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Art & Garden fuses nature and creativity
Feel on top of the world at The Habitat
5 of Johor Bahru's most trendy cafés

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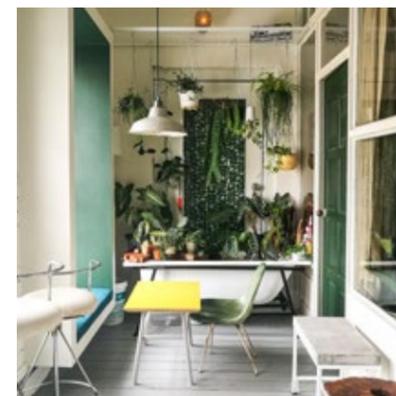
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Grab a bite or a breather at these trendy spots.



THE COVER

Bring home a slice of E&O Hotel's old-world enchantment through its exclusive merchandise at Emporium

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TOP OF THE WORLD

Nature's abundance awaits at The Habitat, an ecotourism park on the peak of Penang Hill.



SHOWCASE THE RICH BIODIVERSITY OF A 130-MILLION-YEAR-OLD VIRGIN RAINFOREST

CLOCKWISE FROM FACING PAGE, TOP: Curtis Crest tree top walk; a forest crab shedding its shell; dusky leaf langur; the ticketing office briefing area



Walk across tree tops, stroll through colour-coded forest paths, spot spiders inside burrowed holes and if you're really lucky, catch a forest crab in the midst of shedding its shell. The air is clean and crisp, and it's usually a few degrees cooler than other parts of the island. Sounds like utopia? It's a pretty apt description for The Habitat, an ecotourism park on the peak of Penang Hill that's proof of how humans and nature can co-exist beautifully.

Opened since January 2016, the 10-acre park was designed to encourage better eco awareness and showcase the rich biodiversity of a 130-million-year-old virgin rainforest, letting you see, touch, smell, and hear its natural splendour, besides basking in lush greenery and soaking in its serenity.

The Habitat practises many green initiatives that maximise energy efficiency at its buildings while minimising the carbon footprint of its operations.

These include earth-rammed walls built from raw materials, solar and water-harvesting technologies, and a "no single-use plastic water bottle" policy. Visitors are encouraged to purchase reusable stainless steel water bottles, which you can refill at water stations found around the park.

Getting to this sanctuary is easy—it's a quick ride up on the Funicular Railway to the Top Station at Penang Hill. From there, a few minutes' walk will lead you to the starting point of a 1.6km-long nature trail, an easy and scenic trek across the entire park that passes three historic colonial bungalows and covers strategic vantage points where you can feast on inspiring views of Penang and the Andaman Sea.

Along the way, explore a wide variety of tropical flora and fauna, planted in sectioned gardens according to species and colour themes. Savour the fitting sensations at Butterfly Bank, populated



REST YOUR FEET AND SOAR UNDER NATURAL SHADE



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Join the guided walks; the new Langur Way Canopy Walk; browse the gift shop; one of two giant swings at The Habitat

by plants that are attractive to butterflies and moths, and keep your noses peeled upon entering the Fragrant Garden—everything that grows here emits its own unique scent. At the Ginger Grove, you will be greeted by several varieties of the popular spice, including ornamental ones bearing large, exotic-looking blooms. More vibrant hues can be spotted at the colour-coded gardens, namely Red, Yellow and Purple. These shades are commonly found in nature but when grown in clusters, are even more spectacular and make for great eye candy.

Informative signs are posted everywhere so you know what you're looking at. Alternatively, join their guided walks (there's one every 30 minutes and it's free) for an even more enjoyable excursion, as their knowledgeable naturalists can point out things you may not notice.

When you need a breather, look for the two giant swings where you can rest your feet and soar under natural shade. Put your legs to work again as you saunter across Langur Way Canopy Walk, a suspension bridge-like structure that's also known as a Stressed Ribbon Bridge. Standing at 700 metres above sea level, it is, in fact, the world's highest! The first half of the 230-metre-long walk opened this January, with the remaining portion expected to be operational later in the year.

Meantime, the best vantage point remains the Tree Top Walk, an oval walkway that rises 13 metres above a plateau that served as one of the first tennis courts in Malaya, in the 1890s. About 120 people are allowed on what is Penang's highest public viewing platform at any one time, affording 360-degree vistas of the island and a clear view of Bel Retiro, the Governor



of Penang's mansion. On a clear day, you can even spot the peaks of Kedah's Gunung Jerai as well as the island of Langkawi.

