHEF AND FOUNDER
THE TABLE BY CHEF PAM,
THE X PROJECT AND POTONG



VDO



Chef Pam” would make everyone question if they were doing enough in their twenties. At 21, she won the Asia Youth Hope Cooking contest by Les Disciples d’Escoffier and a year later was named by *Her World Magazine* as one of their “Young Women of the Year”. Setting her sights on opening her own restaurant in Bangkok after having worked in various restaurants including with famous chef Jean Georges in New York, she ended up opening one from her own kitchen at home. “The Table by Chef Pam” would become the talk of the town with exclusive seating, reservations with a three-month long wait time, and even a video about her made by the now-defunct social media storytellers Great Big Story. Now, she’s setting her sights on going from “Michelin-trained” to “Michelin-starred” with her restaurant, Potong, which serves up progressive Thai-Chinese cuisine. But that’s not all she’s busy with: as managing director and executive head chef of The X Project, she handles a number of restaurants under the brand as well as doing luxury catering for events.

Ploenchan “Mook” Vinyaratn

FOUNDER & DESIGN DIRECTOR
BEYOND LIVING CO LTD



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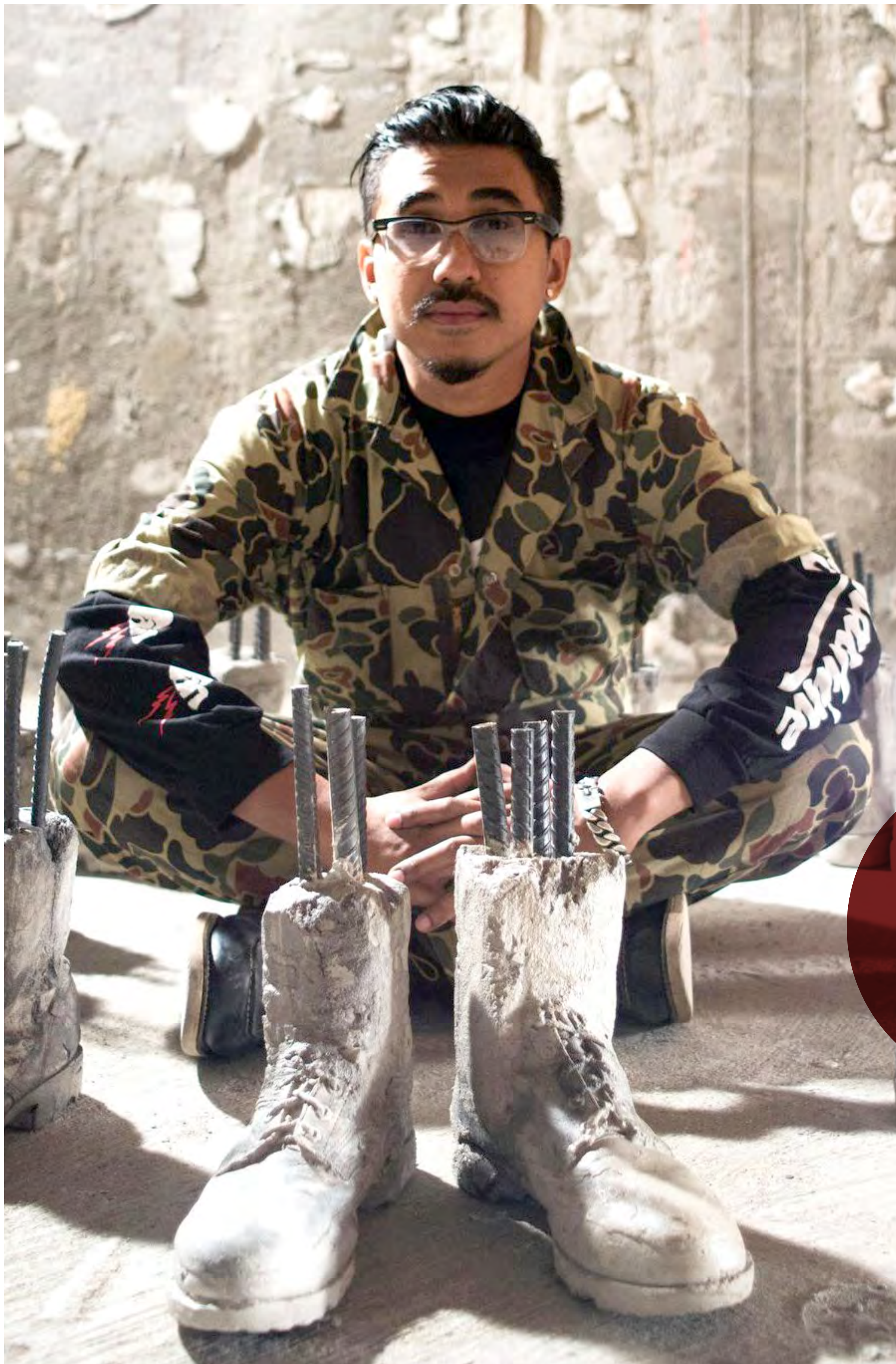


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Mook started out creating custom design and production of handwoven home decor items for hotels. She also creates commissioned artworks based on handwoven and upcycling techniques, most prominently a ceiling installation on the theme “River of Kings” for Louis Vuitton’s new concept store at ICON SIAM, a true feather in her cap. She was also responsible for initiating a fashion fabric line for DoiTung brand drawn from her hand weaving know-how from her student days at Central St Martins. The pandemic has forced her to move towards online business and bespoke designs, but she has overcome the challenges with the moral support of her husband, Prinya Ruenprapan, and their triplet sons. Yet in 2020 this prolific lady was able to produce a solo exhibition of upcycled art, “The Sea Ghost and Beyond”, with materials sourced from waste. Zero Waste is her personal and business goal, and she also hopes others will be more mindful of their impact on the environment. Her dream scenario would be to have more green space in the city, and greater respect for women leaders.

