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CATHAY LAND BRINGS CONDO LIVING TO SILANG, CAVITE

By MAAN D'ASIS PAMARAN

Aside from the themed boutique subdivisions that they are offering in Silang, Cavite, Cathay Land Inc. has also brought in South Forbes' mid-rise properties that offer the same modern conveniences of city living in a more relaxed location, and with a cooler climate.

The condominium properties of Stanford Suites, Fullerton Suites, Scandia Suites, and Golf View Terraces come as part and parcel of the fast-paced development in the Silang-Tagaytay corridor brought about by the easier access points of the CALAX or Cavite-Laguna Expressway, which has an exit that leads directly to South Forbes. With this new infrastructure development, travel time to Makati or the Mall of Asia



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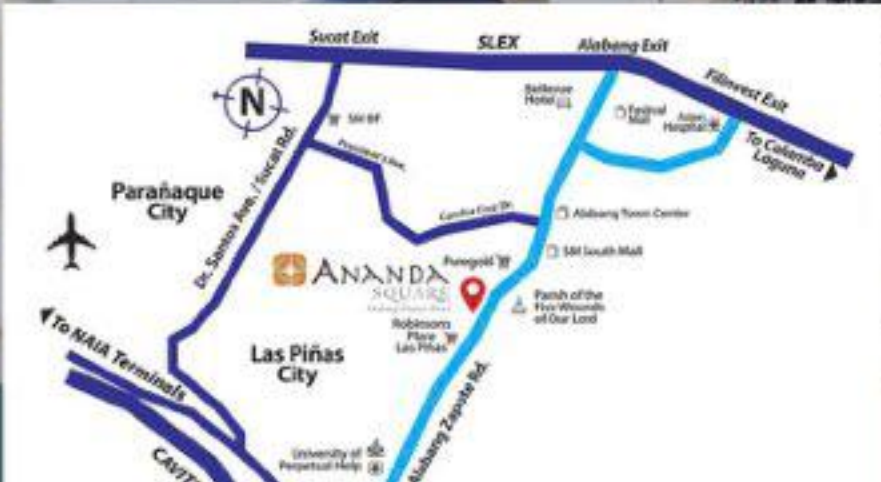
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Residents can conveniently shop at commercial establishments located at the ground floor of all condominium developments.



Stanford Suites 3 lobby



Scandia Suites swimming pool offers a welcome relief to its residences.

area will be cut significantly.

Cathay Land president Jeffrey Ng says that they decided to put up condominiums in the area as well because they want to be able to offer something for every type of homeowner. "We have a mix of medium-sized homes and larger-sized villas in our themed villages, and we also have our modern condominium units. We want to cater to everyone, whatever their lifestyle is."

The choice often comes down to convenience, Ng explains. "Not everyone wants to have their own house and lot. We have students here from the nearby schools such as Don Bosco, St. Scholastica and the soon-to-open Chiang Kai Shek College that is built on 10

Stanford Suites 3 is a six-story condominium development that is perfect for those who aspire owning a property in a suburban setting.



Cathay Land president Jeffrey Ng

hectares of land. These are students who might just want to stay at South Forbes during weekdays, so a condo would be perfectly suitable to their needs. Our condo properties are also practical for the expats who work at the nearby industrial parks, and lastly, we have empty nesters who would rather live in a condominium building rather than maintain a house and garden on their own."

CONDOMINIUM CHOICES AND CONVENIENCE

Ng adds, "What we have is a smorgasbord of choices for them — there is something at South Forbes for everyone." As they offer different-sized cuts for the house and lots in the Mediterranean Villas, Chateau de Paris, and Miami on the Horizons developments together with the Bali, Tokyo, and Phuket Mansions, along with Racha Mansions



Residents of Golf View Terraces can enjoy views of South Forbes' golf course, lauded as one of the best in the country

and Nirwana Bali, Cathay Land also has different sizes of condo units ranging from studio-type to one bedroom units and two-bedroom suites.

The residential buildings have convenience and safety as their primary considerations, with commercial establishments such as laundry shops, water refilling stations, convenience stores, salons and spas located at the ground floor. For other necessities, South Forbes now also has a supermarket, a coffee shop, and a membership gym. Then, of course there are amenities like a swimming pool and pocket gardens to bring in that refreshing Tagaytay vibe.