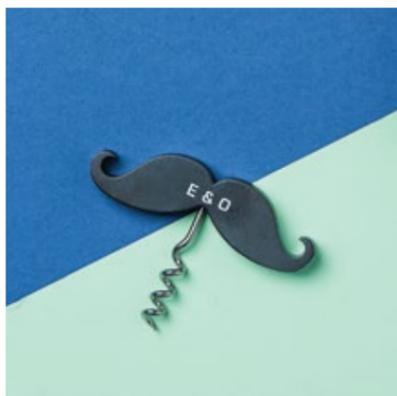
Set aside at least two hours to explore The Habitat and indulge in what the Japanese term forest bathing. Your body, mind and soul will thank you. 🌿

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Whether it's a unique gift for that special someone, a smart outfit for an important occasion or a top-to-toe treat for yourself, you can find them all at the E&O Hotel's Victory Annexe.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Stackable mugs, RM93.30; E&O pen, RM93.30; twin mugs, RM160; chopsticks with E&O logo, RM127.20; wine opener, RM50.90; ceramic coasters (set of 2), RM31.80; electric wind tower oil burner, RM864.95; all from Emporium at E&O Hotel, Victory Annexe



EMPORIUM

E&O Hotel's souvenir outlet carries an exciting array of gifts and collectibles, including one-of-a-kind products handcrafted by local artisans as well as a small but exquisite range featuring E&O's trademark. Jewellery, bags, apparel, pewterware, shoes, whimsical toys, and Malaysian-themed designs make up the rest of the merchandise.

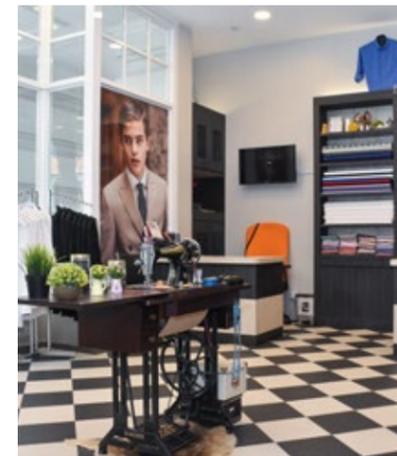
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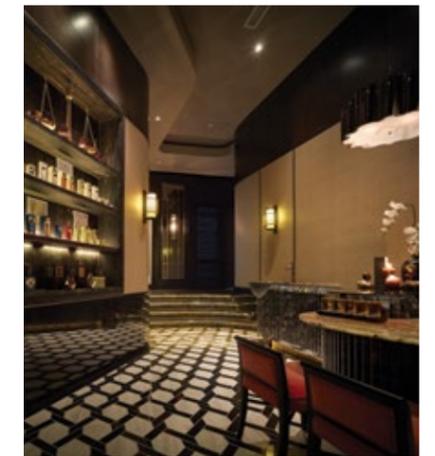
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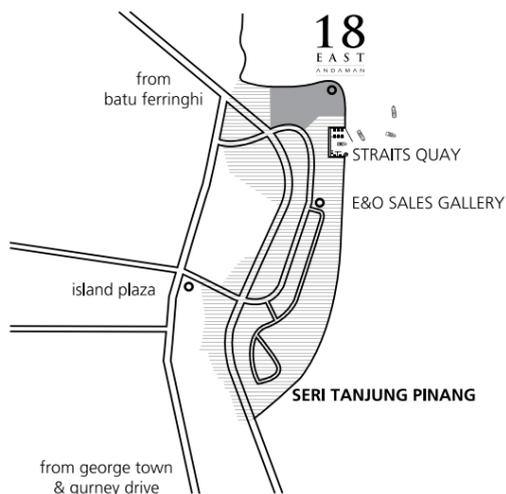
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FUSING ART AND NATURE

Glass artist Fuan Wong's Art & Garden is a feast for the senses, an Eden where nature thrives in various forms.

FROM TOP: Fuan's glass works are in their element here; the entrance to Art & Garden



IT'S SOMETIMES DIFFICULT TO TELL ART AND NATURE APART.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Fuan Wong; art and nature merge into each other; one of many varieties of bromeliads; plants grow in all manners and forms here; autumn-themed mosaic steps; more of Fuan's glass works

"I'm the happiest person I know!" Fuan Wong exclaims with a hearty laugh as we sit surrounded by his glass sculptures that depict flora and fauna blooming in vivid colours. "I wake up at 4am and I can't wait to do what I enjoy. This is the secret to real happiness—do what you love and you won't need to go on holiday. You save money too!"