Pongpassakorn “Kob” Kulthirathum



OWNER & DIRECTOR
KOR BOR VOR THE LABOUR PARTY OF
VISUAL CREATION



*The
Arts*



Known by various monikers such as Kob Kor Bor Vor and Kob B.O.R.E.D., Pongpassakorn is an award-winning digital artist. Having studied graphic design, his interest veered towards motion visuals, projection, and mapping. He began to form groups such as Crimino Graphic and Bored with like-minded friends who think outside the box, before embarking on Kor Bor Vor, a name that is a sly reference to the acronym of a former censorship body in Thailand. These groups became known for their experimental and innovative style, and clients were more than willing to give them free rein, knowing they would get exciting results. His work has even landed him top prizes for live visual. He acknowledges that he was one of the early players in mapping technology and remains at the top due to a true and deep immersion in the culture, the trends, and the technology. He has also been able to combine his passion for digital art with skating, skate camps, tours, and exhibitions. A health scare in the past has put him more recently on a healthier diet.

Praekarn “Pier” Nirandara

AUTHOR



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A storyteller at heart, Pier—better known as Pieretta Dawn—began her career writing children’s novels and speaking on the importance of literature. She is now working in Hollywood bringing stories to the big screen. She received national critical acclaim, at age 15, when her debut young adult novel *The Mermaid Apprentices*, the first of *The Interspecies Trilogy*, was published in 2009. Growing up in a multicultural environment, she was inspired to write a children’s fantasy series exploring themes of identity, prejudice, morality, and social responsibility. Her books have sold over 100,000 copies in multiple languages. Since then, Pier has become Brand Ambassador for Bangkok Metropolitan/UNESCO to promote literature, speaking at events including TEDx conferences and the Brahmupatra Literary Festival in India. She was also included in the Thailand Writers’ Hall of Fame, the Thai-American exhibit by the US Embassy and Tourism Authority of Thailand and nominated as a delegate for the 2014 One Young World conference in Dublin. Most recently, Pier judged the Neilson Hays Young Writers Award and released *The Elven Ambassador* in 2017, the final installment to *The Interspecies Trilogy*.

Praphakorn “Pok” Konglee

MIXOLOGIST
WINNER OF 2021 BACARDI LEGACY



Bartender Praphakorn “Pok” Konglee claimed the 2021 Bacardi Legacy title with his “Out of Sight” cocktail which was inspired by his personal journey to fatherhood. This made Thailand the first country to win the Bacardi Legacy competition twice in a row. With over seven years experience in the food and beverage industry now, he previously played football for a living, but sadly, he couldn’t go further in the sport due to a knee injury. That is when he landed his first bartending job at a small resort in his hometown, Koh Samui. Gaining his experience there, he is now bartending at Thonglor speakeasy, Find the Locker Room. With high hopes of ending the stigma around becoming successful as a mixologist in Thailand, Pok strongly believes that if you want to be successful in life, the key is being happy and passionate with what you’re doing. *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* is his go-to film for a morale boost.

Ratthasil “Khru Tum” Kraiperm

FOOD ARTIST



Food

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Khru Tum teaches Thai cooking and fine arts, a hark back to his background in traditional Thai arts from the Poh-Chang Academy of Arts. He became the darling of the foodie crowd when his Khao Chae Chef's Table boasted a food presentation that was almost too spectacular to eat and a taste that drew tears. He is proud of having donated his hard-earned income to help victims of the pandemic, even though his own business was down, and of his success as a columnist under his pen name "Mae Paed Phan". His favourite work of art is the *The Phantom of the Opera*, which shows that there is beauty hidden behind the most grotesque. He is planning to set up a gallery space to show his collection of historical artefacts, use his space tucked behind the Democracy Monument as a community centre, and to write a novel. He enjoys visiting museums and antique stores to buy old photographs and cookbooks.

Sakson Rouypirom

FOUNDER, SATI FOUNDATION
DIRECTOR, BROCCOLI REVOLUTION
& NA PROJECTS GROUP
PARTNER, CASE SPACE



Medical graduate turned social entrepreneur, Sakson's experience volunteering with children in remote mountain villages taught him that environmental issues are a major factor affecting their health and way of life, and that all social issues are interrelated. He founded SATI non-profit organization for healthcare education to help at-risk youth and is part-owner of Broccoli Revolution, a plant-based restaurant, as well as Na Café at Bangkok 1899, a collaborative space and social enterprise. He aims to create a circular economy through his non-profit and business units by providing F&B training programmes for at-risk youth to be baristas or chefs, as well as non-formal education, dancing, Muay Thai, photography and English to help build skills and self confidence as a form of empowerment. He's proud that he was able to start Covid Relief Bangkok during the pandemic, providing over 1 million meals to those affected by Covid. He hopes to introduce a detained youths training programme, a SATI online platform for at-risk youths, and expand his Na Projects urban refugee and sustainability programmes. Yuval Harari is his go-to podcast.

