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Expression without Fear

“Break new boundaries and challenge all deemed impossible” is the message that comes loud and clear from architect and designer Mario Kleff. Using Wandegroup as his platform, Mario is the driving force behind over 45 condominium designs in Pattaya alone, a record not matched by anyone else. Until now not many of you would ever have heard of Mario Kleff as his story has been shared only through real estate publications, so it may come as a surprise to know such a man lives here in town.



Uber Cool in Pattaya

The reason Lifestyle approached Mario though was to find out more about his passion and flare with fast cars and motorbikes, for believe it or not, amazing things are happening here in Pattaya. So much so in fact that he has top engineers from all across the globe sitting up and taking notice. Ask yourself, have you ever heard of a street legal car with over 1,400 horsepower? Of course you haven't, it's impossible, right? And it is this very statement that empowers Mario to prove all wrong.

Meeting Mario was somewhat of an experience, he speaks fast and with a German accent, but he speaks extremely articulated and without a need to pause for consideration of his next statement. Each sentence had substance and so keeping up with him as he talked design, nitro power and front suspension left me somewhat drained. However, and this is key, very inspired. I liked Mario, although I suspect others will find him too egotistical, he is a no nonsense kind of a guy that just wants to make a difference on this planet. His

motivations seem just as much for inner satisfaction as it also is to say to the world, 'look everything is possible, and I am the man to show you'. We should applaud guys like this, as it is these visionaries that invent wheels and make dreams realities.

Mario has six vehicle projects, three for both motorbike and cars, each at different levels of completion. He raises the ante on each new project, with more craziness and innovative expansion introduced. "The designs are all a reflection on me and my character. All high performance, unique and extremely powerful" he assuredly quotes. Casing point here; he may not be everyone's cup of tea. He says he could just buy a Lamborghini, but why would a designer do this when he can make something better and more unique for the same price?

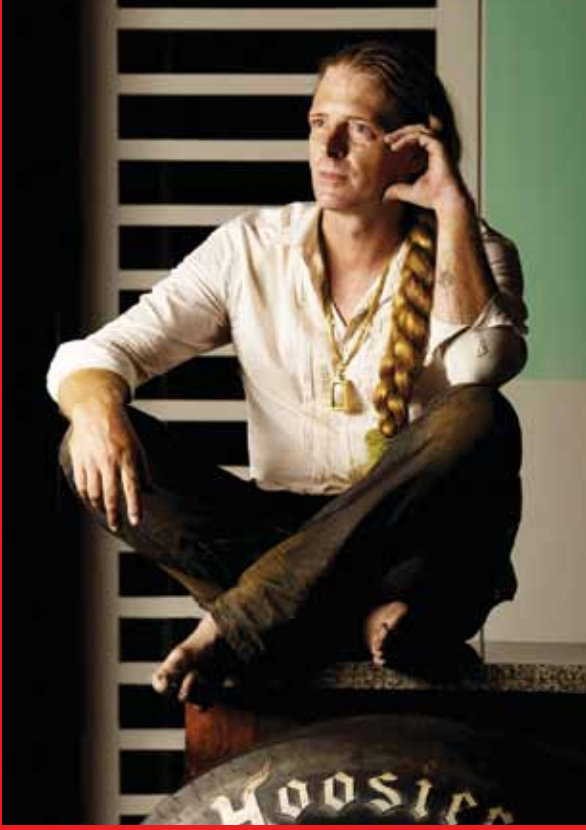
Mario looks at drag cars (dragster) that can already reach super speeds and then looks to take that capability into regular roads and make street legal. It is

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Every thing uniquely made



A man with a plan



Trust me, it's huge



Mario will use this car to get to 7-Eleven (seriously)

what he terms 'extreme thinking'. Drag car technology would never work on a regular road as they would keep exploding and overheating, so an engineer's role would be to find out how this does not happen. For example, by using different materials or cooling systems.

As it happens some of the greatest engineering minds are working with Mario on making his visions a reality, such as Williams from Formula 1 whom are building some of his parts. This will result in all the vehicles being built being best in class. Everything, with exception to the tyres, is uniquely made.

Last week's feature very much teed up this article by questioning all of us into what we were doing special with our lives, it certainly does not need to be so grandeur but an example like Mario illustrates what we can do – and achieve - as human beings. What a wonderful position Mario has created for himself, and so I will leave the last words to Mr.Kleff himself: 'I am a designer and as such I want my own vehicles that reflect me as a character and proves to everyone it can be done.

Express yourself without fear.' In fact, in typical Mario style, he even suggested 'Express yourself without fear' should be the title of this feature. I modified it slightly, after all, we can't let Mario get it all his own way now can we?

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