And what the jolly Penang native loves is tending to his Art & Garden, a stunning showcase of myriad plants growing lushly over hilly terrains that were once a durian orchard. Sitting on elevated grounds in Teluk Bahang and overlooking Penang Hill, the temperature is perceptibly lower and it's often clouded by rolling mists, lending an ethereal quality to the landscaped sanctuary that the famed glass artist lovingly created over the last six years. Initially conceived as a private garden, interest spread through word of mouth and Fuan has since opened it to the public.

When Fuan started, he had just one aim in mind—to find a new home for

his bromeliads, a flowering plant that belongs to the same family as the pineapple. Its foliage can take on various forms and patterns but is usually a rosette, with leaves in autumnal shades. His collection is impressive, to say the least, featuring countless hybrids of different sizes and boasting striking details. "As an artist, the colours and patterns are very interesting to me," Fuan explains.

Besides bromeliads, there are air plants, gingers, pitchers and orchids, among others. They sprawl on the ground, spill out of pots, hang from trellises, form arches, and flank pathways.

"Everything happened organically," he says. "When I started, friends told me that the soil or land will speak to me. I thought they were pulling my leg but they're right. You can plan it, but nature will take its own course."

Even the art pieces that nestle among the plants came about unplanned,

mooted by Fuan's own creations that he had worked into the landscaping. Made from layers of glass fused together, the oversized leaves and stalks have a mesmerising translucent quality. Here, they are in their element, blending so seamlessly into the surrounds that it's sometimes difficult to tell art and nature apart.

There are artworks of other mediums too, contributed by a diverse group of artists, each with a distinct message that beggars thought. Art & Garden is thus as much a creative space and gallery for art lovers as it is for plant aficionados and urban gardeners.

Fuan may not have planned it that way but he embodies both passions to the hilt. As an artist, he has always been known for his flora-inspired masterpieces while growing plants is something he'd been doing since young, as his father was an avid orchid grower. Fuan, in fact, had his start in floristry and later, landscaping.

His foray into glass art was jumpstarted by a client who challenged him to come up with a design, which Fuan gamely took on. He envisioned a stained glass piece and went to an artist to get it made, learning from him in the process. "It was an epiphany ... I knew that was what I wanted to do." He started with stained glass panels and bought a kiln, sharpening his skills as he went along. What attracted him was the inherent beauty of glass, which immortalises nature as if in frozen form.

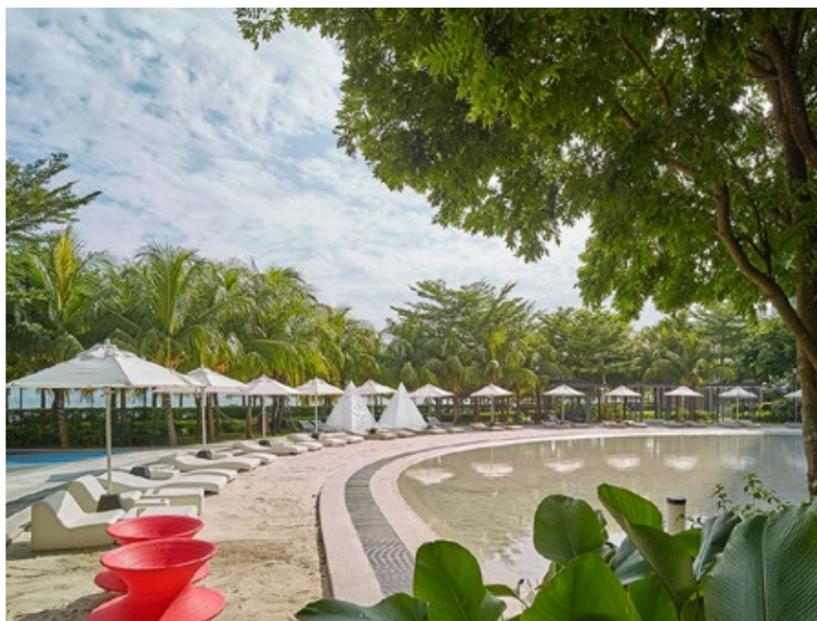
"What I do now is an extension of that," Fuan explains. "A friend also pointed out that I'm essentially still doing floristry, but in glass form!" 🌿

ART & GARDEN
 Jalan Telok Bahang, Penang
Opens: 9.30am - 6.30pm daily
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Admission: RM15 for children, RM30 for adults, RM24 for MyKad holders
Note: Repeat visitors need not pay



RUN LIKE CLOCKWORK

Managing a world-class property such as Quayside Seafront Resort Condominium is no easy task. Senior Manager Anita Pater clues us in on how she and her team keep things in tip-top condition.