Sapthagiri “Giri” Mohan Srirangam



OWNER
SAPTHA PLANT-POWERED INDIAN
KITCHEN



A former techie, Sapthagiri, or Giri for short, is a self-confessed foodie from Mysore in the south of India. After turning vegan, he embarked on a mission to introduce plant-based Indian cuisine to Bangkok with the opening of Saptha. Originally known as a “supper club”, it offered 7-course Indian menus, changed intermittently, and always based on a city in India. At the heart of his cuisine was the balance between taste and flavours, and health and nutrition. What he found lacking at first, however, was yoghurt, a key ingredient in Indian cuisine, so he devised his own vegan yoghurt, testing out various oil-rich ingredients until he settled on cashews. It has now become a house staple which he also delivers under the name Nut Yogi. The restaurant closure due to the pandemic meant he had to recreate his restaurant concept. Saptha is now known for its plant-based “Superbowls” which change daily. A post-lockdown scaled-down dine-in area has also been introduced for his die-hard fans.

Shane Suvikapakornkul

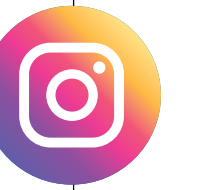
OWNER, SERINDIA
DIRECTOR, HARDCOVER: THE ART
BOOK SHOP



Shane Suvikapakornkul is the owner of Serindia Publications and the director of Hardcover: The Art Book Shop and The Kolophon Research Consultancy. His alter-egos are The Documentarian which allows him to indulge in his passion for photography and mint them as NFTs, and Miss Otis, the NFT art collector who has a digital gallery under her name. Shane was one of the lucky winners picked to buy Damien Hirst's "The Currency" NFT work. An advertising and marketing graduate, he got his first start in publishing in Chicago. This soft-spoken businessman has managed to outwit the negative effects of Covid-19 by implementing his company's digital permanency policy, and as a result, his contents assets will remain permanent in the future digital world, for education and research—an achievement that puts him far ahead of the game. He is proud of his quick and decisive business decisions that allowed him to redefine and adjust business models. He is mostly influenced by artists of the 80s.

Shin Wangkaewhiran

CEO & FOUNDER
VONDER



When Shin went to Japan in 2012 on an exchange programme, he was stunned to find a totally different education system, where instructors used smart technology and applications as a tool for teaching. Coming back to Thailand and joining the non-profit Teach for Thailand, he noticed that every student had a smartphone loaded with applications, but none for learning. That spurred him to get into edtech. Promoting the idea through a chatbot, he was eventually endowed with 2 million baht in seed money from the government to launch Vonder. With further investment from Disrupt and Stormbreaker and a clear business model, the service grew exponentially, and soon the company had created Vonder Flash, Vonder Jump and Vonder Gold as interactive platforms for different target groups that use gaming as a teaching tool. Since its launch in late 2018, Vonder has successfully delivered new ways of learning to 5,000+ classrooms in Thailand. Shin is an ambassador for One Young World, representing Thailand at the Summit in 2015.

Sirachai “Shin” Arunrugstichai

AWARD-WINNING
MARINE CONSERVATION
PHOTOJOURNALIST



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Photojournalist Shin is well-known for documenting marine biodiversity for research through photography. Shin has collaborated with several organisations, including National Geographic Thailand, WildAid, IUCN, Ocean Conservancy, Save Our Seas Foundation and more. His work gained international attention and was published in *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *BBC Earth*, *The Guardian*, *National Geographic* and *Smithsonian*. Shin's talent, reflected throughout his works, led him to receive multiple awards in international competitions. In 2017, he appeared on TEDx Bangkok to discuss conservation photography. Later on, he became an Emerging Leaguer for the International League of Conservation Photographers, a representative in the Global Talent Program by the World Press Photo Foundation in Southeast Asia. Shin received the Nature's Best Photography International Award and Marine Conservation Photographer of the Year 2021. Today, he is involved within the scientific community in which he is focused to encourage sustainable management of the resources as well as shark ecology and conservation in Southeast Asia. He is a recipient of the Mahidol Science Environment & Sustainability Award 2021 (Communicator Award).

Sirima “Pahparn” Chaipreechawit

CURATOR
GROUND CONTROL TH DIGITAL MEDIA
AGENCY



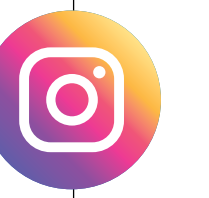
Pahparn grew up in the public eye as one of the hosts of the hit teen show *Strawberry Cheesecake*. She studied film and started work writing scripts and directing, though she found it unfulfilling. Only when she was given a film camera did she discover her passion for photography, and her work, posted on Instagram during its early days, singled her out as a talent to be reckoned with. For Pahparn, photography is a reflection of her own self. She works a lot in black and white, and her travels often provide the basis of her imagery that has been described as “dark and lonely”. A job as gallery director at Jam Factory allowed her to come into contact with the art crowd, and Art Ground 3 festival in 2017 was where she launched her career as a curator. She found satisfaction in providing a platform to allow connectivity between artists and clients, as well as with other artists that are mutually rewarding. She hopes to expand this within the region. She is on the board of the Royal Photographic Society Thailand.

