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Notes on an Obsession

Of all the symbols that could represent the love between two people, the tie (*le lien*) is the most obvious. Other designs such as arrows, bowknots, ribbons and feathers have also been used to signify commitment, and the latter in particular has been chosen to express how love can make one feel invincible. In the **Twisted Romance** collection, London fine jewellers Patcharavipa have opted for the rope motif, a tie literally with a twist and so as to point out that love is not always a smooth ride but *“the result of tension between the strength of nature and mankind’s desire to control”*, the team says. A fine rope is the stylish signature of the fine jewellery line of the same name, and a common denominator shared with the one-of-a-kind Couture pieces that are a high-end spin-off of the former. In this higher category, centre stones are the stars, yet the twisted gold may have the last word as it entwines and captures the gems in its grip. The duality between the fluid lines of the rope and the solid geometry of the precious stones is expressive enough that no other component is necessary, except for touches of sparkle occasionally brought in by little gems here and there. Of course, the colour of the gold is adapted to what suits best the main gem: black rhodium-plated gold for the dazzling flat-cut blue sapphire, yellow gold for diamonds and emeralds, and grey gold for the flat-cut pink sapphire. No need to choose, there are enough rings for you to wear on each finger.

Topsail Ring in 18K Siam gold set with one 1.31-carat marquise-cut diamond and additional small diamonds; **Twisted Romance** collection. POA.



Hitch Ring in 18K Siam gold set with one 28.11-carat round flat-cut pink sapphire and additional small pink sapphires; **Twisted Romance** collection. POA.



Twirl Ring in black rhodium-plated 18K Siam gold set with one 15.48-carat flat-cut blue sapphire and additional small blue sapphires; **Twisted Romance** collection. POA.



Sail Ring in 18K Siam gold set with one 11.27-carat Russian emerald; **Twisted Romance** collection. POA.