



# Dalat Delight

*A new collection of French-style villas in Vietnam's cool highlands and near its most historical golf club is redefining luxury living*

If, as they say, "location, location, location" means everything in the real estate game, then La Vallée de Dalat already sits at the top of the leaderboard in Vietnam.

While ground was only just broken on the seven, 6,450-square-foot French-style villas that will make up La Vallée, their position—on a pine-studded hillside nearly 5,000 feet above sea level and overlooking lush Dalat Valley—is as good as it gets.

"The property is wedged between government-owned pieces of land, providing buffers between further development," says Le Ngoc Khanh Tam, general director of the Khanh Tam Development Co., developer of La Vallée. "The forest we've got to our right and our left cannot be razed."

Grand architecture has long been a part of the landscape in Dalat, which was founded by the French in the early part of the last century and turned into an escape for Saigon's colonial elite. It was even a favorite haunt of the country's last emperor, Bao Dai, who used the storied Dalat Palace Golf Club as his personal playground.

La Vallée takes its cue from that bygone era, and then does it one better by employing contemporary building materials and sophisticated design. Tile roofs, wide-plank flooring, French doors, fireplaces, wine cellars and spacious salons are all part of the tasteful blend, which when pieced together will evoke the best of past and present luxury living. A family golf membership is thrown in for good measure.

"The golf in Vietnam does not get any better than it does in Dalat," says Tam, who grew up in the Central Highlands town, less than an hour



from Ho Chi Minh City by air. "The same might be said of the villas themselves since we secured the last stunning piece of land available in Dalat City."—*Scott Resch*

## FAST FACTS

**Price:** US\$1.2 million – 1.5 million (HK\$9.3 million – 11.6 million)

**Location:** Dalat, Vietnam

**Golf Course:** Dalat Palace Golf Club

**Features:** Seven 4-bedroom, 6,450-square-foot villas, on plots ranging from 8,600 to 13,000-square foot.

**Amenities:** Golf Club family membership, championship tennis court and Jacuzzi.

**Scheduled completion:** July 2009

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