CLOCKWISE FROM FACING PAGE: Quayside is famed for its inspiring views; the beach pool is among its most popular facilities; Anita (in black shirt) and her team

Comprising seven towers of 28 storeys each and standing tall at the northernmost cape of Seri Tanjung Pinang, Quayside Seafront Resort Condominiums is today known as the lowest density exclusive condominium in Penang as well as one of its most coveted addresses. Its final towers, the Andaman Series, is so named as 75 percent of the units boast of seafront views or face the marina at Straits Quay, the waterpark or Gurney Drive.

Quayside is currently home to approximately 3,000 residents, who enjoy various conveniences, all of which were designed to deliver optimum quality of life within a pet-friendly community. There's buggy service to help the elderly or disabled get around and ferry residents carrying heavy groceries; a dedicated customer service hotline; concierge services such as arranging for taxis, receiving parcels on owners' behalf and booking services for the home; assistance with restaurant reservations, paying utility bills, even purchasing groceries. Residents can also make use of the Business Centre and enjoy access to free WiFi and bicycles.

It's the epitome of world-class urban living, against the settings of a tropical

resort. But what does it take to keep all these facilities running and on such a scale? Anita Pater, Senior Resident Manager of Quayside and the key person overseeing day-to-day operations, shares some insights with us.

You have been with the property since the very beginning. What's kept you going all these years?

I treat it like my own home, I set things up and make sure they run properly. It's my passion. Some people say I have very high standards, but that's necessary for Quayside. I am also blessed with a very good team, a happy bunch of people who are always in good spirits and whom I consider my family. We share everything. Without them, I'd be nowhere.

What's a typical day like for you?

I have a daily checklist—it's always full!—and a daily briefing for the team. No one's ever sitting around doing nothing. We have a routine going and everyone is familiar with the SOPs, but there will always be problems that need to be resolved. I'm always on call, whether it's after-office hours or even if I'm travelling ... I'm constantly checking my messages and emails. Some days I don't sleep!

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Is all the maintenance carried out by an in-house team?

We work with various service providers; at present, we have about 90 outsourced staff who take care of the landscaping, swimming pools, security and general cleanliness. We have established a good working relationship with them and as a gesture of our appreciation, we organise parties for them twice a year. This year, we had a gathering at my house and made sure everyone got a gift. It's our way of thanking them ... people don't realise how much work and effort go into running this place.

You must have encountered many unhappy residents in the course of your work ...

I have had people shouting at me and threatening to sue me. Some people don't understand the rules or why they exist. We don't create them to make things difficult, they are for safety and

security purposes, and help maintain the property and make things run smoothly. Some people feel that as it's their home, they can do whatever they want. We have to remind them that this is a shared property.

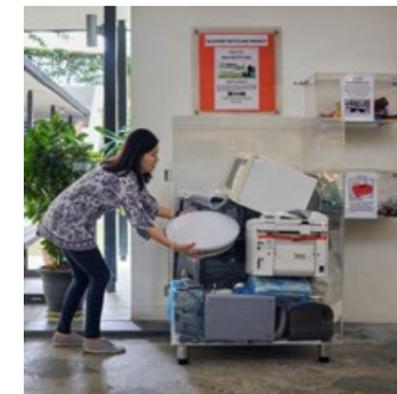
There are some things I have to say no to ... we can't please everyone, although we try. We also have to be careful when helping because it's important not to set bad precedents. Hence, it's important to stick to the rules.

How do you deal with them?

I calm them down, invite them into my office for a drink, talk to them ... like I always tell my team, even if people are shouting at us, we have to be respectful and professional. We must match our thinking with those who stay here; if one person does something wrong or bad, it reflects on all of us.

WE HAVE TO REMIND THEM THAT THIS IS A SHARED PROPERTY

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Buggy service is available; the guards help school children cross the roads; residents enjoy a good quality of life here; the pools are cleaned regularly **FACING PAGE:** Compost plots, e-waste recycling and the spice garden are all part of the management's green initiatives



What's your focus when it comes to managing Quayside?

My job is to manage the common property and as part of our customer service, we want to ensure that residents are happy here. We introduce various initiatives to foster camaraderie between residents and continuously improve the standard of living.

In line with the resort lifestyle at Quayside, we organise free weekly activities such as Zumba, yoga, and cooking classes to cultivate the community spirit.