Sirinya “Cindy” Bishop

MODEL, TV SHOW HOST,
ACTRESS, ACTIVIST & AUTHOR



Advocacy



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The Thai-American powerhouse has proven over the years that she was never meant to fit in a box. Sirinya “Cindy” Bishop” has adorned magazines with her beauty and graced TV screens and continues to do so today. In fact, she’ll be serving as host in the upcoming new season of *Supermodel Me* on AXN. She also established #DontTellMeHowToDress in 2018, a social movement against sexual assault and victim-blaming, something that Thailand is all too notorious for. Serving as a UN Women Goodwill Ambassador to Asia-Pacific, Cindy brought her message of #DontTellMeHowToDress to other nations like the Philippines and Singapore. More recently, she has authored a children’s book titled *My Body, My Rules* which seeks to educate kids about consent and respect and has been dubbed by the BBC as one of the “World’s Most Inspiring Women of 2020”. Despite all her accomplishments as an activist and entrepreneur, however, her pride and joy are her children.

Suchana “Apple” Chavanich, PhD



PROFESSOR
DEPARTMENT OF MARINE
SCIENCE, FACULTY OF SCIENCE,
CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY



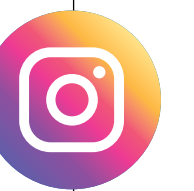
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Thailand's foremost marine scientist is a Sustainable Ocean Ambassador appointed by UN-AFMA-FAO Annex, and recipient of the 2018 Explorer Awards from National Geographic Thailand. She was the first Thai scientist to set foot and conduct research on Antarctica. Her biggest challenge is raising awareness on environmental issues such as impact of climate change and marine debris. Her upcoming initiatives include promoting the restoration and conservation of coral reefs and the impact of climate change among local people and youths, and promoting the reduction of single use plastics in communities outside of Bangkok and close to coastal areas. She hopes her research work on Arctic-Antarctica and coral reefs will inspire young Thais on the value of marine ecosystems and the importance of international collaborations between Thailand and other Asian countries. Most of all, she hopes to make a difference to protect the marine ecosystem. She enjoys hiking and scuba diving. Not surprisingly, she cites American oceanographer Dr Sylvia Earle as her role model.

Suthasiny Sudprasert and Pattamaphon Dumnui

CO-FOUNDERS & CO-CEOS
HAPPY GROCERS



Business



Suthasiny or “Moh” launched her startup with Pattamaphon “Pearl” in 2020 to try and reinvent the food supply-chain in Thailand by connecting consumers to agricultural products directly in a sustainable manner. Moh is in charge of strategies, marketing, education, and sustainability. Prior to this, Moh studied global studies and social entrepreneurship at Thammasat, then worked in sustainable development with multiple non-profit organizations such as United Nations, GIZ, and Amnesty International. She is most proud of having figured out a model that can mobilise small scale farmers to be a part of the change in sustainable agriculture, where new markets can be created for products that are sustainably grown, that support local communities, and benefit the environment. Her next plan is to invest in technology and education to connect over 1,400 sustainable farmers around Thailand to the market. She is passionate about climate change, poverty mitigation, economic participation, education and women’s rights. In her free time, she likes exploring, surfing, hiking, and any other outdoor adventures that allow her to immerse in nature.

