

## **Roger Thomas To Be Keynote Speaker At The International Casual Furniture & Accessories Market**

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The International Casual Furniture & Accessories Market™ announced that Roger Thomas, executive vice president design for Wynn Design and Development will headline as the keynote presentation at this year's Market, on Tuesday, September 21 at 3 pm.

Thomas was responsible for creating the interiors of Wynn Las Vegas and Encore at Wynn Las Vegas. During his keynote speech, Thomas will showcase his hotel design work and discuss his philosophy and approach to designing outdoor spaces. He will investigate the trend to move indoor furnishings outdoors and outdoor furnishings indoors. Retailers and designers will gain inspiration into designing and merchandising with outdoor furnishings and how to help their consumers achieve the "luxury resort" feel in their own homes.

A recognized leader in interior design for the hospitality industry, Thomas was listed in Architectural Digest's AD 100 in 2010 and 2007. In 2008, he was named "Designer of the Year" at The International Hotel/Motel & Restaurant Show in New York and was elected to the Hospitality Design Platinum Circle in 2005 and received a Lifetime Achievement award from the Network of Executive Women in Hospitality in the same year.

"Casual is the global direction of choice for change in living, entertaining and travel, as well as fashion and food," said Roger Thomas, executive vice president design for Wynn Design and Development. "I am delighted to be asked to participate in the most exciting and vibrant part of the furnishings industry today."

Attendees should register online for the Keynote Presentation. To register, visit [www.casualmarket.com](http://www.casualmarket.com) and click on Show Information, then Presentations, on the left hand side.

### **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION**

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Outdoor Elegance: Roger Thomas

3 p.m. I Suite 1520, 15th Floor

The International Casual Furniture & Accessories Market™ returns to The Merchandise Mart, September 21-24, 2010. The Market offers the newest, most innovative products from leading manufacturers around the world and discover the latest trends in color, product design, fabric patterns and more.

## SHOW INFORMATION

The International Casual Furniture & Accessories Market™

The Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL

Tuesday, September 21– Friday, September 24, 2010

Permanent Showrooms: Floors 15, 16, 17

Tuesday-Thursday, September 21-23, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Friday, September 24, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Temporary Exhibitors

Tuesday – Thursday, September 21-23, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Friday, September 24, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

For more information, please visit [www.casualmarket.com](http://www.casualmarket.com).

The International Casual Furniture & Accessories Market is a four-day trade show that provides retailers with an outlet to find all things related to outdoor and casual living. Featuring the latest products and trends in the industry, the Casual Market averages approximately 350 temporary exhibitors and permanent showrooms totaling approximately 350,000 square feet of overall exhibit in The Merchandise Mart.

MMPI is a trade show and property management firm, specializing in managing buildings devoted to wholesale showrooms and commercial office space. MMPI produces more than 300 trade shows, market events and conferences each year.

MMPI manages The Merchandise Mart and 350 West Mart Center in Chicago; Market Square, the Suites at Market Square, Hamilton Market, Plaza Suites, Furniture Plaza and the National Furniture Mart in High Point, N.C.; the Architects & Designers Building and 7 W New York in New York; the Boston Design Center in Boston; the L. A. Mart in Los Angeles; and the Washington Design Center in Washington D.C.

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