Tell us about these initiatives.

One of it is a quarterly newsletter that contains news, announcements ... anything that may be useful or relevant to life at Quayside. It started as a print copy but we went green last year and now send it out as an email.

We installed recycle bins for e-wastes, created compost plots and a spice garden, and started a used eyewear

collection drive for charity. Our security guards help guide students to cross the road, we are now painting the pedestrian walk and are implementing a photo ID card for residents.

Every year, we organise a Christmas party just for the residents. The whole team works on the decorations enthusiastically, putting our creative ideas together to make the place look festive. They will dress up as Santa Claus and Santarinas, plus we'd have a live band and catered food. We also have a Chinese New Year gathering, complete with God of Prosperity and a lion dance. This year, we did our first Easter Egg Hunt.

How have residents responded?

They like the newsletter, it helps them stay informed. And our Christmas and Chinese New Year parties grow bigger each year. When we started the former in 2014, only 350 residents turned up. Last year, 850 of them attended! 🎉

QUAYSIDE IN NUMBERS

- Total build-up area of 21 acres (914,800 sq ft)
- 11.5 acres of recreational space
- Over 5 acres of tropical greenery
- 4.5 acres waterpark & recreational space
- 1.4km jogging & cycling path
- 1,699 car park bays
- 1,556 owners' car park
- 143 visitors' car park
- 6 open lobbies
- 1 private lobby with concierge & business service centre
- 146 refuse chambers
- 1 refuse depot with rubbish compactor machine
- 146 electrical risers
- 146 water metre rooms
- 146 SMATV / ELB Room
- 15 water tanks riser with pump
- 330 hose reels

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST AT JOHOR'S SECOND CITY

Iskandar Puteri's dynamic growth is revitalising the landscape of Johor.



THE STATE'S SECOND CITY AND THE COUNTRY'S 14TH



Its rapid development and vibrant revitalising of Johor's landscape has earned Iskandar Puteri the honour of being the state's second city and the country's 14th, as proclaimed by the Sultan of Johor, Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar, last November. In fact, it was His Majesty who chose the name, which was the original moniker for Johor Bahru prior to 1866. In naming it such, Johor brings its history full circle as the current administrative capital of Kota Iskandar is located at the newly-minted city.

Within Iskandar Puteri, all eyes are now on Medini Iskandar Malaysia (MIM), a prestigious township that aims to provide a harmonious balance of work, play, learn, and live, in its bid to become the 'Icon of Future City Living'. Supporting this vision is the 207-acre Avira masterplanned development, a joint venture between E&O Berhad and the wholly-owned subsidiaries of Khazanah Nasional Berhad and Temasek Holdings Pte Ltd that has manifested as one of just

a handful of landed properties at MIM. A paean to lush tropical living, Avira's maiden launch, Avira Garden Terraces, boasts generous frontage and private courtyards, designed for seamless flow of space, optimal natural light and ideal air circulation.

After all, Avira was inspired by the Aramaic word for 'air, atmosphere and spirit' and presents as a calm, quiet residential sanctuary. Make Avira your home and you'll enjoy a host of advantages that lets you make the most of life.

Nurturing the next generation

Just 7km from Avira is EduCity Iskandar Malaysia, an education hub with three international schools and seven universities. For early to tertiary schooling, there's Sunway International School, Marlborough College Malaysia, and Raffles American School, each with its unique syllabus and education style. For college-going students, the following



institutions from the UK and Netherlands have campuses here: University of Nottingham Malaysia, Newcastle University Medicine Malaysia, University of Southampton, University of Reading, Raffles University Iskandar, Multimedia University and Netherland Maritime Institute of Technology.

A wealth of health

There's nothing more important than your well-being and here, you can enjoy peace of mind knowing that two world-class hospitals are within easy reach—Gleneagles Medini and Columbia Asia Hospital. Both are established names in the field, known for their highly-qualified medical personnel and state-of-the-art equipment and facilities. Whether it's an emergency or routine check-up, you know you'll be in good hands.

Get your 'ohm' on

Avira's open spaces and well-paved roads provide plenty of venues for active pursuits. Once a month, residents

are also invited to get on the mat at a complimentary yoga class, held at the clubhouse rooftop deck. Start the day bright and early with sun salutations, and you can even bring a friend along.