Sutima “Junko” Sucharitakul

FOUNDER
NOVA CONTEMPORARY

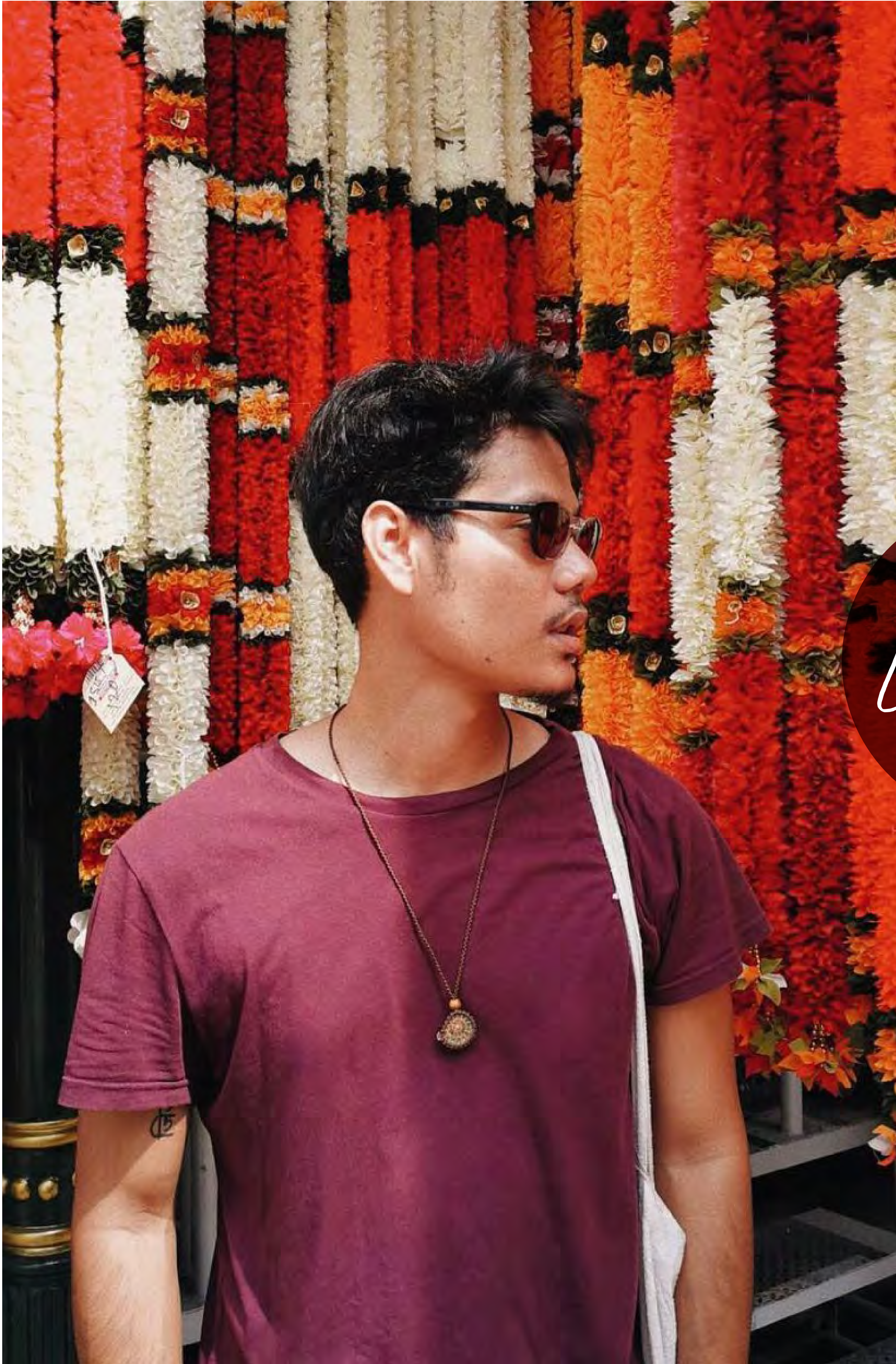


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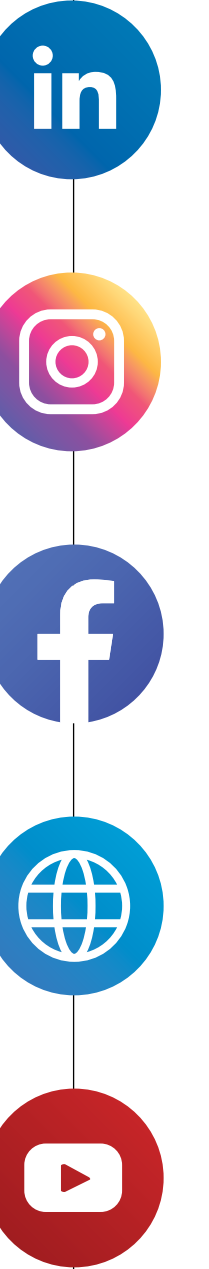
Sutima’s passion for Thailand’s contemporary art scene and art history began at a young age. She is the founder and director of Nova Contemporary, which was established in 2016. Nova Contemporary represents and exhibits contemporary artists both Thai and international. Sutima completed her undergraduate degree in London, where she studied Fashion Promotion and Public Relations. She furthered her studies at the University of London’s School of Oriental in Art History and Sotheby’s Institute of Art London in African Studies (SOAS). After graduation, she applied for an internship at the Asian Art Department of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Her interest in art stems from her love of the Berlin galleries such as Tanya Leighton and Esther Schipper. Nova became the first Thai gallery to exhibit in the Discoveries section in Art Basel Hong Kong. Today, she hopes to support aspiring artists and promote Thai art overseas, as well as encourage the diversity of Buddhist art.