South Forbes Golf City is envisioned not only as a place of residence, but also a place to work. Ng says that they have also put up a light industrial park, accessible to their homeowners in both the subdivisions and

the condominium developments. "We see South Forbes as a small city, with several businesses already locating there, along with schools, a residential community, and, of course, our golf course that is one of the best in the country."

He sees South Forbes not only as an ideal master-planned and integrated community but also one that is a good investment for its homeowners, as the properties have already increased in value since they first went on the market. "With the developments that are happening in the area, all roads will lead to the Tagaytay-Silang corridor, and our buyers are going to reap all these benefits. As a homeowner, this is where you'd want to be."

For more information about South Forbes developments, visit www.southforbes.com

South Forbes unveils dramatic Nirwana Bali Clubhouse

Driving through the south side of South Forbes Golf City's Nirwana Bali Village, one comes across a nondescript Asian-style roofed pavilion surrounded by tall palm trees and vibrant tropical plants. The structure, simple but quite inviting, lends a mystery: What does this pavilion lead to? Considering that this is the high point of the property, what could be down there?

As you step into the pavilion, you see a very long beige and brown staircase. Considering its length, you'll wonder whether it's worth it to trek down the natural stone path. Walk down and walk down you go, and halfway down, your eyes finally catch a glimpse of several structures that echo the pavilion upstairs. You conclude that it's but a portal to a one-of-a-kind clubhouse, and there is only one word to describe what you see: Dramatic with a capital D.

The humongous leaves of a Giant Bird of Paradise cannot quite hide the beauty of this Asian-style gem from your eyes. When you finally reach the bottom of the stairs, two big pavilions, a turquoise pool and three small, private cabanas for intimate gatherings greet you. Throughout, tropical landscaping accented by colorful flowers and shrubs lend a tropical resort feel reminiscent of the island of Bali, the inspiration for this themed village and its eponymous clubhouse.

BALINESE HEAVEN

Literally, the effort to traverse the sloping terrain is worth it to reach the Balinese-style tropical resort heaven that this clubhouse offers. Alternatively, residents and their guests can access the clubhouse via the rotunda at the lower



The cliff-side setting of the Nirwana Bali Clubhouse at South Forbes Golf City in Silang, Cavite, lends it a dramatic feel reminiscent of the cliff-top hotel villas in the Island of Bali.

side of the property. But whatever way you take, you imbibe right away the resort feel of this destination. Imagine teens hosting a private swimming party in their cabana. Meanwhile, birthday parties and other large events can be organized at the grand pavilion beside the pool.

The clubhouse's architects — Lawrence Santos, UAP and Ma. Liza Caguiling, UAP, managing partners at SC&A Architects & Planners — are grateful that Cathay Land president Jeffrey Ng ultimately decided to push through with their vision.

According to them, the concept enhances the dramatic site — the high point of a sloping hill and the edge of a cliff with a view of an old-growth forest on the other side of the river.

The architects conceded that Bali's dramatic cliff-top hotel villas served as inspiration for this endeavor, and expressed hope that residents "can feel" a sense of calm and peace every time they

visit this seemingly "floating" clubhouse.

The architectural design also minimized earth movement, thus preserving much of the original terrain. Not only that, the landscaper — Atty. Ronald Uy, legal head of Cathay Land — also preserved an old native tree that borders the clubhouse's cliff edge. It's like it has been there forever to watch every joyful family moment — because yes, this tree has been there for ages.

PRIVATE RETREAT

This private retreat is an exclusive amenity for residents of South Forbes Golf City's Nirwana Bali. The township's second Balinese-style village after the highly sought after Bali Mansions, Nirwana Bali offers lot sizes ranging from 150 to 565 sqm., with prices starting at only P3.9 million.

This five-hectare subdivision occupies one of the highest elevations in this township, at 237 meters. Thus, residents will enjoy cool breezes from Tagaytay City in this side of Silang, Cavite, throughout the day.

For a private tour of Nirwana Bali and its dramatic clubhouse, please call 8635-7777 or visit www.southforbes.com.



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