

# SILKS AND SHEEN

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As frequent travellers to Bangkok will know, the storied Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel conveys a sense of calm in a city known for its relentless energy. Adding to the allure is its recent 470 million baht (\$20 million) renovation of rooms, suites and public spaces, one that has put a new gloss onto the chain's flagship 354-room property.

Besides the hotel's warm and gracious staff, some of whom have been with the property for decades, the design highlights include the imposing staircase that leads to the entrance, the buzzy lobby bar as well as the recently unveiled Explorer Suite by Jim Thompson.

The 198sqm two-bedroom suite recollects Thai summer abodes of old. Shiny teak flooring pair beautifully with panelled walls, both of which form a canvas for the

exquisite furnishings, standout fabrics and beautiful artworks that are displayed. Guests are encouraged to make themselves feel at home in their exclusive Bangkok base. The accommodation has been thoughtfully appointed by one of Thailand's most famous lifestyle brands – Jim Thompson. A generous living and dining space is just the venue to host an impromptu dinner, while a library and office space project a more focused atmosphere for a spot of work. Other highlights of this one-of-a-kind accommodation in Thailand are the two brightly lit marble bathrooms, each with a tub to relax in after a busy day of meetings or exploring the enigmatic Thai capital. [www.siam-bangkok.anantara.com](http://www.siam-bangkok.anantara.com)

The sumptuous Two Bedroom Jim Thompson Explorer Suite (above and facing page) is reminiscent of a luxurious residence.

Inset: Spice Market offers a menu of fine Thai cuisine.

