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## **MANDARIN ORIENTAL, BANGKOK'S SIGNATURE FAN DESIGNED BY JIM THOMPSON**

Commissioning a signature fan for each Mandarin Oriental hotel is a long-established tradition. Each fan is unique and chosen to reflect both the individuality of the hotel and culture of the country it resides in. To celebrate the completion of [Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok](#)'s historic renovation, the hotel collaborated with world-renowned [Jim Thompson](#) to create a new signature fan.

Displayed in the hotel's famed lobby, the bespoke fan is a visual delight and conveys the essence of the hotel itself while reflecting the spirit of Bangkok. Jim Thompson, fondly known as the 'King of Silk' was joint owner of the iconic hotel between 1946 and 1967 and his eponymous Thai silk company continues his legacy.

Design Director Tinnart Nisalak, who has worked with Jim Thompson for more than 30 years, honours Thai heritage and handicraft through artistic design details on the finest Thai silk which is delicately embellished with hand-embroidered gold thread and mirror-work.

His design incorporates the Suphananahong Royal Barge, sacred leaves and elephants – the national symbol of Thailand – as well as patterns found within architectural carvings from the Authors' Lounge, the setting of the original Oriental Hotel during Jim Thompson's era. Traditional Thai lacquer work and gold leaf, a technique used in the creation of Ramayana masks, cover the carefully sourced Chiang Mai bamboo spokes and guard sticks.

Jim Thompson has also created a limited number of silk scarves, pocket squares and miniature

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fans, available for guest in the hotels' Oriental Boutique. "We were delighted to have partnered with Jim Thompson on our new signature fan. Not only are we historically linked through the founder's ownership of the hotel, but we share the same core values of quality, innovation and heritage" says Greg Liddell, General Manager.

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