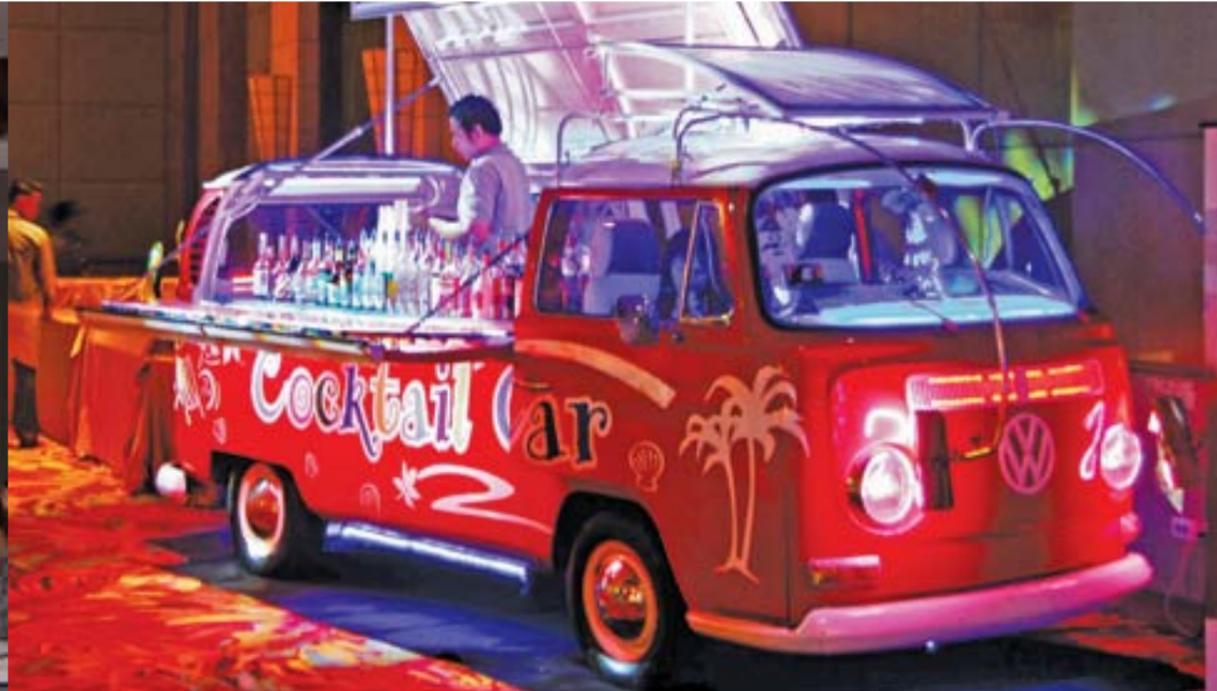


➔ This year's M&S ambassador is former Miss Universe Natalie Glebova.



SUPPORT FROM CHAMBERS

The organisers of M&S would also like to put on record their thanks to the British, Australian and Thai-Finnish chambers of commerce for all their support. Big thanks also to the Municipality of Pattaya City (perhaps better known as City Hall).

Heights help

The third Movers & Shakers looks guaranteed to be the biggest and the best yet – thanks in no small part to major condo developers Heights Holdings agreeing to become the event's main sponsor, writes Dave Buckley.

Heights' involvement will underpin the aim of the organisers to make it a night to remember ... while still ensuring that a substantial amount of money reaches the event's chosen charity, the Melissa Cosgrove Foundation.

"There's always a balancing act to be done," explained Cees Cuijpers, managing director of Town & Country property, who is driving the event.

Plenty to eat and drink

"We want everyone who attends to have a great time and we plan to be able to provide sufficient food, drink and entertainment for them. But, by the same token, we don't want to leave our charity picking up just a small sum after all the

bill has been settled. The very generous involvement of Heights Holdings should ensure we achieve both goals from the evening – great networking and a big cheque for charity at the end of it. So my sincere thanks to chief executive Haim Bar-David and all the people at Heights for their support."

The sponsorship deal was agreed at the Lighthouse Club (LHC) meeting held at the Thai Garden Resort early last month.

HH are well known for their sponsorship of LHC events since the new 'super meetings' began last year. They sponsored the first big meeting held at The Hard Rock Café and earlier this year they again played the led role at the Centara Grand Mirage's Zulu Bar.

And that's not all! They will also co-sponsor this month's Lighthouse Club along with their close associates at Vistas Development (more on Page 126).

So to take up the sponsorship reins for M&S early next month – December 2 at the Centara



M&S to all-time high

Grand Mirage – will give readers an idea of the company's desire to put something back into the community.

"Because M&S and Lighthouse Club support the Melissa Cosgrove Foundation, which is devoted to helping the children of construction workers, there's a real synergy there for us," said a spokesman for HH. "We are delighted to be the main sponsors of this year's Movers & Shakers event."

Additional 'surprises'

At the time of writing Cees Cuijpers was busy putting together a few additional 'surprises', as he likes to put it.

Already he has lined up the pop-meets-opera group Viva to perform. They will be supported by 'Thailand's Got Talent' finalist Bell Nuntita who may catch a few people off guard with her vocal range.

"And I am working on one more surprise act," said Cees.

The major of Pattaya Khun Itthiphol Kunplome will perform the opening-ceremony; Miss Universe Natalie Glebova is the 'ambassador' of the event and Miss Nanthawan

Wannachutha is lined up to be the on-stage MC.

The format is as outlined in previous editions of **RE.M.** The evening kicks off at 6pm and will go through until midnight. The admission price of Bt1,250 per person will include a free-flow of all drinks, all evening.

"It won't be simply beer and wine, as is often the case at LHC meetings," said Cees. "All types of spirits and cocktails will also be available. However, if Dom Perignon or Hennessy XO are more to your taste, you would be expected to pay for them," he smiled.

Although there are many overlaps between M&S and LHC it should be pointed out that LHC membership booklet vouchers cannot be set against admission to the December 2 event.

"It's an evening for great networking and helping charity, and many of the top movers and shakers from the Eastern Seaboard will be there," said Cees. "I'm very confident that people who attend will enjoy themselves and feel they have had real value for money."

➔ Scenes from last year's event.

➔ Nanthawan Wannachutha, this year's MC.

