

## Anchalee Luadkham

Thai Chef, URBAN Café at The Sukhothai Shanghai



I take care of each and every guest like my family, and I wish to bring them joy through my cooking

Anchalee Luadkham brings along her rich culinary experience, dedicated service and the unique affinity of a female chef to URBAN Cafe at The Sukhothai Shanghai. As the Thai Chef of one of Shanghai's most-loved restaurants, she leads guests on a taste journey to explore the diversity of Thailand through her delicious gourmet.

Anchalee Luadkham was born into a culinary family in Chiang Mai, Thailand, where the village community gathered regularly, and the elder members of her clan would often take up the challenge to cook for the entire crowd. Anchalee's mother also ran a local restaurant, while her father worked in farm and assumed the role of the family chef. Having enjoyed the fruits of her parents' culinary labour, Anchalee has developed a passion for cooking at a young age and a sophisticated understanding of seasonal produce and ingredients.

While most families hand down recipes to the next generation, it is not quite the case with Anchalee's father, who likes to keep heirloom recipes a mystery. This, however, allows Anchalee much room to explore and experiment, prompting her to think outside the traditional box and discover various ways of delivering the true essence of Thai cuisine in its natural form. Every dish at URBAN Cafe represents the profoundness of Anchalee's research and experimentation, her mastery of flavours and spices, and her dedication to gastronomy.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in English, Anchalee's passion for cooking led her to work at a culinary school before setting foot in the Mandarin Oriental Dhara Dhevi, Chiang Mai. In October 2009, Anchalee joined the Four Seasons Resort, Chiang Mai, as a Thai Sous Chef. An overseas opportunity arose in February 2015, and she took up the position of Thai Chef with a private-owned lodge and moved to Switzerland. Anchalee rejoined the Four Seasons Resort, Chiang Mai, as Thai Chef in 2016, and two years later, she was promoted to Senior Chef de Cuisine.

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During her tenure, she has served the royal Thai family and numerous celebrities, including Chadwick Boseman, Pierce Brosnan and Jackie Chan, all of whom have praised her for her unique interpretation of Thai cuisine. Anchalee has also cooked for Queen Elizabeth II on her state visit to Thailand.

As an avid traveller, Anchalee spends her free time exploring local cuisines from around the world while looking for ways to incorporate new inspirations into her original creations. Being in China for the first time, she hopes to take the opportunity to study Chinese cuisine, especially the art of Chinese noodles. Coming from a tropical region, Anchalee looks forward to visiting the cold yet stunning Harbin for a change of scenery.

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#### **About The Sukhothai Shanghai**

With a passion for genuine hospitality, the hotel continues Sukhothai's philosophy, taking an intelligent approach to deliver personalised service and enriching experiences to worldly travellers. Tending to every aspect of the hotel's services in utmost detail, The Sukhothai Shanghai has enlisted the help of the students from the respected Raffles Design Academy to design its stylish set of associate uniforms. The concierge team at the hotel introduces locally-inspired experiences for guests to explore the city through interactive, immersive programmes, including a series of city walks unveiling the eclectic side of Shanghai, and a tour around the neighbourhood on Kate Wood bamboo bikes that are handcrafted renewable resources.

“Having established The Sukhothai Bangkok as one of Asia's most iconic properties with a loyal global following of discerning travellers, we are excited to have a presence in China and The Sukhothai Shanghai has certainly make the mark in this city with a superior product and service excellence,” says Thomas Schmitt-Glaeser, General Manager of The Sukhothai Shanghai. “The Sukhothai Shanghai's unique character was inspired by the dynamics of this city, and authentically reflected in the design, lifestyle facilities and amenities. The Sukhothai Shanghai is set to become ‘A Place Apart’, offering experiential hospitality through personable service in the vibrant city of Shanghai”.

A member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World and Global Hotel Alliance, The Sukhothai Shanghai forms an integral part of the HKRI Taikoo Hui mixed-use complex, which also includes Grade-A office towers and a premium lifestyle shopping mall, all located in the retail and tourist hotspot of West Nanjing Road and Shimen Yi Road.

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#### **About The Sukhothai Hotels & Resorts**

The Sukhothai hotel logo consists of 22 diamond droplets forming the Chedi design that was inspired by Sukhothai, the first capital of Siam. Each drop of diamond, polished to an identical marquise shape and seemingly finding its own position within the whole represents the individuals of the qualified hotel associates who, guided by intuition yet precise in every detail, anticipate our guests' needs and cater to them exceptionally.

Each property within the brand portfolio remains distinct and uniquely designed while maintaining the essential quality that is the hallmark of the brand.

#### **About HKRI Taikoo Hui**

Located at 789 Nanjing Road (West), HKRI Taikoo Hui is a 50:50 joint venture between two Hong Kong listed companies – HKR International and Swire Properties, with a total investment of RMB17 billion. The development covers an area of about 63,000 square metres, and a gross floor area of about 322,000 square metres, including a lifestyle shopping mall, two premium Grade A office towers, three boutique hotels and serviced apartments, and more than 1,200 parking spaces. It has direct access to Metro Line 13, with Line 2 and Line 12 at West Nanjing Road station only walking distance away. The development is also strategically located next to Yan'an Elevated Highway and N-S Elevated Highway, providing direct access to the Hongqiao Transportation Hub and Pudong International Airport.

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