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5 APRIL 2019 (Bangkok, THAILAND) - Anantara Hotels, Resorts & Spas today announced the launch of a captivating photography exhibition “The Beauty of Siam: Anantara Siamese Fighting Fish”, a portrait series by the renowned photographer Visarute Angkatavanich. His work took the world by storm with his richly hued portraits of the iconic Thai fish, the Betta splendens. The exhibition is set to add locally inspired vibrancy to two Anantara Bangkok properties: Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel from 5th April to 31st May, 2019 and Anantara Riverside Bangkok Resort from 5th June to 31st July, 2019.

The Siamese fighting fish (betta fish) is native to the Mekong basin and mostly found in the Chao Phraya River in Thailand. The colourful fish has played a significant role in Thailand’s history, culture and commerce and was recently named the country’s national aquatic animal by the National Identity Office. This charismatic creature caught the world’s attention when Visarute’s dynamic portrait series went viral and saw his flamboyant subjects splashed across packaging of several products. His exhibition in collaboration with Anantara will showcase over 40 photos of betta fish, giving visitors a chance to admire the striking coloured varieties of this Thai icon. Alongside the exhibition, Anantara will launch a variety of fighting fish-inspired activities and promotions across its Rajadamri and Riverside properties.

The lobby of Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel will be adorned with the colourful photographic hues of the Siamese fighting fish accompanied by floral décor of varied orchid species such as Madame Pompadour, Royal Orchid, Blue Vanda, Oncidium. Tea connoisseurs can also enjoy an exclusive fighting fish-inspired experience with a special Afternoon Tea. Mariage Frères teas are matched with a vanilla-strawberry swiss roll, green matcha cake and other vividly colourful delicacies in this sweet-and-savoury extravaganza.

The launch of The Beauty of Siam: Anantara Siamese Fighting Fish photography exhibition is hosted in Parichart Court and The Lobby of Anantara Siam Bangkok on 5 April 2019, from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm, and will be on display until 31 May 2019.

Afternoon Tea is served from Monday to Friday at The Lobby of Anantara Siam Hotel from 2.00 pm to 6.00pm for at THB850 per set inclusive of one drink (tea or coffee). Afternoon Tea buffet is available every Saturday and Sunday at THB950 per person and inclusive of two drinks (tea or coffee).

On 5th June, the exhibition will move to the Lobby of Anantara Riverside Bangkok Resort and the Riverside Plaza until 31st July 2019.

For guests at Anantara properties across Thailand, the journey with the fighting fish doesn't stop here. This national aquatic animal is the brand's beloved in-room companion for Anantara guests across the country upon request to appreciate its grace and beauty in the flesh.

For more information, please visit [www.anantara.com/siam-bangkok](http://www.anantara.com/siam-bangkok) or [www.anantara.com/riverside-bangkok](http://www.anantara.com/riverside-bangkok)