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# **After Searching for a Best in Class Solution, the Five-Star Millennium Resort Patong Phuket Prefers VingCard® for Property Protection**

***Classic by VingCard Offers the Elite Beach Resort the  
Highest Standards in the Industry***

SINGAPORE – 23 November, 2009 – VingCard, a leading hospitality security provider and part of the ASSA ABLOY Hospitality Group, completed the installation of its standalone, magnetic stripe electronic locking solution, Classic by VingCard, at the five-star Millennium Resort Patong Phuket, Thailand at Patong Beach. The resort is located in the hub of Phuket's tourist attractions and within the Jungceylon shopping centre. Within immediate vicinity are Patong Beach and the island's concentration of shops, restaurants and entertainment.



“Our property is a complex resort, with every aspect designed and planned to the last detail,” said Peter Gibbons, general manager of the Millennium Resort Patong Phuket. “We built two separate structures to provide the ideal view for each of our guests, but separate buildings require higher security. With Classic by VingCard, we are able to maintain a high level of security while providing the perfect retreat for all our guests.”

Classic by VingCard employs cutting-edge technology to offer a unique design for user-friendly guest interaction. The system utilizes a high-quality brass escutcheon reinforced by a steel plate and solid brass

handles to provide unsurpassed security to hotels. The system also uses a unique life safety cylinder, a recordable emergency overdrive, and a “panic release” deadbolt activated by a single action of the inner handle.

“With Classic by VingCard, we feel confident in the reputation that VingCard has built throughout the industry,” said Gibbons. “With features like sealed electronics on the inside of the door and a unique emergency Recordable Cylinder option for mechanical override, these locks make sure our guests are ultimately protected.”

The standalone electronic lock is controlled by software existing in the individual lock and activated by cards coded in the issuing computer. Since the cylinder is recoded from the outside of the lock, the key cards can be recoded without disturbing guests at the property. Classic by VingCard also provides unmatched control and security – with a 600 event audit trail and powerful “flash” memory technology – creating a sense of ease for hoteliers according to Vegard Prytz, vice president of ASSA ABLOY Hospitality Asia-Pacific.

“The Classic lock is a powerful standalone electronic locking solution trusted by hotel and resort properties worldwide,” said Prytz. “The reliable magnetic stripe card reader, in conjunction with the simple maintenance provided by the locks’ modular components, pleases guests and hoteliers alike.”

By installing Classic by VingCard, the Millennium Resort Patong will also have the option to easily and cost-effectively upgrade their Classic locks in the future to employ contactless technology as well as Near Field Communication (NFC) cell phone compatibility. With Classic RFID by VingCard, existing VingCard customers don’t need to replace their current locks entirely; instead, only the end cap and card reader needs to be changed. The three-step upgrade requires hoteliers to 1) remove the outside Classic by VingCard escutcheon, 2) replace the end-cap with the new Classic RFID by VingCard module, and 3) enjoy the benefits of contactless RFID.



“The Millennium Resort Patong can rest assured in the high level of security provided by our Classic lock,” said Prytz. “But with the popularity of RFID technology continuing to grow, in the future, with just a few simple steps, the property can be up and running on Classic RFID. This will allow them to enjoy the benefits of upgrading to RFID technology without any downtime or unnecessary cost.”

Classic RFID is a secure open-platform system compatible with the three leading RFID ISO standards (ISO 14443A/MiFare, ISO 14443B, ISO 15693) and also the Near Field Communication (NFC) transaction platform for cell phones, therefore eliminating the guesswork for hoteliers in choosing the right technology standard.

Part of the ASSA ABLOY Group, VingCard is the world leader in developing locking systems for the hospitality industry, offering user-friendly security systems that meet the unique operational needs of hotels and resorts. For more information, visit [www.vingcard.com](http://www.vingcard.com).

#### **About VingCard Elsafe**

The world leader in hotel security technology, ASSA ABLOY Hospitality has products installed in more than 36,000 properties worldwide, securing in excess of 6 million hotel rooms. The ASSA ABLOY Group, a publicly listed company, is a world leader in security and hospitality systems. VingCard provides numerous electronic locking system solutions, including traditional magnetic-strip, smartcard systems and the latest RFID electronic locks compatible with the main ISO standards: ISO 14.443A (MIFARE), ISO 14.443B, ISO15.693 and NFC-compatible (Near Field Communication), fully integrated PMS interface software solutions, as well as the world leader in wireless online locking solutions for hotels based on ZigBee secured open platform. VingCard has worldwide service and support in more than 166 countries. Elsafe provides the first UL-listed (1037) hotel safe series on the market today in keypad and card-based models. Safes that include a UL-listed internal power outlet to support recharging of laptops and camcorders, full wireless online capabilities and RFID versions compatible with VingCard system. Elsafe customers also enjoy the same worldwide service and support. The ASSA ABLOY Hospitality Group is dedicated to the hospitality industry. For more information on VingCard Elsafe, visit [www.vingcard.com](http://www.vingcard.com) or [www.elsafe.com](http://www.elsafe.com).

#### **Millennium Resort Patong Phuket**

A Millennium property, the Millennium Resort Patong Phuket is located in the heart of Phuket's tourist area. Ideally situated between Patong Beach and Bangla Street, the property is within five minutes from two of the most transversed and popular areas in Phuket. Consisting of two wings, the Lakeside and the Beachside, the 221 and 197 guestrooms respectively features two swimming pools, five food and beverages outlets, fully equip gym, spa and business center. For more information go to [www.millenniumpatong.com](http://www.millenniumpatong.com)

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