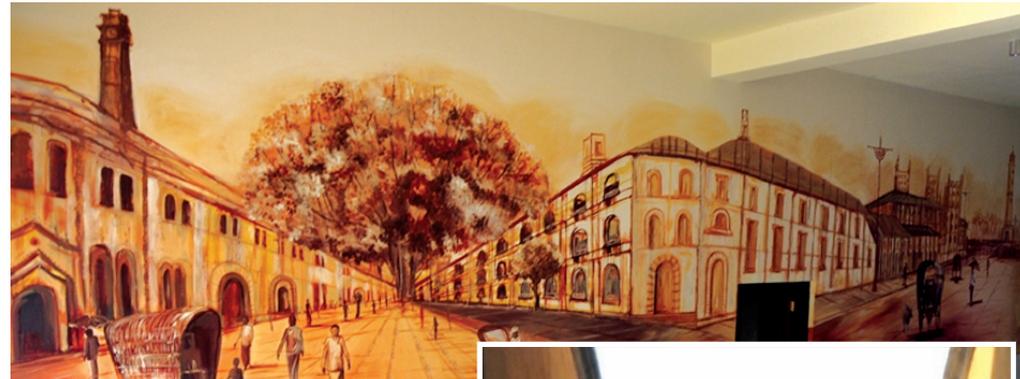


# Thambapanni Pavilion opens in Unawatuna



artist, Nuwan Perera haling from Kalutara in just a day. Disanayake who designed the hotel, also created a private beach adjoining the pool and was now looking at building a mini pier near the outdoor pool, enabling small yachts or boats to bring in guests to the hotel. He said that due to their personalized and professional service, they get repeaters and YOY they maintain around 90% occupancy. "Due to this I am confident of recovering my investment in less than three years," he said. Janaka Kuruwitige, General Manager of the group said that the personal touch of Disanayake made this property to stand out as the best hotel in the area. "The group is now going to embark on investing on a similar hotel in Kalpitiya next year and are also looking at adding further six rooms to this property to meet the growing demand." However, one of the biggest problems faced by the Pavilion as well as nearby hotels, is the lack of a proper carpeted road and sand high voltage electricity, which has to be addressed soon.

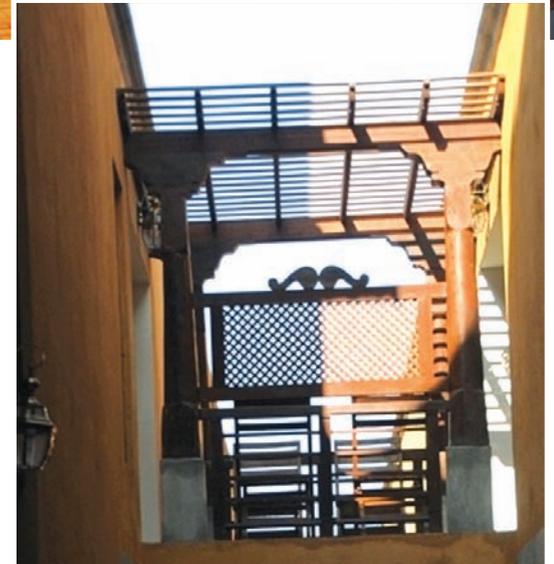
**SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE** in Unawatuna

**A**dding the much needed market sentiment to the Unawatuna area, the luxury boutique hotel, Thambapanni Pavilion opened last Saturday. This is the third property of the Thambapanni Leisure group which already owns and operate, Thambapanni Retreat (20 rooms) and ThaproBan (16 rooms) in Unawatuna.

The Thambapanni Pavilion is built with unique architecture, blending with the Sri Lankan colonial era as well as a mixture of the Dutch architecture, has eight duplex rooms and another eight suites with private balconies all overlooking the Indian Ocean.

The Pavilion also introduces the first fibre optic swimming pool in the area and many other features which include a gym, kid's pool and a Spa. Managing Director of the company, young hotelier Preshan Disanayake said that they invested Rs. 160 million for the building and completed the property in just 18 months which was eight months before schedule.

"I also concentrated on local building material and some of the ancient wooden pillars in the hotel roof top balcony were brought down from Jaffna." One of the eye catching features at the entrance is the large painting depicting the colonial cities of Galle and Colombo. This was painted by a young



Thambapanni Pavilion. (right top) Minister of Economic Development Basil Rajapaksa opens the plaque of the hotel. Chairman of the Thambapanni Pavilion, Preshan Disanayake, General Manager Janaka Kuruwitige and other invitees looks on.

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