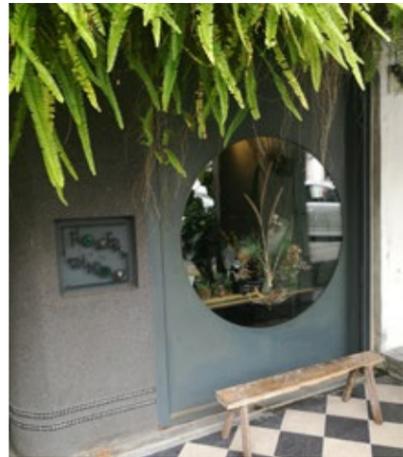
Fulfill your shopping needs

Whether it's a need or a want, when it comes to shopping, Avira's location stands in good stead, providing convenient access to multiple stores. Pick up your weekly groceries at Jaya Grocer supermarket; luxury designs and street brands galore await at Johor Premium Outlet; furnish your home at Ikea Tebrau; stock up on other lifestyle goods at Johor Bahru's many malls.

For fun times

If you have little ones or when entertaining young guests, spend the day at Sanrio Hello Kitty Town or Legoland Malaysia. They'll have a whale of a time on various rides and games—adults can join in the fun too! 🎡

AVIRA WAS INSPIRED BY THE ARAMAIC WORD FOR 'AIR, ATMOSPHERE AND SPIRIT'



5 CAFÉS TO CHECK OUT IN JOHOR BAHRU

Malaysia's southernmost state capital has no shortage of trendy hotspots and these five will get your café-hopping sojourn off to a great start.



FLOWERS IN THE WINDOW

There may be more potted plants than flowering shrubs (except for their cakes, which are prettily garnished with edible petals) but everything else about this charming café complements its whimsical moniker. The main seating area resembles an indoor garden dripping with lush greens and sunlight dappling through the airwell, while the rest of its two-storey space is a mixed bag that ranges from retro and rustic to Scandinavian chic. Food-wise, there's a good selection of hearty dishes, served from breakfast till dinner.

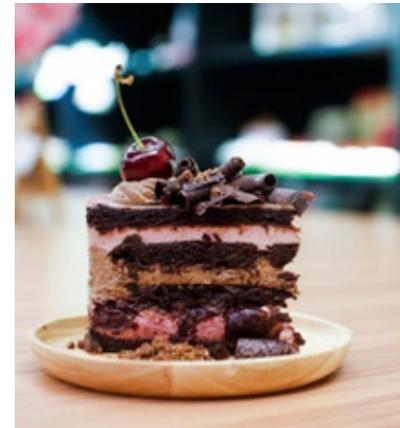
9 Jalan Dhoby
Opens: 10am - 8pm, closed on Tue
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ROOST CAFÉ

One of the first cafes to open in the area, Roost has gone through several transformations but remains popular among the city's café-goers. It's a bit of a squeeze downstairs, with just a few tables and a retail corner that stocks edgy apparel and accessories. The upper floor sports a different vibe —homey yet hipster, with an irregular bookcase running across the main wall that supports some interesting *objet d'art*. The coffee is reliable while the food offerings are focused on bowls with a variety of bases: cauliflower rice, mash potatoes, vegetables, and noodles.

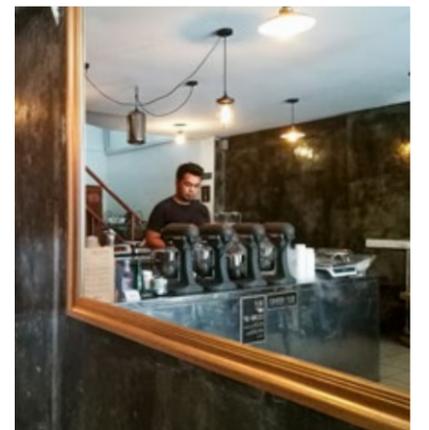
9 Jalan Dhoby
Opens: 10am - 12am



SORELLA CAFÉ

About 20 minutes' drive from Bandar Medini Iskandar, home to E&O's Avira Garden Terraces, this unassuming café barely registers on the hipster radar but their cakes and cookies are worth making time for. They've even managed to make the Black Forest exciting again, with an ideal level of sweetness and fresh cream that's naturally coloured using cherries. Their churros are interesting; soft, eggy and moist like *sa yung* (traditional Hong Kong sugared 'doughnut') rather than the choux-based Spanish snack they're meant to be.