Tanakorn “Tao” Binzayan

FOUNDER AND CREATIVE DIRECTOR
ZAYAN FASHION BRAND



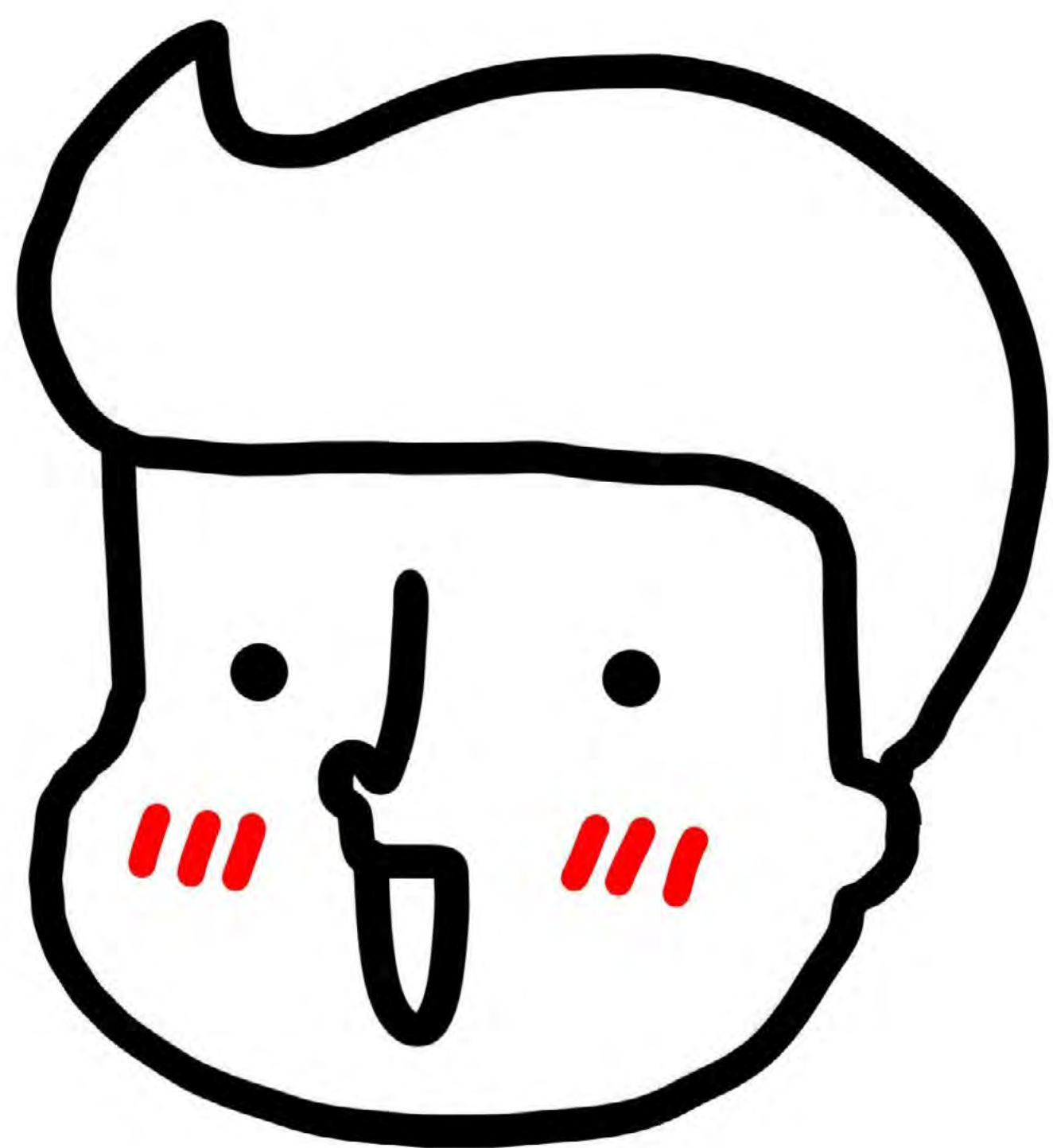
Lifestyle



Growing up in Chanthaburi province, Tao was familiar with natural materials and repurposed waste, so sustainability became part of his vocabulary. When he launched his fashion brand, Zayan, in 2017, he created a contemporary fashion style made of upcycled waste from the industry. He finds it a design challenge to use recycled and deadstock materials and repurpose them into something beautiful and durable. His love for nature inspires his designs, but you can also find his advocacy informing the collections as well. As a member of the LGBTQ community, he doesn't hesitate to introduce special collections such as the Summer Rainbow shirt to mark pride month. Patchwork and quilting are also techniques that enable upcycling with chic results. Not only does he produce casual men's shirts and blazers, his line also includes accessories such as caps, bucket hats, dog-eared caps, tote bags, mask straps and "Save the Earth" stickers—all linked to his passion for travel and exploring.

Tanis Jearsavaswattana

OWNER & CREATOR
NUTPED CARTOON

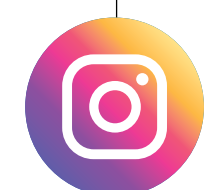


Tanis is a manga and Thai comic fan, and this led to the creation of a now well-loved comic strip called Nutped, a highschool nickname derived from his own nickname, Nut, and his father's nickname, Ped. The cartoon strip started off as just a bit of lunchtime fun while he was working as a creative director at a top advertising agency. It featured a series of nameless characters that readers could identify with, and its Facebook page soon attracted millions of followers who enjoy the “feel good” themes of friendship and relationship to contemporary social events, presented with a sense of humour. Tanis believes his role is to put a smile on people’s faces, even during tough times like the pandemic. He is also proud of helping to build up a new generation of content creators and is now looking to expand into the NFT platform.

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hirapatana “Ted” Poshakrishna

FOUNDER & MD
UTC HOLDING



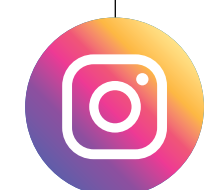
Business



This business administration graduate from Boston University has held top positions including partner at Thailand’s first Silicon Valley-based venture capital firm Creative Ventures, founder and director of nanotechnology company Graphene Creations, co-founder and chairman of big data company Wisesight and founder and director of UTC Holding, a venture holding that invests in and builds emerging companies that understand how to leverage data and technology. Wisesight topped the list of companies receiving the most job applications in 2020. After a year as deputy chief executive officer in Intouch Holding where he oversaw the company’s venture capital and business development department, its domestic and international competitiveness as well as IT and corporate PR departments, Ted resigned to take over family businesses, but remains as executive advisor. He has been called an “unsung hero driving the Thai startup ecosystem.”

