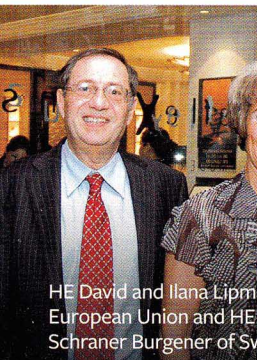


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The A-List

FACES



Christopher Zimmer, Wayne Buckingham, Jan Ganser, Benjawan Wisootsat and Rupert Konjin



HE David and Ilana Lipman of the European Union and HE Christine Schraner Burgener of Switzerland



HE Michelangelo Pipan of Italy

Sporting Set

DIPLOMATS ENJOY A FOOTBALL-THEMED PRE-WORLD CUP DINNER

FOOTBALL FEVER BEGAN BUILDING UP BEFORE THE FIRST KICK at the World Club in Johannesburg with Plaza Athenee Bangkok, A Royal Meridien, hosting its FIFA Table United dinner as part of the Wine Boutique celebration. Twelve diplomats from a dozen World Cup contenders attended the event at The Reflexions French restaurant hosted by general manager **CHOOLENG GOH**. Together with other guests including **WAYNE BUCKINGHAM**, Starwood regional vice president for Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia, **CHRISTOPHER ZIMMER**, Lufthansa general manager and food critic **ML SIRICHALERM SVASTI**, the ambassadors and diplomatic representatives enjoyed a six-course meal accompanied by selected wines from Fin (Fabulous is Needed). Needless to say, it was a very noisy event with participants arguing among themselves as to why each one's national team was going to emerge the victor.

FOOTBALL FEVER

VENUE The Reflexions, Plaza Athenee Bangkok
PARTICIPATING EMBASSIES South Africa, France, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Greece, Australia, Chile, Argentina and Uruguay



Emmanuel Markianos, Maria Simo Sevilla and Felipe Orellana



HE Felipe Frydman of Argentina, HE Douglas Gibson of South Africa and HE Dr Hans Schumacher of Germany



ML Sirichalerm Svasti and Revadee Thammano