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31 Jalan Dhoby
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 Sun: 1pm - 10pm
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THE REPLACEMENT – LODGE & KITCHEN
 Its pristine all-white façade lets The Replacement stand out among a row of painted shophouses, with the same Kinfolk-inspired minimalist flair extending from the ground floor café all the way through its quaint 6-room hostel upstairs. Staying guests take their breakfast at the pork-free café, which specialises in coffee, churros (with salted egg sauce, no less!) and all-day brunches the likes of eggs Benedict, croque madame and French toast. 🍷

33-34 Jalan Dhoby
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FOR SERIOUS SHOPPING WHEN IN JOHOR

For luxury labels at great savings, make your way to Johor Premium Outlets.



Malaysians truly are spoiled for choice when it comes to retail enjoyment, with countless shopping malls providing every manner of lifestyle products and services. Besides the everyday bazaars, the last few years has also seen the rise of outlet shopping, where you can get your hands on international luxury brands and popular street labels at a fraction of the original prices.

The first of such malls to open here was Johor Premium Outlets (JPO), which welcomed its first shoppers in December 2011 and continues to draw crowds made up of both locals and tourists. Located in Kulai, it's about 30 minutes' drive from Avira Garden Terraces, the first landed property within Bandar Medini Iskandar that's jointly developed by Eastern & Oriental Berhad and the

wholly-owned subsidiaries of Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited and Khazanah Nasional Berhad.

Part of the global Premium Outlets chain, JPO was the first of its megastores in Southeast Asia and the 70th in the world. When it opened seven years ago, JPO presented 80 designer and name-brand stores. That number has since grown to 130, and run the gamut from designer fashion and sportswear—Lululemon and Nike are among the newest brands found here—to children's apparel, shoes, leather, luggage, jewellery, housewares, home furnishings, gifts and specialty items. Popular brands include Polo Ralph Lauren, Salvatore Ferragamo, Swatch, Tumi, Aigner, Coach, Ermenegildo Zegna, Furla, Guy Laroche, and Michael Kors.

Food and beverage outlets are just as varied, with restaurants serving international cuisines, cafes where you can catch a break over coffee and cakes, and a food court with stalls serving local favourites and light bites.

For a fulfilling trip to JPO, set aside three to four hours and don't forget to have an empty luggage on standby to fit your new purchases! 🛍️

JOHOR PREMIUM OUTLETS
 Jalan Premium Outlets, Indahpura,
 81000 Kulai, Johor Darul Takzim
Opens: 10am - 10pm daily
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Photographed at the Type B show unit.



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A 207-acre development, AVIRA is a masterplanned community made up of landed residences, serviced apartments, condominiums and commercial units nestled within verdant green spaces. AVIRA enjoys excellent accessibility to EduCity as well as a host of lifestyle and entertainment offerings.

One of the few landed properties in Medini, AVIRA GARDEN TERRACES is built with wide frontages that invite the outdoors in, whilst private courtyards and back gardens flow seamlessly into linear parks.

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ON THE BALIK PULAU LAKSA TRAIL

Like the rest of the island, the other side of Penang also dishes up great laksa offerings. Here are three spots to get your fix.



KIM LAKSA

This poster child of Balik Pulau laksa has been in operation for some four decades and has never wavered from the recipes that were first cooked up by its now-octogenarian founder. The simple stall sits within an atmospheric wooden shophouse and serves two types of laksa: Assam and Siam. The former is what you can expect of a good Penang laksa—appetisingly savoury and tangy—while the latter comes swimming in a creamy, spicy broth. Can't decide between the two? You can have a mix of both in one bowl.

Nan Guang Coffeeshop
67 Jalan Balik Pulau
Opens: Wed - Sun: 10am - 5pm;
closed on Mon and Tue except public holidays



KIM SENG KOPITIAM

This stall is said to be by the original proprietor of Kim Laksa, who has maintained the two styles of laksa and expanded the menu to include popiah and pasembur, while another stall within the same premise woks up decent char kuay teow and fried rice. Their laksa soups are comparable with that of Kim Laksa's, but their rice noodles give them an edge over the other—thick with a springy texture, lending a good bite to every satisfying mouthful.

20 Sungai Jalan Air Putih,
Bandar Baru Air Putih (Botanica CT)
Opens: Wed - Sun: 11am-5pm;
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LAKSA TEMPURUNG OMBAK DAMAI

While Chinese-style laksa is all about the tang and pungent shrimp paste, Malay laksa forgoes that for a milder taste profile but is no less satisfying. This stall's version hits all the right notes: the noodles are fairly thick and chewy, the fish-rich broth is sharp and spicy, and you get a whole hard-boiled egg in every bowl. Living up to its name, the laksa is served in halved coconut shells, which complement the stall's bucolic beachfront setting.