Thweep “Ake” Rittinaphakorn

OWNER
THE ARK CONSULTANTS



Thweep is a strategic consultant and independent scholar with a special interest in the textiles and art history of colonial Burma. The lockdown has allowed him time to finish researching as well as writing photo captions for more than 300 old Burma photos predating 1962, to be published into a photo book in 2022. His next book will hopefully be a compilation of his years of research on Burmese silk tapestry textiles *luntaya acheik*. The pandemic has also taught him to be more mindful of what he can do, or let go of things beyond his control, and he can proudly say he has finally discovered his true self, his strengths and weaknesses. He has a newfound passion for the ‘interwar period’ (1920s-1940s) when the world expanded exponentially. He is inspired by the compassion of the Dalai Lama, and the taste and vision of the Bawa brothers of Sri Lanka. He enjoys listening to the Thai PBS podcast *Mong Adeed* (Looking Back into the Past) for its fascinating takeouts from history.

Titipong Pisitwuttinan

CO-FOUNDER & CEO
SKILLLANE



As a vivid online learner, Titipong believes in the power of online education as it allows him to gain knowledge from the best instructors anytime and anywhere. He co-founded SkillLane, which has grown to become the biggest digital learning platform in Thailand, and according to the most recent Financial Times list, the fastest growing education company in Asia Pacific. There are over 2,000 online courses for professionals on the platform, covering a wide range of topics from functional skills to soft skills and serving over 600,000 users. Titipong is very proud that SkillLane has partnered with Thammasat University to provide online Master's Degrees in Business Innovation and Data Science to professionals, many of whom did not have time to pursue a Master's Degree via on-campus programme. In addition to serving individual users, the company helps HR leaders in both large and small companies to re-skill and up-skill their employees through the SkillLane for Business platform.

Vasu “Tum” Surattiantra



CO-FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR, PURI CO LTD
IRONMAN ATHLETE



Vasu’s work and play are linked, since both deal with a healthy mind and body. The pandemic has been hard on both though. In terms of business; not only has he succeeded in maintaining PANPURI’s high productivity and accelerated its e-commerce business to maintain market share, he has enabled his Japanese restaurant Unatoto Thailand to achieve the highest sales since its opening three years ago, of which he is extremely proud. He credits Michael Corleone (*The Godfather*) for this sage piece of advice: “Never hate your enemies; it affects your judgment”. Steve Jobs has also inspired him to create innovations for the benefit of the next generation, and to balance work life and personal wellness. He is a triathlon and ultra trail runner, three-time Ironman finisher, and looks forward to new race challenges, most notably the Grande Randonnée du Tour du Mont-Blanc in France—the holy grail of ultra-trail runs. He also tries to inspire others as a wellness motivator.

Vipitakhun “Sea” Kantaravichaiwat

UX/UI DESIGNER
KASIKORN BUSINESS-TECHNOLOGY
GROUP (KBTG)



Tech wizard Vipitakhun, or Sea, studied Technopreneurship and Innovation Management at King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi and has been with KBTG ever since. He not only develops the programmes or applications, he has to conduct research into customer requirements and lifestyle, act as tester, project manager, business analyst as well as legal matters. He has worked on several projects, from K+ Shop to co-innovation projects like the Covid-19 alternative vaccine registration platform in collaboration with Thonburi Healthcare Group (THG). Most recently, he helped to create “Khun Thong”, a social chatbot on the LINE platform to help users manage financial matters. To work out shared costs of a meal or outing, Khun Thong is perfect for calculating expenses, splitting the bill and collecting payment, acting as the group's “treasurer”. Sea has been winning awards for his innovations since a student including Best Senior Project: Computer Engineer KMUTT 2014, Winners Honorable Mention in the National Software Contest (NSC2010) and Winner Good Game Developer Projects 2012. He also created an animated StopDrink cartoon (2012) for the Thai Health Promotion Foundation.

Vitchayut Phetsayanavin, MD

FOUNDER AND CEO
UNDERSTAND MENTAL HEALTH
SUPPORT



Dr Vitchayut, or Victor, founded Understand as a mental health support organisation while still a medical student at Srinakharinwirot University, when he also held the position of president of The Society of Medical Students of Thailand (SMST). Aware of the various social issues of contemporary youth, he created Understand as a safe space—or what he calls a “mental fitness centre”—for people to discuss their problems, learn mind skills, and build a mutually-supportive community. The pandemic proved a setback as most programmes require a face-to-face setting. However, switching to online platforms proved to be a viable alternative. These programmes cover a range of topics, from gender dysphoria, dying well, self esteem, growth mindset, and raising children. He often draws on current trending elements in the media such as hit Korean series. He finds it most fulfilling to be able to put his passion and effort into a project that benefits society and creates a more compassionate community. He relaxes, and also learns from books, music, film and travel. Sigmund Freud is his role model.

