



# HIDDEN REEF

**T**he sea is a vital part of Annoushka's life and work, and her connection to the Philippines spans nearly thirty years. It is where she commissioned her first piece of jewellery, a cufflink in the shape of a fish that was gifted by her beloved mother, who owned a fish business, to the chefs she supplied. Annoushka sources all of her golden pearls directly from fishermen in Iloilo, a place devastated by Typhoon Haiyan in 2013. Inspired by the coral and rock under the sea, but using only 18 carat yellow gold and sapphires, Hidden Reef is both an ode to life beneath the waves and a quiet reminder of the need to preserve and protect the sea's delicate habitat.





Each jewel in the collection is a celebration of the range of textures found in a reef, from plant-life burnished by the motion of the waves to the patterned surface of a piece of rock. Pink and orange sapphires are clustered in organic formations on jewels that subtly imitate the movements of the reef. An exquisite cuff features fine gold filaments decorated with orange and pink sapphires that reach across the wrist like coral fronds, while a ring comprising multiple, moving bands of textured gold and sprinkled with sapphires is reminiscent of a shell structure. Hidden Reef shines a light on a little seen living environment, transporting the wearer to a magical, fragile world.

“I was in the Philippines, a place very close to my heart, when the idea for Hidden Reef came to me. I have been visiting the Philippines since I was a young woman, and the sea there is just extraordinary, bustling with creatures and colour and these fascinatingly intricate forms. I decided I had to make a collection that honours the intense variety of life on the seabed, this unique ecology that we so rarely get to see.”

Annoushka Ducas MBE

Hidden Reef starts at £550 and will be available in store and online at [www.annoushka.com](http://www.annoushka.com) from 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019.