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AN END & A BEGINNING

The last quarter of 2017 and the first of 2018 were marked by many festive celebrations.

1 STRAITS QUAY LANTERN WALK 1 OCTOBER 2017

Every year during the Mid-Autumn Festival, Straits Quay turns into a glowing park of colourful lights as Penangites join in the annual lantern walk. Last year, the 500-strong crowd were also entertained with dragon and Southern lion dances, 'Chang Er' performances, and lantern riddles.

2 JUNIOR KOLAM MAKING COMPETITION 7 OCTOBER 2017

What's Deepavali without kolam? Straits Quay turned it into the Junior Kolam Making competition, with 60 young artists interpreting their creativity and imagination into colourful creations along the retail marina's Market Street.

3 STRAITS QUAY CHRISTMAS CHARITY BAZAAR 25 & 26 NOVEMBER 2017

The sky dazzled with fireworks while shoppers filled up Christmas stockings with unique gifts and merchandise they bought from more than 80 stalls at Straits Quay's annual Christmas Charity Bazaar. It was all for a very good cause, as proceeds from sales were donated to selected charity organisations.

4 NEW YEAR'S EVE COUNTDOWN BY-THE-SEA® 31 DEC 2017

Electrifying performances and stunning pyrotechnics reigned on stage and over the night sky during the New Year's Eve countdown at Straits Quay. The enthusiastic crowd converged at the waterfront mall to bid farewell to 2017 and ring in the new year with much anticipation and excitement.

5 CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS 3 & 11 FEB 2018

Regular visitors to Straits Quay know that Chinese New Year is always celebrated with much fanfare and this year was no different. Besides lively performances, there was a kuih kapit workshop for shoppers to try their hand at making the popular snack.



LEARNING FROM NATURE

E&O led schoolchildren on an educational excursion to Entopia.

They flit, they flew, they fluttered ... the beautiful butterflies that make their home at Entopia both enthralled and enlightened a group of 115 students who were on an exploration trip organised by E&O. More than 150 species of tropical flora and fauna thrive here, housed in two separate areas, namely The Natureland outdoor gardens and The Cocoon indoor discovery centre.

The students, aged from 10 to 12 and hailing from three schools—SK Tanjung Tokong, SJK (C) Hun Bin and SJK (T) Azad—were guided on a walk through both

and enjoyed the sensation of having butterflies and dragonflies fly freely around them. They picked up interesting information on insects, invertebrates, small reptiles, and famous bugs such as the 'choo choo train' millipede. Some of them put their new-found knowledge in fun activities and went home with prizes.

The educational trip was part of E&O's Think Green programme that was launched four years ago to nurture and inculcate eco-consciousness, and involves several schools in the vicinity of Seri Tanjung Pinang.



TAKING CARE OF THE ESSENTIALS

Final batch of school provisions for 2017 presented to fishermen's children.



Throughout 2017, E&O gifted a total of 161 sets of school supplies to children of fishermen, with the last batch of the year handed out in a special ceremony last November. Each set consisted of bags, shoes, uniforms, shoes, and socks totalling RM155.

E&O development and construction management general manager Datuk Zawawi Yusop officiated the event,

which was held at Dewan Surau Desiran Tanjung in Tanjung Tokong. Guests included Ismail Bin Din, Chairman of Tanjung Bunga Fisherman Association Unit; Mohamed Adnan Khan Bin Ha Mashook Khan, Chairman Persiaran Gurney Fisherman Association Unit; representatives from the Tanjung Tokong Fisherman Association Unit and Surau Desiran Tanjung.



USHERING IN A BRAND NEW YEAR

Seri Tanjung Pinang residents thronged E&O's annual Chinese New Year Open House.

Prosperity and abundance were the order of the day at E&O's Chinese New Year Open House that was held on 25 February at Straits Green public park. The multi-ethnic guests, comprising Seri Tanjung Pinang residents, Tanjung Tokong community, community leaders and students from neighbouring schools, were greeted by E&O management and staff who were resplendent in traditional red Chinese costumes. Also present were Bukit Bendera MP Zairil Khir Johari, MBPP councillors Chris Lee and Syerleena Abdul Rashid.

In between feasting on local delights such as fried *kuay teow*, *satay*, and *kambing golek*, revellers were treated to a lion dance, drum performance, and cultural dance by students of SJK (C) Hun Bin. The excitement culminated in the tossing of *yeo sang*, an integral part of Malaysia's Chinese New Year celebrations. It was, indeed, a wang-derful start to the Year of the Earth Dog. 🐶

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