Wannasingh Prasertkul

CREATIVE DIRECTOR
TUEN COMPANY CO LTD



Advocacy



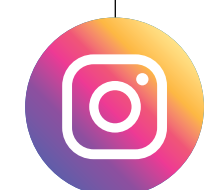
A writer and documentary film producer, Wannasingh is proud of his *Tuen Travel* that creates media content for environmental impact. He received the 2018 Explorer Awards from National Geographic Thailand, and actively supports UNHCR, helping to raise funds and awareness to support refugees through the “Namjai for Refugees” campaign. Covid-19 has curtailed his travel routine, but he has developed a home studio to continue his work. He hopes that his passionate dedication towards climate change awareness will help change the world, and to this end he has now embarked on a Master’s Degree programme in Marine Plastic Abatement, while also advocating for the Clean Air Act and ban on plastic waste imports in Thailand. He draws inspiration from the Buddha, Barack Obama as well his own parents, as well as from all kinds of music, books and film which help expand his mind. To relax, he plays the cello and plays video games. He would like to see Thailand make serious efforts to cut carbon emissions amongst other things. He is now on a mission to conquer the Arctic and Antarctica.

Warakorn Limbut, PhD

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
FACULTY OF SCIENCE
PRINCE OF SONGKLA UNIVERSITY



Science



Dr Warakorn is an associate professor of Electrochemistry at the Division of Health and Applied Sciences in the Faculty of Science at the Prince of Songkla University. Known for making science fun, he was awarded Outstanding Science Teacher (university level) 2015 by the Science Society of Thailand under the Royal Patronage of HM the King. He created award-winning innovations such as zinc field test kits and a device and application called Chilica-Pod to measure the heat level of chillies. The device, shaped like a chili, consists of a sensor to measure the amount of capsaicin inside a chilli, and can be paired with an application on a smartphone to provide a simple and quick chilli meter. Dr. Warakorn most recently received the Mahidol Science Innovative Educator Award 2021 for contributing to the benefit of society in education innovation as well as his efforts in inspiring students to learn science.

W Watcharapong Hongjamrassilp

BIOLOGIST



Watcharapong's passion to explore the world and to study the biology of living creatures has led him to become a PhD candidate and earn a teaching fellow at the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the renowned University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). He is also a National Geographic Explorer, creating content from the results of his studies on animal ecology and behaviour. Watcharapong's research has been featured in several high-profile international press reports such as *The New York Times* and *National Geographic*. Some of his proudest achievements include working as an academic assistant for Japan's national public broadcasting organisation NHK on an underwater documentary. Most recently, for his research on animal behaviour, Watcharapong received an honourable mention Warder Clyde Allee Award from the Animal Behaviour Society, becoming only the second Asian recipient of this award.

Wishulada Panthanuvong

SOCIAL ACTIVIST ARTIST
OWNER & FOUNDER
WISHULADA



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Arts*



Wishulada uses her art to advocate for waste reuse and upcycling to create awareness of environmental protection. The brand WISHULADA therefore combines waste materials with crafts and creativity, and uses art as an indicator for waste. To gain the management skills needed to become an art entrepreneur, she worked for four different companies before stepping out on her own. She is proud that from 2018-2021, her brand has been able to share its profits with others as a true social enterprise, and recycle 2,515kg of waste, with a carbon offset of 11,965.5kg CO₂-eq, or the amount of CO₂ absorbed by 570 trees in a year. Within the next year, she hopes to reduce waste through her work by 10,000 kg, embark on a master's degree programme on energy management, and further link art and science through her work. She hopes her art will make people think more about UN SDG #12 - Responsible Consumption and Production.

Yashovardhan Lohia

CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER
INDORAMA VENTURES PUBLIC
COMPANY LIMITED (IVL)



VDO



Yashovardhan Lohia is Chief Sustainability Officer for family business Indorama Ventures Public Company Limited (IVL), one of the world's leading chemical companies founded in 1994. Appointed to his current position in 2020, Yash has only passion for sustainability and his main goal is to create an effective roadmap to decarbonising the IVL footprint. With a planned recycling target of 750,000 tonnes by 2025, his work has already seen the company recycle more than 270,000 tonnes of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) plastic bottles annually. Following his efforts, Indorama was recognised in SAM's Sustainability Yearbook 2021 with the Silver Class distinction, and remained at the Gold Level in Ecovadis' Sustainability rating. During the start of the Covid-19 crisis, Yash at the helm of Indorama's sustainability initiative started several projects to produce PPE coveralls with recycled PET bottles to support medical personnel.

Yingcheep Atchanont

PROGRAMME MANAGER, ILAW



Advocacy



Yingcheep Atchanont is the programme manager of iLaw, a Thai human rights and legal watchdog NGO popularly known for its efforts to discuss democracy and freedom of expression via social and online media channels. The organisation regularly engages with civil society groups and the general public in efforts to achieve a fairer and more accountable system of justice in Thailand. iLaw, short for Internet Law Reform Dialogue was established in 2009 and is also known for its development of the Freedom of Expression Documentation Centre in 2011, which collects and keeps coverage of arrests and prosecutions and abuses made by law or the authority on issues of freedom of expression. The organisation also organises training programmes for youths on the ideals they strive to bring attention to. iLaw also presented the civil sector's first ever constitutional-amendment motion to go before Parliament though it was overwhelmingly rejected by lawmakers.