

Riverside Reprieve

Nestled on Bangkok's Chao Praya River, in the historic enclave of Dusit, the city's newest boutique hotel will combine aspects of the city's past, present and future when it opens in June. The Siam combines a staggering three acres of family-owned riverside land, with landscaping and designs by Bill Bensley, a hand selected antiques and art collection, and four traditional teak homes originally sourced by silk baron Jim Thompson. Dubbed 'super luxury' but with more than its fair share

of the eclecticism that comes with family-owned boutique hotels, the 39-room retreat opened by Thai singer and actor Krissada 'Noi' Sukosol Clapp and his mother Kamala Sukosol introduces the city's first pool villas – 11 of them – as well as the first in-hotel Muay Thai boxing ring. Be sure to make time for pampering in The Siam's chemical-free spa and hammam-inspired bath house. *From THB16,300 (US\$531) per night, twin share; <http://thesiamhotel.com>*

