

# About the Architect

## Banyan Clubhouse

The Banyan Clubhouse is designed by 'Smith Obayawat', a well renowned and respected Thai architect and his Company OBA (The Office of Bangkok Architects). The Banyan Clubhouse follows on from other successful and similar projects such as the Amata Spring Country Club, Ayodhya Link and the Siam Country Club in Pattaya.

Smith and OBA have also worked on other successful projects including but not limited to:

- Veranda Hotel (Chaingmai)
- Veranda Hotel (Cha-am)
- Major Cineplexes (various projects)
- Esplanade Shopping Center
- Rachadalai Theatre

The design and inspiration for the 'Banyan' is derived from the modern day function and needs of a present day golf club; whereby the architectural and interior works relates directly to the functionality of place. This new clubhouse is unique in a way that it differentiates from the other clubhouses that Smith has designed; in a sense that this is a new exploration of design; whereby it is simple, modern and function informs the design process.

It is a composition of modern design overriding the traditional Thai architecture and the base/foundation of the building is simplified to express the materiality of the structure. It is then overlaid with the concept of traditional Thai hospitality and elegance without the need for highly elaborate design, importantly, Smith exposes the real materials which help to add integrity to the overall design. The Banyan Golf Club, is a classic example of Thai-modern architecture which expresses the voice of a traditional Thai in a modern environment.



1. Esplanade
2. Major Cineplex Ratchayathin
3. Veranda Chiangmai The High Resort
4. Veranda Resort & Spa

5. Rachadalai Theater
6. Ayodhya Clubhouse
7. Amata Spring Country Club
8. Mini Showroom